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### **Notice of Commencement**

Letters to Indigenous, MECP, OPG and NPCA



Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation 4065 Highway 6 Hagersville, Ontario N0A 1H0

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## NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT SOUTH NIAGARA FALLS WASTEWATER SOLUTIONS SCHEDULE 'C' CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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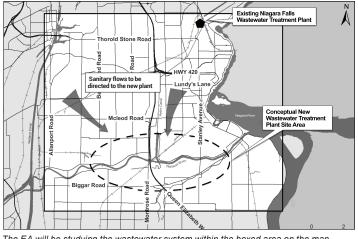
### WHAT IS THIS STUDY ALL ABOUT?

There is significant residential and employment growth planned for Niagara Region and specifically for South Niagara, including areas in Niagara Falls and Thorold South. As we grow and build new communities, create new jobs, and invest in new facilities like schools and hospitals, investment is needed to plan and build our infrastructure. South Niagara will require a new wastewater treatment plant and will require upgrading our sewer system to support growth and protect the environment.

This study is about more than just constructing a new wastewater treatment plant. It is about a holistic solution to make improvements to the full wastewater systems in the area. It is about balancing the needs of growth with the protection and preservation of natural and heritage resources. It is also about the Region's investment in tomorrow to make sure we have the infrastructure we need to serve the current and future residents and businesses in the region.

### WHY IS A NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NEEDED?

Niagara Region undertook an integrated process called "Niagara 2041" where the Region looked at growth planning, water and wastewater infrastructure and transportation all together to establish a plan for Niagara's future. "Niagara 2041" identified significant opportunity for growth in the South Niagara area. Under this



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process, the 2016 Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan (MSP) Update was completed. A key recommendation of the MSP Update was to establish a new wastewater treatment plant in South Niagara and have the sewer systems in the southern area convey flows to this new facility (indicated by the arrows on the map). Region Council and Niagara Falls Council adopted these recommendations in 2017.

This Study will investigate alternative long-term servicing solutions for a new wastewater treatment plant and associated wastewater collection system. The Study will confirm the overall strategy. It will identify the preferred site for the new plant. It will identify the sewer routes in the area. It will select the preferred technology and construction requirements, and it will demonstrate the timing for design and construction.

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#### WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THIS STUDY?

This Study is being undertaken as a Schedule 'C' Class EA, satisfying all phases in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MEA) process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

The Class EA process is a transparent process that will clearly demonstrate the decision making of where the new wastewater treatment plant will be located, what sewer infrastructure is needed, how the natural, social and cultural environments will be protected, how the infrastructure will be constructed, and the costs of the recommendations. Public, stakeholder and agency participation is critical and mandated. Niagara Region will engage and consult with these groups through each step.

#### HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY?

It is expected that the Study will take approximately two years to complete. Public input and comments are encouraged throughout the EA. There are three sets of Public Information Centre (PIC) meetings planned through the course of the Study. These meetings are planned for Spring 2019, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 where Region representatives will be available to introduce the Study, answer questions and discuss next steps.

There is also an opportunity at any time during the study process for members of the public to provide comments and concerns to the attention of the project managers. With the exception of personal information, all comments received during the process will become part of the public record of the study. For project information, visit **niagararegion**. **ca/projects/south-niagara-falls-treatmentplant**. If you wish to receive future project notifications by email, please send your request to **newtreatmentplant@niagararegion.ca**.

If you wish to submit comments, please use the online form on the project webpage or contact us:

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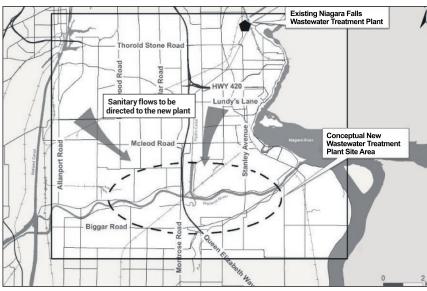
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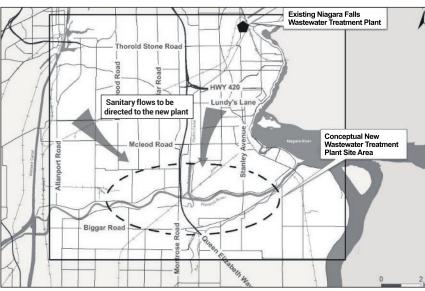
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# New Niagara Falls water plant will cost Region \$130 million

# Environmental assessment underway for construction of facility

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A view of the interior of a wastewater treatment plant is shown in this file photo. Niagara Region is moving ahead with plans for a \$130-million facility in Niagara Falls. - Graham Paine , Metroland

Niagara Region has taken the first steps in another expensive infrastructure project — a wastewater treatment plant in Niagara Falls that will cost more than \$130 million.

The contract for a large-scale environmental assessment and conceptual design for the plant was awarded to GM BluePlan Engineering Ltd., a consulting and engineering firm headquartered in Guelph with about 150 employees.

The cost of preparing environmental assessment and conceptual design is \$1.8 million, staff reported to the Region's public works committee last month.

The new plant in the south end of Niagara Falls is part of a master plan for water and wastewater endorsed by regional council in June 2017.

The budget for the south Niagara Falls plant includes \$109 million for construction, \$19 million for the environmental assessment and design, and \$2.4 million for property acquisition. About \$40 million in development charges will be used to help offset the cost.

The environmental assessment will take into account all of Niagara Falls, as well as south Thorold. The construction is scheduled to begin in 2023 and finish in 2025.

A forecast produced by the Region estimates that 64 per cent of future growth in Niagara Falls will occur south of Lundy's Lane with another 22.5 per cent south of the Welland River.

The new wastewater treatment plant will be engineered to accommodate new development in south Niagara Falls and help alleviate the pressure on the system in the north end of the city and beyond.

A report said other new projects not included in the estimate but associated with the new wastewater plant include a sewage pumping station on Centre Street and Blackhorse Corners, along with a south side high lift conveyance which pumps wastewater to a higher elevation when gravity flow won't work.

The firm is being asked to assess a host of developmental, political and environmental issues. It will also address funding strategies and add produce more detailed cost estimations.

GM BluePlan Engineering Ltd. is supposed to be finished the project's environmental assessment by November 2020.

The request for proposals was released Aug. 8 and closed on Sept. 13, 2018.

Eight companies, including GM BluePlan Engineering, bid on the environmental assessment. The others were Black & Veatch Canada Company; GHD Ltd., Hatch Ltd., Jacobs Engineering Group, RV Anderson Associates Ltd., Stantec Consulting Service Inc. and WSP Canada Inc.

A new wastewater treatment plant in Niagara-on-the-Lake cost \$50 million and is scheduled to come online this spring. Problems with the contractor, cost overruns and construction delays plagued the project and pushed back the opening from December 2016.

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