



MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR SAUGEEN RIVERBANK EROSION COMMUNITY OF WALKERTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

THE PROJECT

The Municipality of Brockton initiated a Municipal Class EA process in June 2020 to address an ongoing erosion issue along the north bank of the Saugeen River adjacent to the Valleyside Drive subdivision at the north end of Walkerton. As part of the Class EA investigations a number of approaches were investigated to address the erosion problem including: erosion protection installed at the toe of the slope, regrading of the slope, realignment of the river, improved drainage, or a combination of the above. A preferred alternative has now been selected by council; the recommended approach is to install armour stone erosion protection at the toe of the slope and leave the upper slope undisturbed. Subject to receipt of approvals and funding, the project would be constructed in 2024.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the environmental screening process set out for Schedule B activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. The purpose of the screening process is to identify potential environmental impacts associated with the project and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. The Class EA process is now nearing completion. The Municipality is seeking public input on the preferred approach before finalizing the EA and moving forward with implementation.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Public consultation is a key component of this study. A Public Information Meeting is being organized by Brockton to update residents on the current status of the project. The meeting will provide project details, including the results of a Geotechnical Assessment and Fluvial Geomorphology Study, completed in support of the Class EA process. This meeting will also give residents an opportunity to provide additional comments on the project. Meeting details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday February 1, 2023
Place: Bruce County Council Chambers, 30 Park Street, Walkerton
Time: Open House from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Formal Presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, input into the Class EA will be accepted until February 24, 2023. Any comments collected in conjunction with this Class EA process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

For further information on this project, or to review the Class EA process, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (Toll Free): (888) 524-2641. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net).

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