

# **COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

то:	Mayor and Members City Council
COMMITTEE DATE:	May 28, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Imperial Oil Leave to Construct Application to the Ontario Energy Board for the Waterdown to Finch Pipeline Project (Ward 15)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 15
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council of the updated timelines and construction schedule of Imperial Oil's Waterdown to Finch Pipeline Project.

This project was previously presented to Council under Report PED19119, to the General Issues Committee on June 19, 2019, documenting Imperial Oil's submission for a Leave to Construct Application of 63 kilometres of pipeline and associated infrastructure to transport refined oil products from its facility in the City of Hamilton to its facility in the City of Toronto, in connection to its Waterdown to Finch Pipeline Project.

Approximately 3.6 kilometres of the proposed project extends through the City of Hamilton within Ward 15.

A decision was provided by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval of Imperial's Waterdown to Finch Project Leave to Construct Application on March 12, 2020.

The last Information Update was provided on December 4, 2020 upon receipt of a project update by Imperial Oil with respect to the Waterdown to Finch Project Leave to Construct Application.

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Since then, Imperial Oil began construction activities in December 2020 on the first 11 kilometres of the Project footprint. Imperial Oil has since completed most of this work in the Hamilton-Burlington areas, and is planning to commence construction in Halton Region and City of Mississauga in May 2021, beginning with initial preparation activities last week.

Imperial Oil is also continuing to progress its remaining permitting requirements to begin construction in other areas along the remaining Project footprint, with expected full Project completion by winter 2022.

Additional information can also be found at the Imperial Oil website below: https://www.imperialoil.ca/en-ca/Company/Waterdown-to-finch

Staff will continue to provide Information Updates and keep you informed throughout the Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alvin Chan at <u>alvin.chan@hamilton.ca</u> or via phone at 905-546-2424 Ext. 2978.

## **APPENDICES:**

Appendix "A": Imperial Oil Communications

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## Chan, Alvin

From:	
Sent:	May 14, 2021 11:50 AM
Го:	Chan, Alvin
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Subject:	Imperial Waterdown to Finch Project: Construction Update - May 2021

Hi Alvin,

I hope you're doing well. I wanted to provide the update below as we progress Waterdown to Finch Project.

#### **Project overview**

As you know, the Waterdown to Finch Project is a proactive measure to ensure continued safe and reliable fuels supply by replacing 63-kilometres of the Sarnia Products Pipeline (SPPL), from our Waterdown pump station in rural Hamilton to our storage facility in Toronto's North York area. As a proactive replacement initiative, it will modernize critical infrastructure, serve current and future demand from households and businesses, and support Ontario's competitiveness.

#### **Current status**

In December 2020, Imperial commenced construction activities on the first 11 kilometers of the Project footprint. Imperial has since completed most of this work in the Hamilton-Burlington areas, and is planning to commence construction in Halton Region and City of Mississauga in May 2021, beginning with initial preparation activities last week. Imperial is also continuing to progress its remaining permitting requirements to begin construction in other areas along the remaining Project footprint, with expected full Project completion by winter 2022.

#### **Construction details**

Imperial has been committed to ensuring the safety and reliability of the Sarnia Products Pipeline throughout the construction period of the Waterdown to Finch Project. This includes safely deactivating the current pipeline, which will cause the least disturbance to the local environment and minimize our construction footprint. Imperial's goal is to restore the areas impacted by construction to as close to pre-construction conditions as possible and to minimize the pipeline's impact to the surrounding area. *Please refer to our <u>Project website</u> for further details.* 

#### Regards,

Jessie Malone, P.Eng. Safety and Environmental Lead Waterdown to Finch Project, Imperial

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