

# Welcome!

## Wainfleet Servicing Project Phase II

- September 2006
  - Minister of Environment endorsed a preferred alternative of full municipal water and wastewater servicing and imposed 15 conditions on the Township and the Region which must be fulfilled prior to the project moving forward.
- Fall 2007
  - Township and Regional Councils directed the Project Team to undertake more detailed work necessary to determine if the project should proceed; this includes fulfilling the 15 conditions imposed by the Minister.
- Township and Regional Councils directed the Project Team to establish a Public Liaison Committee to advise on communication/consultation with the lakeshore community during Phase II.
- Six (6) volunteer members were selected



# Meet Your Public Liaison Committee

Today is about introducing the Public Liaison Committee (PLC) members and about learning how you want to be involved in this phase of the project.

The PLC's role is to ensure your voice is heard by the Wainfleet Project Team and your elected officials in Wainfleet and at the Region.

The PLC consists of representatives from Wainfleet Township and representatives from citizens of the Region. The PLC members are:

- **Jayne Campbell**
- **Anne Hetherington**
- **Ashleigh Miatello-Skrubbeltrang**
- **Joedy Groulx**
- **April Jeffs**
- **Wayne Redshaw**

We are dedicated to our community's well being, and have volunteered our time to work with the community on this project.

We value your constructive participation and ask you to:

- Browse through the display material
- Discuss your views about the project
- Ask questions
- Fill out the questionnaire
- Share your opinions on how you want to be consulted



# What is the Public Liaison Committee's Role?

The PLC plays a vital role in ensuring your voice is heard throughout Phase II of the project.

**How will this be done?**

**The PLC will:**

- Oversee and approve the communications plan for the project
- Advise the Project Team on the community's issues
- Ensure the Project Team provides thorough and complete answers to community questions/concerns
- Ensure that all members of the Wainfleet lakeshore community, including community organizations, ratepayer organizations, businesses, institutions, and individual citizens are advised of the project milestones, opportunities to participate and provide feedback, the issues, and the responses
- Facilitate a respectful exchange of ideas is part of the Phase II project.
- Ensure responses are tracked and available as part of consultation reports from each public consultation event.



# Frequently Asked Questions on the PLC's Role

**Q: Is the role of the PLC to provide input on technical components of the project or recommend approval of the project?**

A: No.

**Q: Why not?**

A: The technical components of the project including:

- the engineering design
- the required studies (natural resources, social impact and archaeology)
- the financial analysis.

These technical studies are the responsibility of Township and Regional staff, and other subject matter experts/consultants as necessary.

The PLC is to ensure that these technical components are presented/communicated to the community in a way that is easily understood, incorporates opportunities for meaningful input, and that responses to questions/points of clarification/community issues are provided in a clear, timely manner and in the most appropriate format.

The PLC will ensure that your feedback is incorporated into the technical components of the project.

The PLC will direct questions/comments on the technical studies to the Project Team and follow up to ensure complete and understandable answers are provided.



# Phase II Update

- No decision has been made to move forward with construction.
- The only decision that has been is to pursue more detailed analysis including the financial analysis, to determine the feasibility of developing the project.
- The next five display boards explain the technical studies and the status of each.
- None of these studies have been completed. Most are just beginning.
- Be assured that you will have opportunities to review the studies, ask questions, and provide your feedback before the studies are finalized.
- **HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED?**



# ***Engineering Design Study***

## **What it is:**

This technical study will look at the engineering choices for both sewer and water including:

- traditional engineering design for sewer and water mains
- confirming the number and location of pumping stations
- looking at incorporating technologies such as grinder pumps and other systems
- recommending which technology is appropriate

Results will be used as the basis for analyzing costs of implementing the project.

## **Where it's at:**

A Request for Expression of Interest to develop a short list of qualified engineering consultants has been completed. These firms will be asked to provide a cost and work program for the engineering design. It is expected that a consultant firm will be chosen in February/March of 2009.

The Township and the Region are overseeing this technical study.



# *Natural Resources Study*

## **What it is:**

This technical study looks at things such as:

- streams
- forests
- swamps
- soils
- birds
- trees
- marshes
- geology
- fish
- mammals (small and large)

along the route of the proposed sewer and water mains as well as the pumping station locations.

It will also look at the areas around these features such as upstream and downstream to make sure the impacts of construction are understood and the impacts are reduced to a minimum.

## **Where it's at:**

This study requires specialists who know about natural resources. A consulting team will be hired by mid-February 2009.

The consulting team will be doing field work and this will start in March of 2009 and carry through to the end of fall 2009. Reports will be available after the field work is done.

The Township, the Region, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and the Ministry of Natural Resources are overseeing this technical study.



# *Social and Economic Impact Study*

## **What it is:**

Social impact looks at the issues that may affect the local community during construction and after construction is completed. It also looks at economic impacts of the cost of the project on property owners.

The socio-economic impact study looks at the following issues:

- Noise, dust and vibration during construction
- Impacts on natural resources (e.g. trees, birds, water) and how to lessen those
- Access during construction (e.g. pedestrian and vehicular)
- Specialized impacts during construction (e.g. ensuring access from the fire hall; ensuring church access for church services, weddings, funerals, other church events; pedestrian traffic)
- Agricultural impacts (e.g. ensuring continuation of farm operations especially as it relates to moving of farm vehicles and ensuring normal farm operations continue)
- Impacts after construction such as views and natural resources mitigation
- Financial impact of the cost of the project on property owners

## **Where it's at:**

The Township and the Region hired Hardy Stevenson Associates and Oraclepoll to undertake this technical study. A survey of property owners was undertaken where all property owners were contacted.

A draft report has been received and is being reviewed.

The report will be released, including the summary tables of the survey questionnaire, in the spring of 2009. Individual survey results cannot be released to protect individual confidentiality.



# Archaeology Study

## What it is:

Archaeology is the study of human history on the landscape. This technical study will look at archaeology from two perspectives:

- Aboriginal archaeology
- European settlement archaeology

along the route of the proposed sewer and water mains as well as the pumping station locations.

This technical study will also look at any land claims and treaties with First Nations in the Wainfleet community.

This technical study will include discussions and consultations with two aboriginal communities:

- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Mississaugas of the New Credit

## Where it's at:

This study requires specialists who know about archaeology. A consulting team will be hired by mid-February 2009.

The consulting team will be doing the following:

- Background research using provincial, Niagara and Wainfleet information.
- Interviewing local people with knowledge about the history of the Wainfleet area.
- Reviewing air photos and maps.
- Once more is known from the research and interviews, some field work may be required but it is not expected that the field work will require any excavations.

The Township and the Region are overseeing this technical study.



# *Financial Analysis Study*

## **What it is:**

This technical study will look at cost implications of the project for both the Township and the Region.

This technical study will also look at the different ways the project can be funded. This includes:

- Which legislation is appropriate as there are choices to be made (the Municipal Act has options; the Development Charges Act for growth will also be reviewed).
- Understanding the implications of the cost on the Township and the Region as it relates to debt financing.
- Identifying options to assign costs to individual properties and the implications of these different ways (i.e. using area; using road frontage; using assessed value).
- What repayment options are appropriate (e.g. how many years could people have to pay back; how to help people for whom the cost is a hardship).

## **Where it's at:**

This technical study will be started in early 2009.

The Township and the Region are overseeing this technical study.



# Now It's Your Turn!

There is a lot of information that the Project Team will be working on.

You may be interested in specific studies or you may be interested in all of the studies.

In your questionnaire, we ask you to tell us

- what studies you are interested in
- what issues you want to see addressed
- how you want to learn about the studies, understand them, and provide feedback.

There are many different ways to do this.

What is most important is that the exchange of ideas is done in a way that meets your needs.



# Ways to Exchange Ideas

Here are some ways to promote the exchange of ideas. More than one way of exchanging ideas is always valuable, so think about all the ways you feel will promote the exchange of ideas.

- **Website**
  - continue posting material on both the Township and Region websites
- **Newsletter**
  - continue to mail quarterly newsletters to all property owners in the Township so that permanent and seasonal residents receive the material
- **Email**
  - continue to use the email distribution of the monthly electronic newsletter
- **Public Information Centre**
  - a drop-in format where you can come in and look at the material, ask questions, and provide feedback
- **Public Meeting**
  - a structured public meeting, run by a neutral facilitator, where there is a presentation and opportunities to ask questions. This is what was done in August 2007. It could be combined with a Public Information Centre.
- **Workshop**
  - a longer session, typically a day or more in length, where there is a great deal of focus on one specific issue. This was used during the Environmental Assessment for the project where alternatives for servicing were looked at.
- **One-on-One Meetings**
  - meetings with individual property owners to understand their concerns and issues.
- **Organization Meetings**
  - meetings requested by community organizations, ratepayer organizations, businesses, churches etc.
- **Any other suggestions?**



# Timing

There are also different times in the technical studies when we can promote the exchange of ideas:

- **At the “Kick-off” of the study**
  - So you can understand what the detailed work program entails and/or provide feedback and ideas for the work program.
- **Progress Updates**
  - To learn and understand the status and progress of the technical study.
- **“Draft Report” stage**
  - This would be when the report on the technical study is done in draft form. All draft report technical studies will first be presented to Township and Regional Councils before being made available publicly.
- **Any other suggestions?**



# ***Thank You!***

*Your input to this project is important!*

*All comments received will be addressed and taken into consideration in finalizing the consultation plan for approval by the Public Liaison Committee.*

*Let us know how and when you want to participate.*

***Please fill out the questionnaire!***

