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MTE File No.: C48301-100

Resident/Owner

**RE: City of Kitchener – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Upper Hidden Valley Sanitary Pumping Station and Forcemain**

Please find attached a Notice of Study Commencement for the above noted project. This study is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act, as a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. All notices related to this project can be found on the City of Kitchener's website at the following link: <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/environmental-assessments.aspx>

The purpose of the current study is to define a sanitary servicing solution that will support responsible development in the Hidden Valley area, as outlined in the Hidden Valley Land Use Master Plan (June 2019). The servicing solution will include identifying a sanitary pumping station location and forcemain alignment.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this study should you wish to do so. Please feel free to call or email me using the contact details below should you require additional information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

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Encl.: Notice of Study Commencement

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Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Upper Hidden Valley Sanitary Pump Station and Forcemain Notice of Study Commencement

To support development in the Hidden Valley area, as outlined in the Hidden Valley Land Use Master Plan, this study will identify a sanitary servicing solution. The City of Kitchener has requested MTE Consultants to initiate a study to identify and evaluate alternative solutions, and to select the preferred solution.

This project is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act and it is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). The project scope involves an evaluation of alternatives, selection of preferred alternative and evaluation of environmental impacts and their mitigation measures.

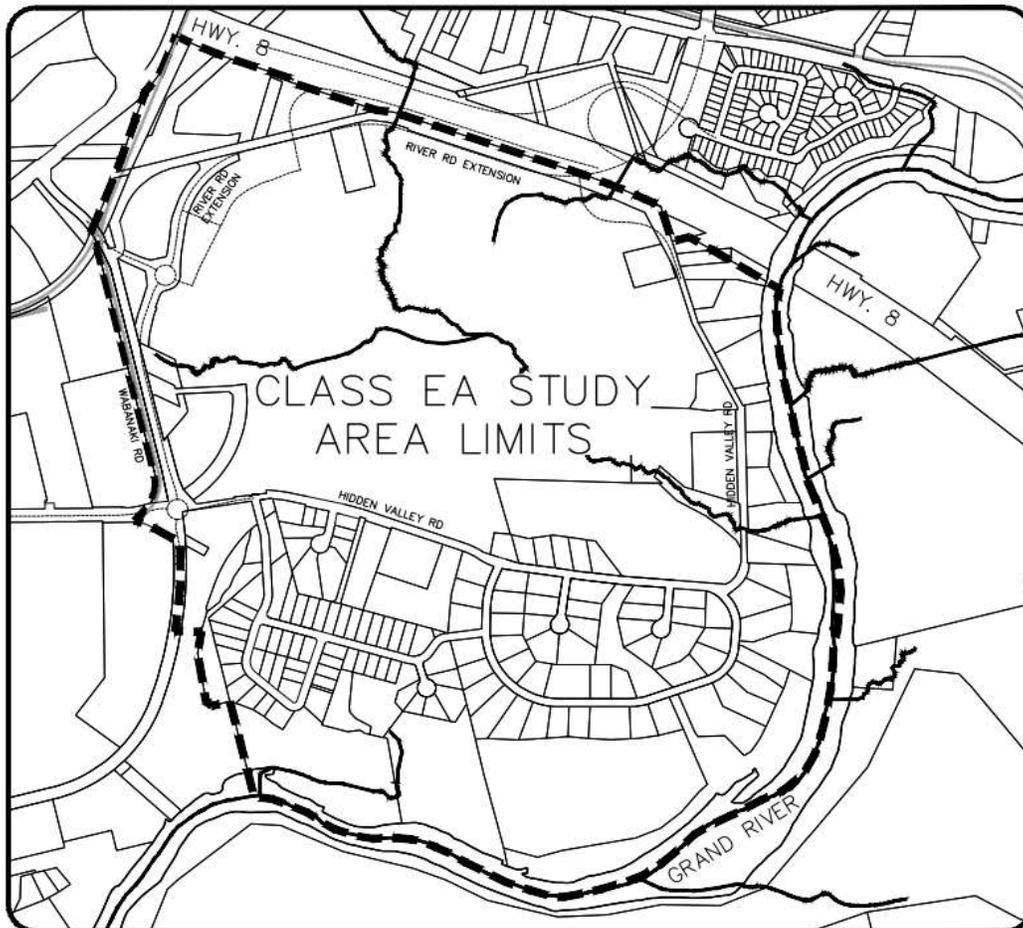


Figure 1. Upper Hidden Valley Study Area



This study will complete a Municipal Class EA for the construction of a sanitary pump station and forcemain and prepare the preliminary design. The study will follow guidance outlined in the Municipal Class EA document (as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015).

Upon completion of this study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) documenting the process will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and will be available for public review for a period of 30 calendar days. Before any decisions are made on the recommendation, or acceptance of the preferred solution, all interested parties will have an opportunity to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) meeting. Notification of the PIC will be provided at the appropriate time by means of a similar advertisement in this newspaper.

Public, Indigenous, and agency consultation is a key component of the Class EA process, and we value your input during the planning process. If you wish to be placed on the mailing list to receive notices and information, or, if you wish to provide comments at any time during the Class EA process, you can do so by contacting:

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Please note that comments will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the public record. Under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, any personal information such as name, address, and telephone number included in a submission will become part of the public record unless the comments specifically request that such personal details not be included in the public record.

Project information will be made available on the City's Website:

<https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/environmental-assessments.aspx>

This Notice was issued on January 6, 2021.