

# Notice of Study Transition

## “Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Master Plans” transition to “Interim Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Servicing Strategy”

### Background (2017-2024):

- The City initiated integrated W/WW & SW Master Plans to the 2051 horizon and issued a **Notice of Study Commencement**, indicating the study would follow **Approach #2** of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Phase 1 & 2, with two rounds of PICs.
- Consultation under this process began with Public Information Centre (PIC #1), held on April 27, 2023; however, subsequent project direction has changed due to unforeseen planning projection-related circumstances from the Province and the City Council.

### Change in Approach 2024 and 2025:

- In 2024 and 2025, the Project Team documented a rescoping to an Interim Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Servicing Strategy (IMSS).. The IMSS will deliver the same technical outcomes (servicing strategies and a capital program) but will not proceed under the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class EA Framework. Instead, it is being completed as a technical strategy to align with updated growth forecasts, City priorities, and the current planning horizon.
- The consultation program is being modified to focus on targeted stakeholder touchpoints and web-based communication. Importantly, the project websites, including **Engage Hamilton**, will continue to be updated with project materials and information so that residents and stakeholders remain informed as work progresses.

### Next Steps:

- Since the project is no longer being advanced through the Class EA framework, the City’s Project Team will prepare and publish an Interim Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Servicing Report, which will contain servicing strategies and an interim capital program for the Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Systems.
  - Any projects identified through the IMSS Streamline Report that require EA approval will be advanced through the appropriate MCEA process, which includes stakeholders’ consultation and PICs as required.
  - City will initiate a comprehensive Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Integrated Master Plan in the future.
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With the exception of personal information, all comments received during the Class EA process will become part of the public record of the study.

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