
Ancaster Elevated Water Reservoir Class Environmental Assessment

Date: September 25, 2012 **Project:** 111-25440-00
Time: 5:00-8:30 PM **Location:** Ancaster Municipal Building and Library,
Murray Ferguson Room
Purpose: Summary of Public Information Centre # 1
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1. Overview

The City of Hamilton is planning to construct a new elevated water storage facility to provide storage for the Pressure District 18 (PD-18) in Ancaster. The need for the elevated water reservoir was documented in the City of Hamilton's Water and Wastewater Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment Report (November 2006), which indicated an unbalanced water supply and limited ability to adequately service future system demands in the area. The project is identified as a Schedule 'B' project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Process. This Class EA involves an evaluation of environmental, social and cultural conditions as well as an assessment of the technical feasibility of the alternative water storage solutions. As part of the requirements of the Class EA process for a Schedule 'B' project, the first of two Public Information Centres (PIC) was held on September 25, 2012 at the Ancaster Municipal Building and Library. The PIC was published on the local newspaper on September 13 and September 20.

The objective of the PIC was to the background and objectives of the study, to communicate the approach to the evaluation of alternatives, to present the alternative sites, and to request public input. Information will be presented on display boards and staff from both the City and GENIVAR was present to provide additional information and respond to questions from the attendees.

A presentation was given during which the main aspects of the project were explained, and the material covered in the display boards was summarized.

Attendees were asked to provide their names and contact information on a sign-in sheet, and some of them filled out a questionnaire with their comments.

2. Summary of Comments

A total of 10 people signed in their name and information during the PIC. However, only three (3) people provided comments by completing a questionnaire. The completed sign-in sheet and questionnaires are included as attachments to this document. The questionnaire includes questions on the attendees' opinion on the accessibility of the PIC venue, the quality and clarity of the information presented, whether the staff in attendance explained the information adequately, and whether any questions were responded satisfactorily.

The three questionnaires received indicated that neither of the participants had any concerns with the construction of the elevated water reservoir. However, one of the respondents questioned the rationale for the definition of the Study Area, arguing that the residents south of Garner Road are not connected to the water system and thus the reservoir should not be located on their lands. One of the participants noted that there had been water towers in the Ancaster area, and requested that examples of what the elevated reservoir would look like.

Councillor Lloyd Ferguson from Ancaster was also in attendance. After all the remaining attendees had left, he expressed his concerns regarding the construction of an elevated tank and requested that additional information be provided on the various alternatives, including the option of installing VFDs at the Garner Road pumping station, and potential building a new booster pumping station to alleviate pressure issues within the Study Area. He requested that a comparison of the lifecycle costs of the various alternatives be completed to demonstrate that the elevated tank would result in the most beneficial use of the taxpayers money.

End of PIC Summary

**Ancaster Elevated Water Reservoir
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA)
Public Information Centre (PIC) No 1**

*Tuesday, September 25, 2012
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
300 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, Ontario*

AGENDA

Purpose of the Public Information Centre:

- *Introduction of Ancaster Elevated Water Reservoir Class EA project*
- *Introduction of project team*
- *Receiving comments on the project from the public*

- 5:00 pm** **Open House**
Project Team
- 5:55 pm** **Welcome to Participants**
Winston Wang, City of Hamilton
- 6:00 pm** **Presentation**
Chris Mills, GENIVAR Inc
- 6:30 pm** **Questions and Answers**
Project Team
- 8:00 pm** **Closing Remarks & Next Steps**
Winston Wang & Chris Mills
- 8:30 pm** **Adjourn**



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Municipal Class EA for Ancaster Elevated Water Reservoir Public Information Centre No 1 Questionnaire, September 25, 2012

After reading the newsletter and display panels at the Public Information Centre, please take a few minutes to complete this comment sheet. The City of Hamilton is interested in hearing from your comments or questions regarding the proposed elevated water tank. Your input is important and will be considered in the assessment of the preferred site.

1. How did you hear about this public meeting?

Newspaper ad Notice in mail Other

2. Please indicate your satisfaction with the following:

| | Satisfied (Y/N) | If not Satisfied, please specify your preference here |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| Location of Meeting | Y | |
| Time of Meeting | Y | |
| Day of the Week | Y | |

On a scale of 1 to 5, where "1" is "very" and "5" is "not at all", please rate the following by circling the appropriate number:

3. How informative were the display materials?

1 (very) 2 3 (somewhat) 4 5 (not at all)

4. How helpful were the staff and consultants in attendance?

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5. Were all your questions answered satisfactorily?

Yes No

6. Do you have any comments or concerns regarding the proposed elevated water reservoir in the Ancaster area? Yes No If yes, please specify

SITE 6 IS PREFERRED

7. Do you have any other issues or additional information that you feel the City should be made aware of regarding this project? Yes No If yes, please specify

8. What is the nature of your interest in this project?

RESIDENT IN THE AREA.

9. Other comments: WOULD LIKE TO SEE EXAMPLES OF WHAT THIS TOWER LOOKS LIKE.

REMIND PPL THAT ANCASTER USED TO HAVE H₂O TOWERS.

Thank you for participating in this study.

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the City of Hamilton in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. *Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information all comments will become part of the public record.*

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8. What is the nature of your interest in this project?

PUBLIC INFORMATION

9. Other comments:

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Including a study area outside of current urban boundary is confusing. Residents living S of Garner do not get water service so why should reservoir be located on their lands.

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