Hamilton

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION
Servicing Upgrades in Water Pressure District H3

The City of Hamilton has completed the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process to identify a water servicing strategy for the secure supply of potable water to the H3 Water Pressure District. Pressure District H3 is located below the Niagara Escarpment, in an area bounded approximately by Aberdeen Avenue, Herkimer Street and Charlton Avenue to the north, the Niagara Escarpment to the south, Ferguson Avenue to the east and Chedoke Avenue to the west (see map on reverse).

The current supply arrangement for pressure district H3 is vulnerable to interruption and is challenging to operate under certain conditions. The Class EA study has assessed the alternatives for improving water supply to district H3. The preferred servicing strategy is to build a new pumping station at the east end of Highland Gardens Park, improve the pumps at the Ferguson Avenue Pumping Station and decommission the existing underground pumping station HD003. To make the best use of existing infrastructure, the existing gravity main will remain operational until such time as it fails or is no longer advantageous to operate.

This project follows the planning and design process for **Schedule 'B'** projects as defined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (June 2000). A Public Information Centre was held to present this project in September, 2004. All comments received have been addressed in the Project File Report.

The Project File Report is available for a 60-day public review period, starting on October 7 and ending on December 5, 2005. The report is available at the following locations (contact venues for hours of operation):

Locke Library	**Office of the City Clerk**	**Public Works Department**
285 Locke Street South	71 Main Street West	77 James Street North
Hamilton, Ontario	City Hall, 2nd Floor	Suite 320
L8P 4C2	Hamilton, Ontario	Hamilton, Ontario
Telephone: (905) 546-3492	L8P 4Y5	L8R 2K3
	Telephone: (905) 546-CITY	(905) 546-CITY

If after reviewing the Project File Report, you have questions or concerns, please follow this procedure:

1. Contact the following City staff to discuss your questions or concerns:

   Sonya Kapusin
   Project Manager, Environmental Planning
   Capital Planning and Implementation Division
   Public Works Department
   320-77 James Street North
   Hamilton, ON, L8R 2K3
   Phone: 905-546-2424, Ext. 2218
   Fax: 905-546-4435
   Email: skapusin@hamilton.ca

2. Arrange a meeting with the above if you have significant concerns that may require more detailed explanation.

3. If you raise major concerns, the City will attempt to negotiate a resolution of the issues. A mutually acceptable time period for this negotiation will be set. If the issues remain unresolved, you may request

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the Minister of the Environment, by order, to require the City to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act before proceeding with Schedule "B" projects. This is called a Part II Order ("bump up"). The Minister may make one of the following decisions:

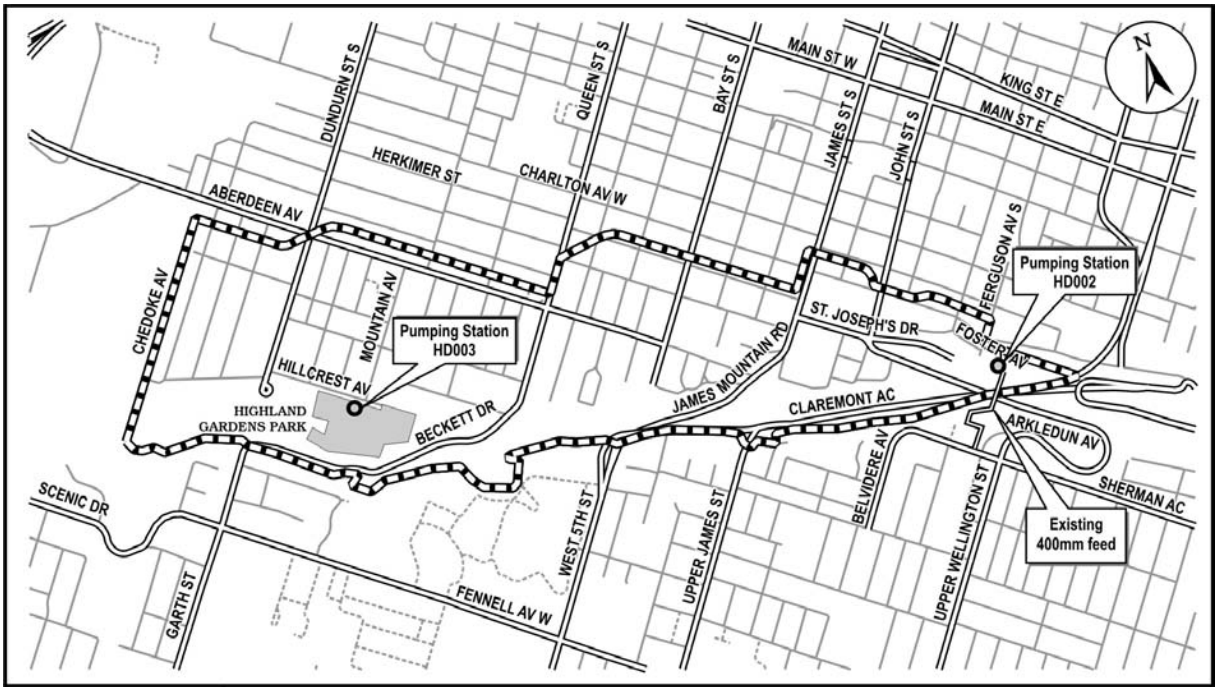
- Deny the request
- Refer the matter to mediation
- Require the City to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act by undertaking one of the following:
  - Submitting the Project File Report for government review and approval; or,
  - Completing an individual Environmental Assessment for government review and approval; or,
  - Preparing Terms of Reference governing the preparation of an individual Environmental Assessment.

Requests must be submitted in writing to the Minister of the Environment within the 60-day review period:

Minister of Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

A copy of the letter should be sent to the City of Hamilton, to the attention of Sonya Kapusin (address above).

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 record.



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