

Wainfleet Servicing Project Project Update

Presentation to Wainfleet Township Council
November 25, 2008

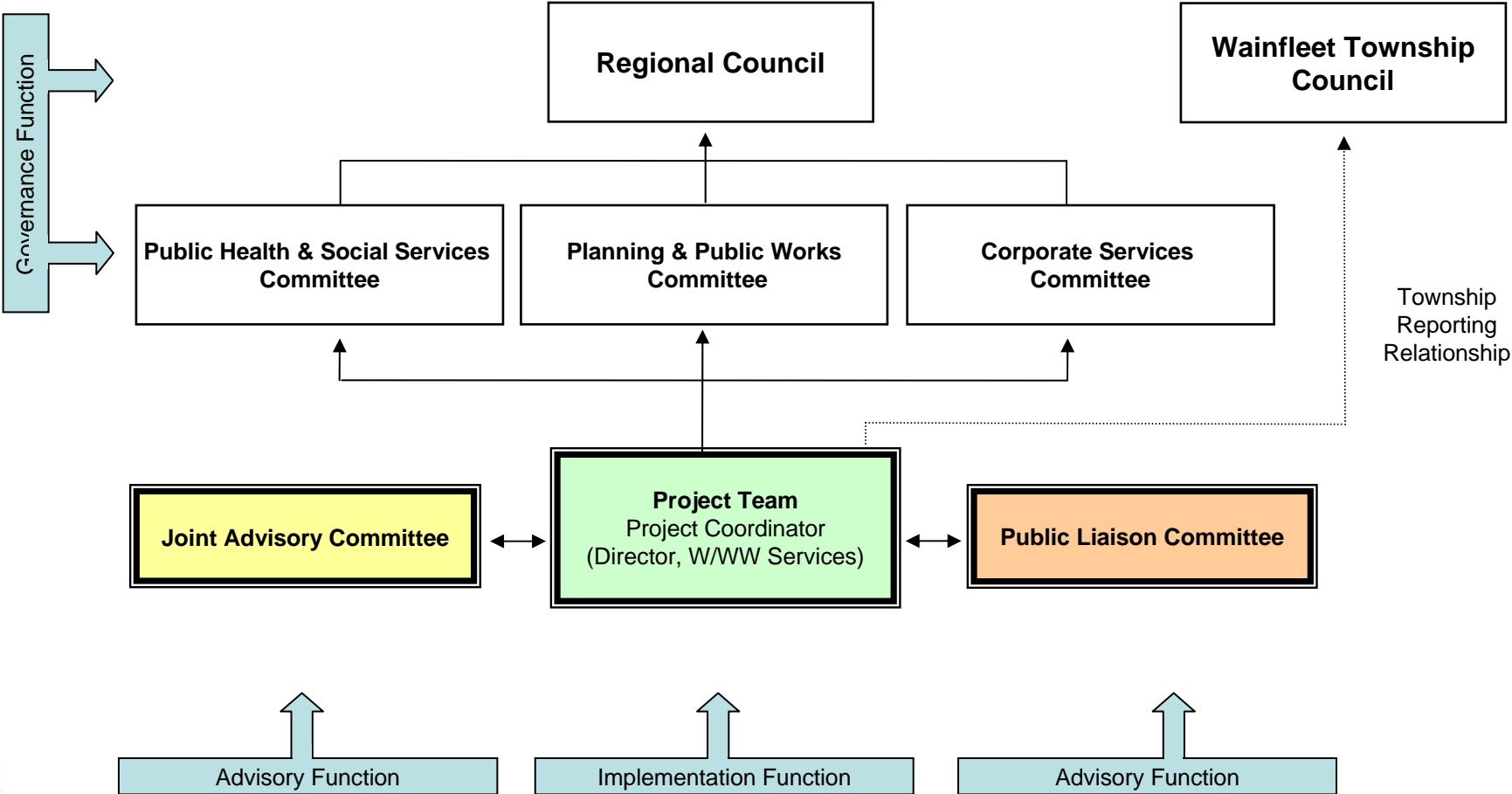


Wainfleet Servicing Project Update Presentation Overview

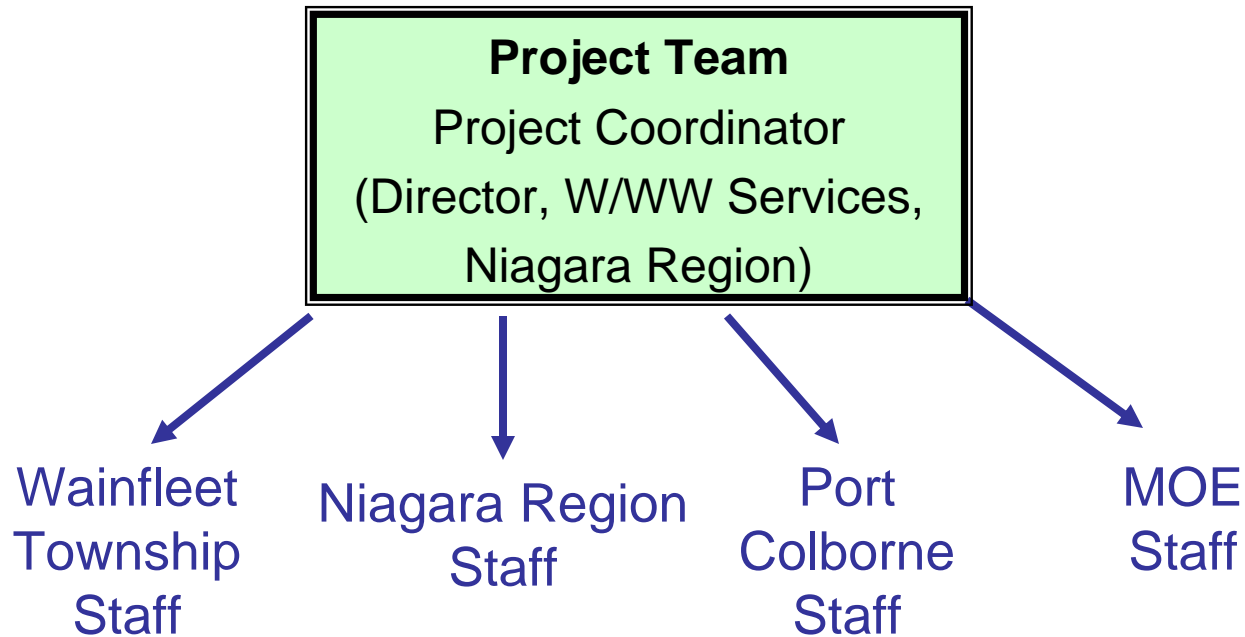
- **Project Structure**
 - Involvement of Project Committees
 - Public Consultation
- **Project Activity Categories:**
 - Planning Considerations
 - RFP/Design Issues
 - Natural Resources/Archaeological Studies
 - Social Impact Assessment
 - Financing
 - Township Council Issues



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Involvement of Project Committees

- Joint Advisory Committee (PWA 173-2007)
 - Objective:
 - Working Group and Sounding Board for project issues and complexities

- Public Liaison Committee (PWA 173-2007)
 - Objective:
 - Sounding Board for project issues and complexities as they relate to the public
 - Two Meetings To Date – Getting Up and Running
 - “Meet and Greet” January 2009 (Date TBD)

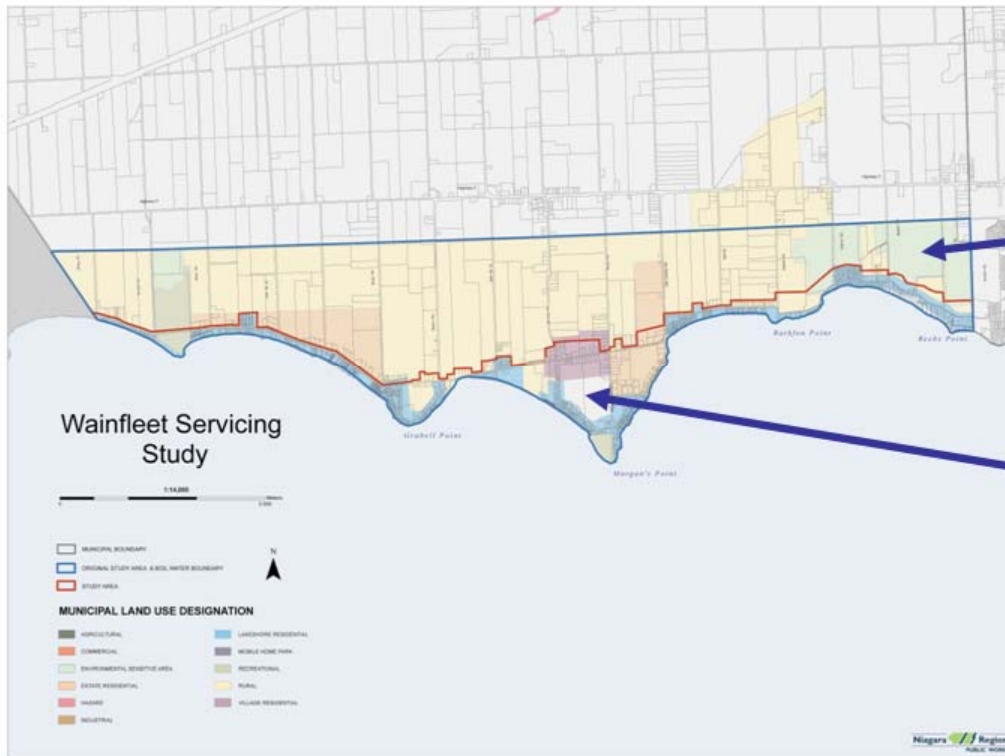


Public Consultation

- Mayor Henderson's Newsletter and E-Update
- Project Websites (Wainfleet and Region)
- Public Liaison Committee
 - Understand and advise on how, when and in what manner public wishes to be consulted
 - Assist project team in exceeding spirit and intent of Minister's condition of public consultation



Wainfleet Servicing Project Area



Boil Water Advisory Area and Study Area



Service Area



Planning Considerations

- Township New Official Plan and Special Policy Area for Lakeshore Area
- Visioning exercise in Township Official Plan is key to determining what the community wants to look like in the future:
 - Growth
 - Infill
 - Intensification
 - Redevelopment
 - Status Quo



Planning Issues

- Providing services for a known health risk is acceptable with:
 - Regional Policy Plan
 - Wainfleet Official Plan
 - Provincial Policy
- Should the servicing project proceed, Official Plan and Special Policy Area policies would address:
 - The nature, purpose, and use of **infrastructure** and the land use associated with it
 - **Phasing** options for infrastructure and development can be established



RFP/Draft Contract/ Preliminary Design Process

- Technical Review Workshop (April 2007)
- Pre-design plans ongoing:
 - RFPQ completed; 4 firms short-listed
 - RFP underway
- Design will need to address:
 - Township's visioning exercise as part of new Official Plan and Special Policy Area
 - Implementation options



Natural Resources/Archaeological Impact Assessments

- Requires pre-design plans
- Specific to “preferred alignment and pumping station sites as refined during detailed design”
- RFP’s in preparation
- Notes:
 - Lake Erie North Shore Watershed Characterization Report – valuable input
 - Importance of stakeholder consultation



Social Impact Assessment

- Lead Consultant: Hardy Stevenson
- Purpose:
 - Socio-economic impact of proposed servicing
 - Financial impact of proposed servicing
 - Residents views on financial impact
- Draft Report received; updates needed from 2006 Census
- Internal review progressing
- Needs refined project cost estimates



Financing Options

- Important Note: No decision on costs and cost recovery methods have been made
- There are choices in how cost and cost recovery could be done
- Needs thorough review of pros and cons of each method
- Sample methods for Wainfleet cost recovery include:
 - Local Improvement charge (O/R 586/06)
 - Special Local Municipality Levy (Section 326 of the M/A)
 - Flat Rate Per Lot (Part XII – Fees & Charges of the M/A)



Financing Issues

- Which financing option could be used?
- Availability of funding from senior levels of government
- Consideration of implications for Wainfleet and Niagara Region – capital budgets and debt capacity
- Impact of Sustainability & Financial Plan – Safe Drinking Water Act



Township Council Considerations

- Water/wastewater connections:
 - Mandatory?
 - Service Area?
 - Infill/redevelopment areas?
 - Repayment time period?
 - How much homeowners pay in total?
- Exemptions:
 - Churches?
 - Cemeteries?
 - Conservation Authority Lands? Township Land?
 - Who pays for exemptions?
- Implementing connection (mandatory connection by-law? How to address non-compliance?)



Concluding Comments

- Presentation provides update on project activities and an outline of future decisions
- Importance of Township's Vision and Official Plan
- Complex and multi-faceted
- Take time to make decisions with full information
- Many partners supporting Township
- Presentation available at:

www.township.wainfleet.on.ca

www.niagararegion.ca

