



Loyalist Township Fairfield Water System Storage Project

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The Fairfield water distribution system is in need of additional water storage to meet current and future water storage demands. Occasional high water demands have caused water storage to decline to exceptionally low levels in the Fairfield system, which has prompted the immediate need for additional storage. The community is expected to have relatively high rates of residential growth in the immediate future. The purpose of this project is to undergo a detailed site selection and design process to determine the location, size and type of water storage facility required to meet the current and future water storage needs of the Fairfield water distribution system.

The Fairfield water distribution system is one of two systems in the Township. The Fairfield Water Treatment Plant, which feeds the distribution system, was built in 2000. This system supplies water to Amherstview, Harewood, Brooklands, Odessa and the Taylor-Kidd Industrial Park. The Fairfield system includes elevated storage reservoirs located in Amherstview and Odessa, and an in-ground reservoir located at the plant.

This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements for Schedule B projects as described in the Municipal Engineers Association's Class EA document (June 2000). A Schedule B project requires that the following phases of the Class EA process be completed prior to detailed design and construction:

- Phase 1: Definition of the problem; and
- Phase 2: Identification and assessment of alternative solutions and selection of a preferred solution.

Consultation with the public and government review agencies is a vital component of the study. Notices and information bulletins will be distributed to interested members of the public at key stages in the project. In addition, a Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to provide the community with an opportunity to review and comment on the project.

Loyalist Township has retained the services of CH2M HILL to assist them with this project. A mailing list for notification is now being compiled. If you wish to receive project information and notification of the public meeting, or if you have any questions regarding the study, please contact one of the following:

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