

Notice of Study Completion

Bath Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment

Loyalist Township has undertaken a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to update and upgrade the headworks and disinfection systems at the Bath Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The Bath STP treats wastewater generated by both the Village of Bath and the Bath and Millhaven Institutions (Correctional Services Canada (CSC)). This study has concluded that the existing headworks (screening and grit removal) are to be replaced with newer systems. In addition, it is recommended that the existing chlorine disinfection system is to be replaced with an ultraviolet (UV) irradiation system that will ensure no chlorine residual in plant effluent. These options were selected upon reviewing a number of alternatives and a thorough review of the local environment, including an ecological assessment, planning study, and archaeological investigation. Consultation with the public for this project was facilitated through a Public Information Centre held in Bath on December 16, 2009. The study recommended the acquisition of land from the adjacent CSC property in order to have sufficient space for the proposed upgrades.

The study was conducted in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule B project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007). The Class EA process involves assessment of alternative strategies for process upgrades, development of a recommended conceptual design, and consultation with agencies and the public. The alternative strategies were evaluated to ensure the preferred solution minimizes impacts on the natural and social/cultural environment, while optimizing capital and operating investments.

Public and agency consultation was a key element of the Class EA process, and input was sought during the study. A federal Environmental Assessment may be required for this project due to the possible acquisition of lands from CSC.

The Project File, which is a summary of the entire project, is available for review at the Loyalist Township Municipal Office, 263 Main Street, Odessa. Interested parties who wish to provide comment to Loyalist Township on the Project File must do so in writing within 30 calendar days of the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to those indicated below. If concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved in discussion with Loyalist Township, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to Loyalist Township. If no request is received within 30 calendar days of this Notice, the Bath STP Upgrades may proceed to design and construction as presented in the Project File.

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