PROJECT BACKGROUND AND UPDATE
The community of Waterdown is serviced by the City’s lake-based municipal water system which includes supply from the Woodward Avenue Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Potable water is conveyed to Waterdown from Dundas via a 600 mm trunk watermain along York Road to the York Road and Valley Road Pumping Station (HD016). From there, the station discharges to a 600 mm trunk watermain along Valley Road and Highway 5, where it continues into the community of Waterdown.

The City’s Water and Wastewater Master Plan recommended a second watermain into Waterdown to support growth and to provide additional system security. The Master Plan identified the need to conduct a Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to revise or confirm the solution and preliminary route, the subject of this Study.

The City of Hamilton initiated the Waterdown Trunk Watermain Twinning Class EA and Conceptual Design project in 2019. Public Information Centre (PIC) No. 1 was held in October 2019 and presented the Study Area and an inventory of existing conditions. Additional study area constraints and challenges, such as natural environment features and socio-cultural considerations, were identified through the background review and public/stakeholder feedback received at PIC No. 1. This led to the current re-commencement of the study which includes additional route alternatives, technical studies, and an enhanced evaluation process.

THE STUDY PROCESS
This study is being planned as a Schedule B Class EA, satisfying Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class EA process, which is a planning process approved under Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Act. This study will define the problem / opportunity, develop and evaluate alternative solutions, determine the most feasible solution, and identify methods to avoid or minimize impacts to the community and natural environment. A Conceptual Design will be completed to further develop the preferred route.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY?
The City of Hamilton encourages the public and stakeholders to participate in this planning process. PIC No. 2 will be available virtually starting on April 11, 2022 until April 25, 2022 and will present the problem / opportunity statement, an updated inventory of existing conditions, alternative routes, and draft evaluation criteria. PIC No. 2 presentation materials will be available at: www.hamilton.ca/waterdowntrunkwatermainEA and through Engage Hamilton at https://engage.hamilton.ca/waterdown-watermain-ea. Public input and comments are encouraged throughout the Class EA process and can be provided through the PIC No. 2 comment sheet or directed to the project managers.

COMMENTS
We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns you may have with respect to this study. Comments received through the course of the study will be considered in selecting the preferred solution. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of the Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of public record. Anyone that wishes to comment on or to be involved in this study should indicate their interest to:

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Please contact a member of the project team if you require accommodations or alternative formats to participate in this Class EA. All information related to accommodation requests will remain confidential.

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