



**Town of Wasaga Beach
Water Supply System Expansion
Class Environmental Assessment
NOTICE OF FILING OF ADDENDUM**

The Town of Wasaga Beach (Town) undertook a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) planning process in 2012/2013 to determine water supply requirements to meet projected growth in the Town. The Phase 1 & 2 Report identified and assessed options to increase the water supply and recommended that additional capacity be provided by commissioning an existing drilled well (Phase 1) and drilling two new wells (Phases 2 and 3) at the existing municipal well sites. Based on historical and projected future water demands, it was anticipated that the Phase 1 work would need to be completed by 2026. The Class EA was concluded in January 2014 with the filing of the final Phase 1 & 2 Report.

Following the completion of the Class EA, growth in the Town has continued as expected, however individual water demands per residential unit have decreased significantly over time. As a result, the recommended works to increase the water supply will not be required until further into the future than was originally anticipated.

The Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) stipulates that approval for an undertaking expires if the undertaking has not been substantially commenced by the 10th anniversary of the day approval to proceed with the undertaking was given under the EAA. In order to extend the approval, the proponent must review the planning and design process and environmental setting to ensure that the project and the mitigating measures are still valid given the current planning context. A review has been completed and it was determined that the recommendations of the Phase 1 & 2 Report are still valid, however the timeline for the recommended work has changed significantly. Based on the updated historical and projected future water demands, it is anticipated that Phase 1 of the recommended works will not need to be completed until 2041. The findings of the review are presented in an Addendum to the Phase 1 & 2 Report. Both the Report and Addendum are available for review at <https://www.wasagabeach.com/en/town-and-government/studies.aspx#Environmental-Assessments-Public-Works>

By this Notice, the Addendum is being placed on the public record for a 30-day review period in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Please note that only the changes in the Addendum are open for review. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, the Town intends to proceed with implementation of the recommended works, when required to meet increased water demands. The Town acknowledges that, given the deferred schedule for the works, further review and extension of approval may be required before proceeding.

If you would like to submit a comment or to obtain further information on the addendum, please contact Mike Pincivero, Manager of Engineering Services for the Town of Wasaga Beach at pwengineer@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-2540 Ext. 2307 by **January 14, 2024**. In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study, or that conditions be imposed, only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. The request should be sent by January 14, 2024 in writing or by email to:

Minister
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay St. 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment and
Permissions Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1st Floor
Toronto ON M4V 1P5
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Requests should also be sent to Mike Pincivero of the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Any input received during this process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used 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 record.

This notice was issued on December 15, 2023.