



NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

To Provide Additional Capacity for the Union Water Supply System

THE STUDY

The Union Water Supply System Inc. (UWSS) is a joint Municipal Service Corporation with the Towns of Kingsville and Essex, the Municipalities of Lakeshore and Leamington as shareholders. UWSS has completed a 'Schedule C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to provide additional capacity for the UWSS water system. The results of a recently completed water infrastructure needs assessment identified water system capacity limitations that are constraining growth and development. As such, additional capacity of the UWSS is recommended to meet current and projected water demands. The purpose of the Class EA Study was to identify and evaluate alternative solutions to provide additional water system capacity.

THE PROCESS

The Class EA Study was carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects as outlined in the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The recommended alternative solution was presented at the first Public Consultation Centre (PCC) on November 22, 2023. Following input received from the PCC and consultation with stakeholders, the preferred alternative solution of the Study was determined - *additional treatment capacity at the existing Ruthven Water Treatment Plant (WTP) housed in a new building within the existing property limits (located at 1615 Union Avenue, Kingsville)*. Subsequently, the recommended alternative design concept alternative design within this solution was presented at the second PCC on March 7, 2024. Following input received from the PCCs and consultation with stakeholders, the preferred design concept was determined - *conventional dual-media gravity filtration system housed in a new, separate building within the existing WTP property*.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

By this notice, the Environmental Study Report, which documents the planning process undertaken and conclusions reached, will be available for public review from June 27, 2024 to July 27, 2024, in accordance with the Municipal Class EA process. The Environmental Study Report is available online at www.unionwater.ca

If you have any questions or concerns following review of the Environmental Study Report, please follow the below procedure.

1. Contact either of the following Project Team members to discuss your questions or concerns:
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2. If concerns arise regarding the EA component of this project, which cannot be resolved through discussion with the above-noted team members, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (Part II Order). Requests must be received by the parties identified on Part II Order Request Form (minister, the Director and the above-noted team members) by July 27, 2024. Additional information regarding Part II Orders can be found online at, [Class environmental assessments: Section 16 Order | ontario.ca](#) including the Part II Order Request Form.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public records.

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