



Class EA for Regional Services for the Central Pickering Development Plan

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

WORKS DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Study

The Regional Municipality of Durham is undertaking a study for the provision of Regional services, including water, wastewater, transportation, transit and service facility infrastructure, to service the lands identified as the Seaton Community, (see the study area map below) part of the Central Pickering Development Plan (CPDP). The CPDP was completed by the Province in May 2006 and requires the Region to proceed with planning the infrastructure works required for the area. In order to meet this requirement, a Study will be undertaken which meets the Environmental Assessment process, by developing a servicing plan based on environmental considerations, as well as technical and financial efficiencies.

Based on the infrastructure needs identified in the CPDP, it was determined that the Study would consist of two projects:

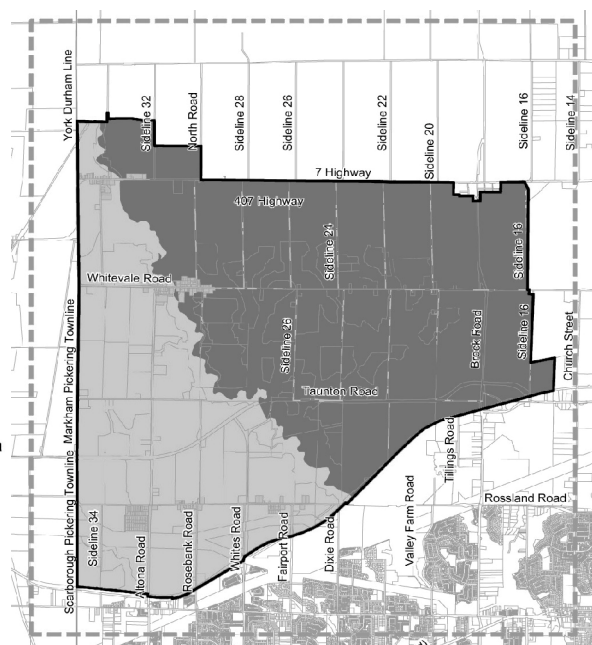
1. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure (e.g. watermains, sewers, pumping stations, reservoirs); and
2. Transportation (e.g. roads, bridges, cycling paths/lanes and sidewalks in Regional road rights-of-way) and Transit Infrastructure, and Service Facilities.

The Process

The Study will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association's *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA)* document (October 2000, as amended in 2007). The Environmental Assessment for the Study will also be fulfilling the requirements of both the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA).

Legend

- Central Pickering Development Plan Area
- Seaton Community
- Agricultural Preserve
- Extended Study Area



The Class EA process assigns specific Schedules to projects based on their potential environmental impacts. The two projects that form part of the Study will need to meet different Schedules under the Class EA process, as follows:

1. Schedule B – Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
2. Schedule C – Transportation and Transit Infrastructure and Service Facilities

Consultation

The Environmental Assessment process includes public and review agency consultation, evaluation of alternatives, assessment of the impacts of the proposed infrastructure, and identification of measures to mitigate any adverse impacts. Upon completion of the Study, an Environmental Screening Report (for the Schedule B project) and an Environmental Study Report (for the Schedule C project) will be filed on public record.

Public consultation is vital to the success of this Study. We want to ensure that anyone interested in the Study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input. As part of the Study, at least two (2) Public Information Centres (PIC's) are planned. It is anticipated that the first PIC, which will present both projects, will be held in the Spring of 2010. Representatives from the Region and the Consultant will be present at the PIC to answer questions and discuss the next steps in the Study. Notification of the PIC's will be made at the appropriate times by means of newspaper advertisements and mail-outs. In addition, the public will be encouraged to provide their comments throughout the Study to ensure that concerns can be adequately addressed.

Project information can be viewed at the Durham Region website: www.durham.ca/studiesandprojects, or at the City of Pickering Seaton Community website: www.cityofpickering.com/seaton

Comments

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have related to this Class EA. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record for the reports developed as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Please contact either one of the following project team members if you have questions or comments or wish to be included on the project contact list.

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