

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT ELEVATED WATER TOWER MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

THE STUDY

ENWIN Utilities Ltd. (ENWIN) on behalf of the Windsor Utilities Commission (WUC) is undertaking a Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for a new Elevated Water Tower and associated distribution and transmission system. In general, the study objective is to follow the planning process outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2023) under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* to determine a long-term solution to maintain adequate water supply and operating pressure to the City of Windsor, Town of Tecumseh, and Town of LaSalle. This study will satisfy Phase No.'s 1 and 2 of the Class EA process including: (Phase 1) review of background information and definition of a problem statement and (Phase 2) identification and evaluation of alternative solutions. The planning and decision making of the Class EA process will be documented in a Project File Report.

BACKGROUND

The WUC Water System Master Plan (WSMP) was originally developed in 2009 and subsequently updated in 2014, 2019 and 2023. The 2009 WUC WSMP identified a number of infrastructure requirements to address system vulnerabilities and growth demands to 2049. The proposed works in the most recent WUC WSMP 2023 Update align with the original 2009 WUC WSMP recommendations for a new Southerly Elevated Water Tower to address water supply and pressure issues. The Central Corridor Feedermain, which is currently in the design phase and proceeding to construction next year, is integral to the function of the proposed Southerly Elevated Water Tower.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This notice of study commencement marks the initiation of public consultation as part of this Class EA process. Throughout this Class EA, the public will be invited to attend a public open house where interested individuals can learn more about the project, ask questions, and submit feedback to the project team.

If you have any questions or if you wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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