Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Online Public Information Centre

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What is the Purpose of this Online PIC?

- Introduce you to the Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station (SSPS) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study
- Provide an overview of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment planning process and Study Area
- Present the study’s problem and opportunities and evaluation of alternative Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade and Expansion Options, including the preliminary preferred solution
- Explain how potential impacts to the community and environment will be addressed
- Present the Project schedule and next steps
- Gather feedback on the Project, including the preliminary preferred solution
Study Area

- The study area is in the northeast part of the City and follows the Otterbein Catchment Area boundary.
- The existing Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station property is located at the corner of Otterbein Road and Brandy Crescent.
Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station

- Located at 500 Otterbein Road at Brandy Crescent
- The site is adjacent to the Kolb Greenway and the Grand River
- Built in 1987 as the ‘Forewell’ Station and services a catchment area of approximately 168 ha
- Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station approved capacity: 126 L/s
- Current Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station condition:
  - 3 vertical solid shaft pumps (2 duty, 1 standby)
  - 6 minutes of emergency storage at design peak flow; pump failure could have direct negative impact to surrounding properties
  - Receives flows from north 525mm gravity sewer and south 200mm sewer from Breslau
  - Existing 400 mm forcemain outlets to manhole at intersection of Ottawa St North and Old Chicopee Drive
Why this Study?

- While the existing Otterbein Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station is in good condition overall, Condition Assessments completed in 2012 and 2021 highlighted several upgrade requirements to maintain the Otterbein Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station in an acceptable condition.

- The City is completing this Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study to identify and review upgrade and expansion requirements and identify a preferred solution for the Otterbein Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station and associated infrastructure.
All municipalities in Ontario are required by the provisions of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to follow the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment planning process.

This project is following the Schedule B planning process, which includes Phases 1, 2, and 5.

At the end of Phase 2, a Project File documenting the planning process followed will be prepared and posted for public review and comment.
Phase 1: Problem Or Opportunity Statement

The intent of this study is to review upgrade and expansion requirements for the Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station and associated infrastructure to address age and expected lifespan as well as to meet current standards. The Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station is also currently operating without overflow event measures.

The objective is to determine a preferred solution for the Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station that meets the needs of existing customers and future development in the area while considering environmental effects.
Existing Conditions – Technical Environment

- The catchment area of the Otterbein SSPS is 168 ha
- The station’s actual firm capacity is currently 81 L/s
- Determination of the future design flows for the Otterbein SPS uses information from the calibrated sanitary sewer model and the Kitchener Growth Management Plan
- The future peak flow estimate of 165 L/s consider an allowance for intensification in existing areas and proposed growth in residential and ICI areas
Existing Conditions – Land Use

- The City of Kitchener Official Plan designates the Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station property as Low Rise Residential.

- Lands to the south of the study area are primarily designated Natural Heritage Conservation.

- Residential dwellings north and east of the pumping station form part of the Grand River North planning community.

- Lands north of the pumping station also include future build out (see previous slide).

- The Walter Bean Grand River Trail is located east of Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station property.
Existing Conditions – Natural Environment

Terrestrial Conditions

- There are no natural heritage features present on the existing Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station property and adjacent site as it primarily consists of manicured open space with planted Norway spruce trees.

- The southwest portion of the study area consists of cultural meadow community, adjacent to woodland and wetland vegetation communities.

- The southwest area also includes valley slope and erosion hazard area associated with the Grand River and within the Grand River Conservation Authority Regulation Limit.
Existing Conditions – Natural Environment

Aquatic Conditions
- The Study Area contains Kolb Creek, a tributary of the Grand River, in addition to a watercourse present east of Otterbein Road

Wildlife
- Incidental wildlife observations were documented by AECOM during the field investigations conducted in November 2021:
  - Birds: Mallard, Gull and House Sparrow
  - Mammals: Gray Squirrel, Raccoon and White-Tailed Deer
- Habitat for wildlife was limited with species observations common to areas heavily influenced by human disturbance

Species at Risk
- A total of 33 Species at Risk species were identified as potentially occurring in the study area
- Potentially suitable habitat for seven Threatened or Endangered Species and one Special Concern was also identified:
  - Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), Threatened (THR)
  - Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*), THR
  - Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*), THR
  - Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*), THR
  - Little Brown Myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*), Endangered (END)
  - Northern Myotis (*Myotis septentrionalis*), END
  - Tri-colored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), END
  - Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*), Special Concern
Existing Conditions – Cultural Heritage

- Cultural heritage resources include archaeological resources, built heritage landscapes and cultural heritage landscapes

- A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and Desktop Cultural Heritage Screening Memorandum have been completed

- The existing Otterbein Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station property has been previously disturbed (no further archaeological work required)

- There are no known built heritage resources or cultural Heritage Landscapes in the immediate vicinity of the Otterbein Sanitary Sewage Pumping Station property
Phase 2: Alternative Solutions

To identify the recommended preferred solution the following upgrade and expansion options have been evaluated:

- Option 1: Upgrade and Expand Existing Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station without Emergency Storage Tank – onsite
- Option 2: Upgrade and Expand Existing Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station with new Emergency Storage Tank – onsite and adjacent site
- Option 3: Upgrade and Expand Existing Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station with new Emergency Storage Tank – onsite and private property
- Option 4: Extend sewers to new SSPS with Emergency Storage Tank – private property
# Evaluation of Upgrade and Expansion Options

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<td>Will not meet City's standards for emergency storage/overflow requirements</td>
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<td>Implementation timing-ability to meet fast in-service date</td>
<td>Less extensive construction (upgrades to Otterbein SSPS) requiring less time</td>
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<td>More time anticipated to be required to accommodate more extensive construction (emergency storage tank and new sewer)</td>
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<td>Potential effects on species at risk (SAR) and SAR habitat.</td>
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<td>No environmental permitting anticipated for the work on Otterbein Rd SSPS property</td>
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<td>Potential for conforming with provincial and municipal plans and policies</td>
<td>Proposed upgrades and expansion conforms with approved plans and policies</td>
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<td>Anticipated Site Plan approval and land acquisition considerations</td>
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<td>Socio-Economic Environment</td>
<td>Disruption to residents, institutions, businesses and recreational facilities during construction (noise, air, vibration, access)</td>
<td>Minimal temporary disruptions (noise) to surrounding residents anticipated during construction</td>
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<td>Minimal potential for disruption to built heritage resources</td>
<td>Potential for temporary disruption to Grand Valley Trail users</td>
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<td>Cultural Heritage Environment</td>
<td>Potential effects on archaeological resources</td>
<td>Existing SSPS site is disturbed (no further work)</td>
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<td>The existing SSPS does not constitute as a built heritage resource as it is not over 40 years of age and does not have design/physical value, associative value or contextual value</td>
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<td>Cost of construction, including property acquisition</td>
<td>Lowest cost of all Options</td>
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<td>Second highest cost to address deficiencies and construct new EST</td>
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<td>Cost of operation / maintenance</td>
<td>Same as existing</td>
<td>Slight increase to Option 1 with maintenance of EST</td>
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<td>(Yes/No)</td>
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Preliminary Preferred Solution

Option 2: Upgrade and Expand Existing Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station with new Emergency Storage Tank – onsite and adjacent site

The rationale for selecting Option 2 as the preliminary preferred solution is based on a combination of the following key factors:

- Requires minimal tree and vegetation removal and has a smaller carbon footprint due to less construction materials
- Can meet the City’s standards for emergency overflow requirements
- An Emergency Storage Tank mitigates spill & basement flooding
- The existing Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station site and adjacent property are disturbed from an archaeological perspective (no further archaeological work anticipated)
- Lower overall construction cost without the need to purchase additional property
Project Description for Option 2

Option 2 involves upgrades to the existing Otterbein Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station including:

- Pumps and piping; standby power replacement
- Electrical, instrumentation and SCADA upgrades
- Structural and building repairs; aesthetic improvements
- Addition of emergency storage on adjacent site (exact location to be determined during preliminary design)
- Connect emergency overflow to existing stormwater infrastructure
- Preliminary estimate cost: $6.4M
How will Potential Impacts be Addressed?

Natural Environment

- Prepare Tree Protection Plan, if required
- Protect any vegetation identified for preservation by fencing during construction. All disturbed areas will be restored to agreed upon conditions
- Ensure any tree and vegetation removals are completed outside of the typical breeding bird period of April 1 to August 31
- Implement erosion and sediment control measures to prevent sediment from entering neighbouring properties and natural areas during construction
- Potential for encountering contaminated soils and groundwater will be determined during the design phase

Cultural Heritage Environment

- Complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, if required

Socio-Economic Environment

- Limit construction activity to a period after 7 am and before 7 pm daily
- Use of low noise equipment during construction, where possible
- Communication to local property owners prior to construction. General project information and updates will be provided through the City’s website
Next Steps

Public Information Centre - Spring 2022
- Consider all questions and comments received from this Public Information Centre
- Finalize the Preferred Solution

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Project File – Summer/Fall 2022
- Presentation to Council for approval
- Project File is made available for 30-day public review

Preliminary and Detailed Design – 2023-2024
- If no issues are raised during the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment phase, the City can proceed to the preliminary design and detailed design phases, including securing permits and approvals

Construction – 2025
- Construction is to commence in 2025 with the upgraded station anticipated to be in operation by late 2025/early 2026

Timing is subject to Council approval and funding.
Thank you for Participating!

How to Stay Involved?

- Stay informed! Visit the project website: kitchener.ca/development-and-construction/infrastructure-projects
- Keep in touch! Join our mailing list – leave us an email or mailing address to receive future notifications
- Comments? We encourage you provide your feedback by June 3, 2022. All comments will be reviewed and considered by the Project Team
- To submit additional questions, comments or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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