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We acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Peoples, including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations. Today, this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land. We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.

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Executive Summary

On November 28, 2022, the Ontario government passed the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*. As required by the *Act*, the York Region Sewage Works Project (the Project) will increase the existing York Durham Sewage System, including new or expanded wastewater sewers, pumping stations in the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora and the Cities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering.

As required by the *Act*, York Region and Durham Region are consulting with persons who may be interested in the Project, including local municipalities in York Region and Durham Region, agencies that may be impacted by the Project or have a future role issuing permits and/or approvals for the Project, and residents and businesses within York Region and Durham Region with an interest in the Project.

This Report describes how York Region and Durham Region have proactively engaged potentially interested persons to date as part of developing the Project Report. Specifically, York Region and Durham Region have undertaken the following:

- Mailed and emailed introductory letters to local municipalities and relevant agencies.
- Notified the public of the Project through advertisements in local newspapers in York Region and Durham Region.
- Posted information on the York Region website.
- Met with local municipalities and interested agencies to discuss the Project.
- Provided interested local municipalities and agencies with draft versions of the conceptual designs for review and comment.
- Met with Indigenous communities who expressed an interest in being consulted to discuss their interests as they relate to the Project.
- Made the Project Report available on York Region’s website at <https://www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/york-region-sewage-works-project>.

As a result of the consultation activities described in section 4, some of the agencies and local municipalities provided comments on the draft conceptual design of the Project. The conceptual designs were revised to address comments received from agencies and local municipalities and included in the Project Report.

The Project Report is available for review by interested persons until December 6, 2023. Comments can be provided to York Region by email, mail or telephone:

York Region Sewage Works Project
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1
1-877-464-9675 ext. 75124
YorkRegionSewageWorks@york.ca

York Region and Durham Region will consider comments provided by interested persons on the Project Report. If directed by the Minister, York Region and Durham Region will revise the Project Report to address comments received and provide the revised Project Report to Indigenous communities.

Following approval of the Project Report by the Minister, consultation with interested persons will continue during detailed design and construction of the Project.

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1. Introduction and Project Overview

On November 28, 2022, the Ontario government passed the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*. The *Act* directs York Region and Durham Region to work together to expand and improve the existing York Durham Sewer System to accommodate the additional wastewater demand that will come from increased growth through 2051.

As required by the *Act*, the York Region Sewage Works Project (the Project) will increase the existing York Durham Sewage System, including new or expanded wastewater sewers, pumping stations in the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora and the Cities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering (see Figure 1.1). The Project also includes enhancements to the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant on the shore of Lake Ontario in the City of Pickering and a new outfall from the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. Durham Region is a co-proponent for work within Durham Region.

The *Act* requires York Region and Durham Region to prepare a Project Report outlining the following:

- The work required to meet the requirements of the *Act*;
- any associated cost of the work that is required;
- the approvals required to meet the requirements of the *Act*;
- the impacts to the environment of the project and the mitigation of those impacts; and
- as per Section 5 of the *Act*, York Region and Durham Region must make the Project Report available to Indigenous communities identified by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Minister) and persons who may be interested in the Project.

In addition to making the Project Report available for review, York Region and Durham Region proactively consulted Indigenous communities and interested persons while the Project Report was being developed. While this was not required by the *Act*, this approach allowed York Region and Durham Region to meaningfully consult Indigenous communities and interested persons and ensure their comments were considered as part of preparing the Project Report.

This Report describes how interested persons were consulted during development of the Project Report. As required by subsection 5 (6) of the *Act*, this Report describes:

- An overview of the consultation process (Section 2)
- Interested persons that were consulted (Section 3)
- How interested persons were consulted (Section 4)
- Comments received from interested persons and how they were considered (Section 5)
- Commitments for future consultation with interested persons (Section 6)
- How the requirements for consultation on the Project under the *Act* were met by York Region and Durham Region (Section 7).

A separate Indigenous Communities Consultation Report has been prepared to document how Indigenous communities have been consulted.

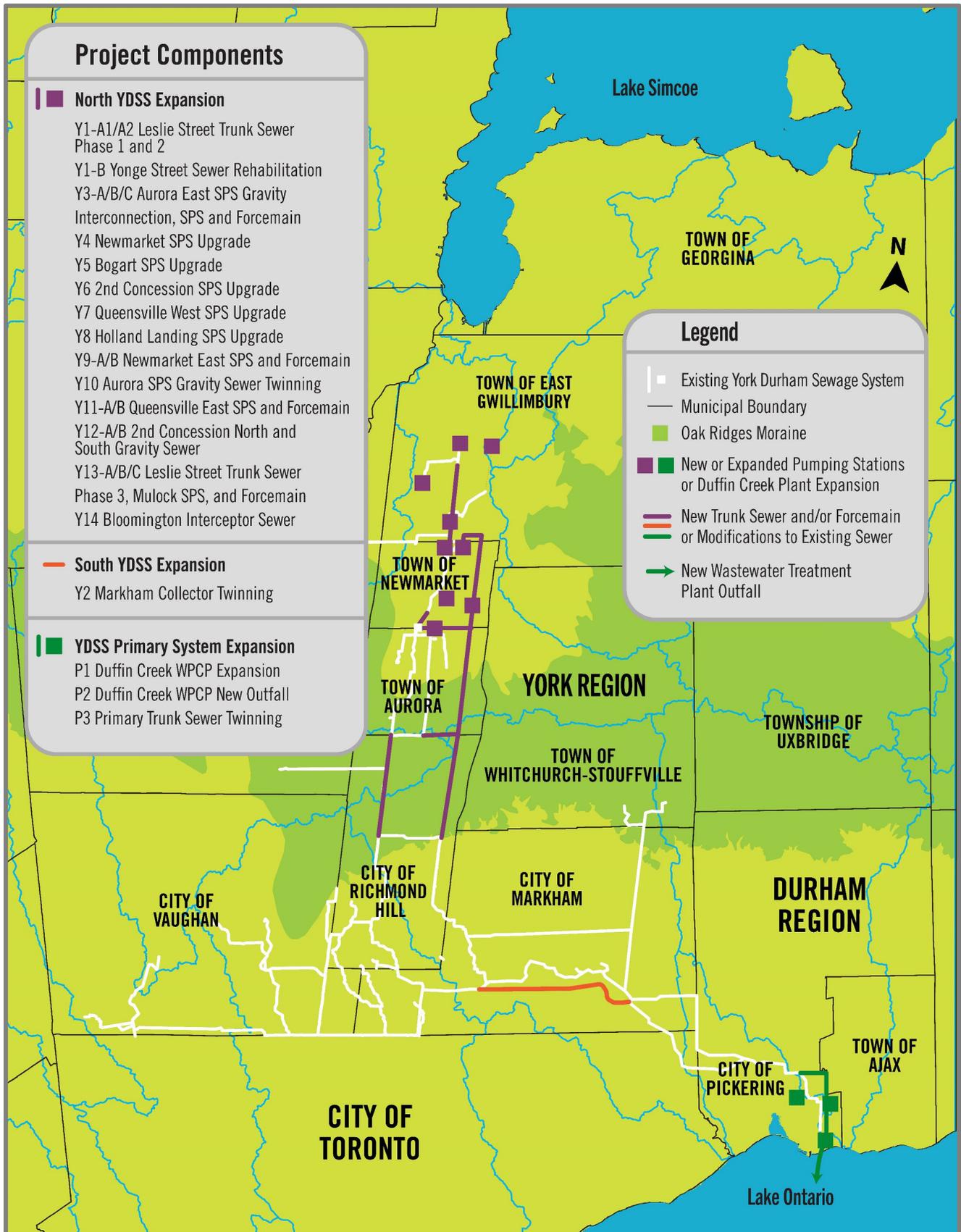


Figure 1.1 York Region Sewage Works Project

2. Consultation Overview

As noted in section 1, the Act that created the Project was passed on November 28, 2022. Formal consultation with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on the Project started in January 2023, and consultation with other interested persons began in May 2023 when York Region and Durham Region initiated preparation of the Project Report. The Project Report was publicly released on October 20, 2023.

Beginning in June 2023, interested persons were consulted during three stages of development of the Project Report:

1. Introduction to the Project
2. Development of the Project Report
3. Release of the Project Report.

The purpose of consultation during these stages of the Project was to obtain input on the proposed works, its potential impacts, and how those impacts will be mitigated. The consultation also provided an opportunity for interested persons to learn about the Project prior to release of the Project Report.

Consultation with interested persons will continue during review of the Project Report. York Region and Durham Region will consider comments provided by interested persons on the Project Report and may, if directed by the Minister, revise the Project Report to address these comments.

Following approval of the Project Report by the Minister, York Region and Durham Region will continue to consult with interested persons, as appropriate, during detailed design and construction of the Project.

Figure 2.1 illustrates the three Project stages and associated milestones, both completed (filled circles) and upcoming (unfilled circles).



Figure 2.1 Consultation Milestones and Stages

3. Interested Persons Consulted

During development of the Project Report, interested persons were identified through several ways:

- York Region and Durham Region proactively contacted federal, provincial and local agencies that may be impacted by the Project or have a future role in issuing permits and/or approvals for the Project.
- York Region and Durham Region proactively contacted all nine local municipalities in York Region, the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax. Project infrastructure components are proposed within seven local municipalities (Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Aurora and Ajax, and the Cities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering).
- A Project Notice was placed in local newspapers in all municipalities in York Region, the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax. The Notice requested that persons interested in the Project contact York Region.
- Local organizations, such as historical societies, who had knowledge of relevant existing conditions were contacted during development of the Project Report.

The following agencies, local municipalities and organizations were contacted during development of the Project Report. In addition, over 30 residents contacted York Region and were added to the Project contact list to be notified of release of the Project Report. The names of these residents are not included for privacy reasons.

Agencies

- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Transport Canada
- Parks Canada
- Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Ministry of Transportation
- Infrastructure Ontario
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
- Metrolinx
- Canadian National Railway
- Ontario Power Generation

Local municipalities

- Town of Georgina, York Region
- Town of East Gwillimbury, York Region

- Town of Newmarket, York Region
- Town of Aurora, York Region
- Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, York Region
- City of Vaughan, York Region
- Township of King, York Region
- City of Richmond Hill, York Region
- City of Markham, York Region
- City of Pickering, Durham Region
- Town of Ajax, Durham Region

Organizations

- Aurora Museum & Archives
- Aurora Historical Society
- Aurora Cultural Centre
- Sharon Temple
- ACO Newmarket
- Elman W. Campbell Museum
- Newmarket Historical Society
- Richmond Hill Historical Society

4. How Interested Persons Were Consulted

As described in section 2, interested persons were consulted during the three stages of development of the Project Report:

1. Introduction to the Project
2. Development of the Project Report
3. Release of the Project Report

A description of the consultation activities that occurred during each of these stages is described in Table 4.1. A summary of how the interested persons identified in section 3 were consulted is included in Table 4.2. A record of all correspondence and consultation by agency/organization is included in Appendix A.

Table 4.1 Consultation Activities During Each Project Stage

Project stage	Consultation activities
How the Project was introduced	<p>A project introduction letter sent by email to the 11 agencies on June 13, 2023, initially identified as potentially impacted by the Project or having a role in permits and/or approvals.¹ The letter is included in Appendix B. The letter asked agencies to contact York Region if they wish to be consulted during development of the Project Report. Four of the agencies contacted identified that they would like to be kept informed and/or consulted through meetings and/or emails.</p> <p>A project introduction letter sent by email to the 11 local municipalities on June 2, 2023. The letter is included in Appendix B. The letter requested local municipalities contact York Region to set up a meeting to discuss the Project and their involvement in development of the Project Report.</p> <p>A Project Notice placed in eight newspapers in the local municipalities on July 20 and 27, 2023. The Notice is included in Appendix C. The Project Notice asked interested persons to self-identify if they wanted to be consulted. Twenty-four members of the public contacted York Region to be added to the Project contact list.</p> <p>A project-specific webpage on York Region's Website with information on the Project and a link to sign up for Project updates. The website pages are included in Appendix D. https://www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/york-region-sewage-works-project</p> <p>Ten meetings with three agencies and 11 local municipalities to introduce the Project. Meeting presentations and summaries are included in Appendices E and F.</p>
How interested persons were consulted during the development of the Project Report	<p>Circulation of the working draft of the conceptual design of the Project to two agencies and 11 local municipalities for comment. Comments were provided by three agencies and one local municipality, which were considered as part of preparing the Project Report. Written comments are included in Appendix H.</p> <p>Ten meetings with two agencies and six local municipalities to provide Project updates, present the working draft of the conceptual design and discuss potential impacts of the Project and mitigation measures. Meeting presentations and summaries are included in Appendices E and F.</p> <p>Approximately 22 meetings with the MECP beginning in January 2023 to discuss the Act and provide the MECP with updates on development of the Project Report and consultation. Meeting summaries are included in Appendix F.</p> <p>Reports to York Region Council on March 9, 2023, and Durham Region Council on June 29, 2023. Council reports are included in Appendix G.</p>

¹ Eleven of the 14 agencies listed in section 4 were sent a project introduction letter. Parks Canada and Ontario Power Generation were identified as potentially interested agencies during development of the Project Report. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks was not provided a letter as consultation had already commenced.

Project stage	Consultation activities
How interested persons were notified of the release of the Project Report...	<p>Release of the Project Report on the project-specific webpage on October 31 (https://www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/york-region-sewage-works-project).</p> <p>Notification on Durham Region’s website with a link to the project-specific webpage beginning on October 31.</p> <p>Social media release beginning on October 31.</p> <p>A Project Notice placed in online newspapers (www.yorkregion.com and www.durhamregion.com) starting on November 2 with digital advertisements targeting audiences in York Region, the City of Pickering and Town of Ajax.</p> <p>Notification by emailed letter to agencies and local municipalities, and by email to interested persons.</p>

Table 4.2 Summary of Consultation Activities with Each Interested Person

Individual and/or organization	Summary of engagement
Agencies	
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction letter – Notice of release of Project Report
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Regular email correspondence and approximately 21 meetings to provide MECP with updates on development of the Project Report and on consultation
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction letter – Correspondence by email and meeting to discuss approach for documenting existing cultural heritage conditions and identifying potential impacts and impact management measures – Consideration of comments on cultural heritage reports – Notice of release of Project Report
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction letter – Correspondence by email regarding how MNRF’s guidelines were considered in preparing the Project Report – Notice of release of Project Report
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction letter and meeting to introduce the Project – Circulation of working draft of conceptual design and meeting to discuss the conceptual design – Consideration of written comments on conceptual design during preparation of the Project Report – Meeting to discuss preliminary results of the receiving water impact assessment – Notice of release of Project Report
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction letter and meeting to introduce the Project – Circulation of working draft of conceptual design and meeting to discuss the conceptual design – Consideration of written comments on conceptual design during preparation of the Project Report – Notice of release of Project Report
Environment and Climate Change Canada Transport Canada Ministry of Transportation Infrastructure Ontario Metrolinx Canadian National Railways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction letter – Notice of release of Project Report

Individual and/or organization	Summary of engagement
Local municipalities in York Region and Durham Region	
Town of Georgina Town of East Gwillimbury Town of Newmarket Town of Aurora Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville City of Vaughan Township of King City of Richmond Hill City of Markham City of Pickering City of Ajax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project introduction letter – Circulation of working draft of conceptual design and meetings to discuss the conceptual design – Consideration of comments provided on the conceptual design – Notice of release of Project Report

5. Comments Received from Interested Persons and How They Were Considered

As a result of the consultation activities described in section 4, some interested persons provided comments on the Project that were considered by York Region and Durham Region during development of the Project Report. A summary of these comments and how they were considered is included in Table 5.1. Copies of written comments received from interested persons are included in Appendix H.

Table 5.1 Comments Received from Interested Persons and How They Were Considered

Interested Person, Municipality and/or Agency	Date comments received and method	Comment received	How comment was considered by York Region and Durham Region
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	13/06/2023 Email	The Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program is not able to provide comments regarding general planning. If planned works may cause any of the prohibited effects under the Fisheries Act or Species at Risk Act, a Request for Review form should be completed for the works and submitted to FisheriesProtection@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.	A request for review will be submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans if the Project has the potential for adverse impacts to fish and/or fish habitat.
Transport Canada Navigation Protection Program	13/06/2023 Email	Note that Transport Canada does not require receipt of all individual or Class EA-related notifications. We are requesting project proponents self-assess their project.	If required, appropriate approvals will be obtained from Transport Canada under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act and/or Railway Safety Act.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	30/08/2023 Meeting and subsequent email	<p>York Region and Durham Region provided the Ministry with an Indigenous Consultation Plan outlining the Regions' proposed approach to engaging Indigenous Nations. In a meeting and subsequent email, the MECP provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry staff did not identify any significant concerns with the consultation plan. - Ministry staff encourage an open dialogue as the consultations proceed to discuss progress and proactively identify solutions. - On-going updates via the *new* tracker is a productive way to identify and manage issues. - The MECP will advise on appropriate timelines for review of the Project Report by Indigenous Nations. - MECP to provide alternate contact information for Indigenous Nations who have been unresponsive to emails and phone calls by York Region and Durham Region. 	Comments noted
MECP	22/08/2023 Meeting and subsequent email	York Region and Durham Region met with MECP to discuss the Regions' proposed approach to Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Effluent Criteria. Following the meeting, the MECP confirmed the proposed effluent concentration limits are below the Ministry's phosphorus limits for comparable water bodies.	Comments noted
MECP	04/10/2023 to 19/10/2023 Emails	MECP provided comments on the draft Project Report. The comments are included in the response letter issued to MECP on October 26, 2023	Comments were considered as part of finalizing the Project Report, as documented in the responses to MECP dated October 26, 2023.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	26/06/2023 Letter	Satisfied that the fieldwork and reporting for the archaeological assessment [Marine Archaeological Assessment for Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control] are consistent with the terms and conditions for a marine archaeological licence. This report will be entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.	Comments noted
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	10/07/2023 Letter	<p>This Project may impact known or potential built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes. Given that this project covers a large study area, MCM recommends that the Cultural Heritage Report is carried out so that step 1 (identification of existing baseline cultural heritage conditions) is undertaken early in the planning process. Then, steps 2 and 3 (identification of preliminary potential project-specific impacts and recommended measures to avoid or mitigate impacts) can be undertaken once the preferred alternatives have been selected.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Report shall be undertaken by a qualified person(s) who has expertise, recent experience, and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.</p> <p>Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations. Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.</p> <p>All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into the Project Report.</p>	<p>The cultural heritage reports were prepared to reflect the approach proposed by MCM in subsequent meetings and correspondence.</p> <p>Several organizations were contacted to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Correspondence with these organizations is included in Appendix A</p> <p>Indigenous communities were contacted to identify cultural heritage resources, as described in the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report. Information provided by Chippewas of Rama First Nation on traditional hunting territories and their Nation's history was incorporated into the Project Report.</p> <p>The results and recommendations of the cultural heritage studies completed for the Project were incorporated into the Project Report.</p>
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	11/07/2023 Email 17/07/2023 Meeting 18/07/2023 Email	<p>MCM provided comments on the proposed approach for preparing cultural heritage reports for the Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommend that the report indicate when further technical cultural heritage studies are required, site visits will be necessary - Recommend that known and potential built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes be presented in a table - Recommended that cultural heritage reports follow a similar approach as the Ontario Line Cultural Heritage Report prepared for the Metrolinx Ontario Line Project 	The cultural heritage reports were prepared to reflect the approach proposed by MCM.

Interested Person, Municipality and/or Agency	Date comments received and method	Comment received	How comment was considered by York Region and Durham Region
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	06/10/2023 Letter	MCM provided detailed comments via written correspondence on the following draft cultural heritage reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Markham, dated July 2023 (updated August 2023), prepared by ASI; – Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury, dated July 31, 2023, prepared by TMHC; and – Pickering and Ajax, dated June 2023, prepared by ASI. The letter is included in Appendix H.	These comments will be considered as part of finalizing the cultural heritage reports prepared for the Project. No changes to the impacts and mitigation measures described in the draft cultural heritage reports and summarized within the Project Report are required as a result of these comments.
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)	31/08/2023 Letter	Three meetings were held with TRCA to provide an introduction to the Project and present the draft conceptual designs, and present the preliminary results of the Receiving Water Impact Assessment. TRCA subsequently provided comments on the conceptual designs via written correspondence, included in Appendix H.	Consultation with the TRCA will be initiated during subsequent design phases to facilitate discussion on the TRCA requirements for various aspects of the design and construction of project components. More detailed information will be provided in subsequent drawing packages as the project progresses.
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)	21/08/2023 Letter	Two meetings were held with LSRCA to provide an introduction to the Project and present the draft conceptual designs. LSRCA subsequently provided comments on the conceptual designs via written correspondence, included in Appendix H.	York Region will take these items into consideration as the design progresses. Designs have been developed at a concept level, and locations of construction compounds and other works have not been confirmed. The Project will be reviewed in subsequent stages of design to meet LSRCA requirements through the consultation and permit application process.
Town of East Gwillimbury	19/07/2023 Meeting 18/08/2023 Meeting	The Town provided the following comments during two meetings to provide an introduction to the Project and present the draft conceptual design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Are there opportunities to connect to the system at the intersection of Leslie Street and Green Lane as new development is proposed at the northwest corner and will be conveyed west to 2nd Concession? – Trenchless construction is generally preferred to minimize impact on traffic and residents. – Is there opportunity to advance construction on a particular phase of the project depending on development pressure? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Local connections will be investigated further during detailed design. – Construction methodologies are presented in the Project Report. Trenchless construction is proposed where appropriate to minimize impacts on the local community. – Modifications to the implementation schedule presented in the Project Report will be reviewed during detailed design.
Town of Newmarket	16/08/2023 Meeting	The Town provided the following comment during a meeting to provide an introduction to the Project: The Town noted that a Town-owned property north of Bogartown Curve could be considered for the new Mulock SPS.	The conceptual design was revised to include this property as a potential location for the proposed Mulock Sewage Pumping Station.
Town of Ajax	13/07/2023 Meeting 11/08/2023 Meeting 06/09/2023 Meeting	The Town provided the following comments during three meetings to provide an introduction to the Project, present the draft conceptual designs, and present the preliminary results of the Receiving Water Impact Assessment: Does this Project change any previous commitments made during the previous outfall EA? During operation, what are the obligations for reporting on air quality? Are the mixing zones considered nearshore? What would the further lake modelling during detailed design entail? How will the outfall be installed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Project does not impact any existing requirements for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant outfall. – The current air quality requirements are not expected to change. – All mixing zones shown are more than two kilometres away from the shoreline. The diffusers for the proposed new outfall are outside the nearshore zone. The MIKE3 modelling considers the wind and wave conditions for an entire year, so the behaviour of the nearshore currents is accounted for in the modelling. – During detailed design, there will be optimization of the outfall design, considering the benefits to the water quality and balancing capital cost to implement. Detailed design will consider optimizing the length of the outfall, length of the diffuser section, and the number/size/type of risers. These design details will influence the size of the mixing zone and impacts to nearshore to a limited degree. The modelling demonstrates proof of concept for the proposed outfall configuration. The conceptual design for the 2.5 to 3-km length works well. Additional modelling during detailed design is not expected to change the RWIA results significantly. – The intention is to use a tunnel boring machine. The machine is lowered into a drop shaft at the shore on the Duffin Creek WPCP property. The tunnel will be deep, with as much as 15 metres of bedrock above it and have a diameter of 5 or 6 metres, similar to a subway tunnel. A geotechnical investigation will be performed to determine the feasibility of using the tunnel boring machine equipment. The risers get installed using barges or platforms in the lake after the tunnel is constructed.

Interested Person, Municipality and/or Agency	Date comments received and method	Comment received	How comment was considered by York Region and Durham Region
City of Pickering	05/07/2023 Meeting 16/08/2023 Meeting	<p>The City provided the following comments during two meetings to provide an introduction to the Project and present the draft conceptual design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The City is supportive of new Pickering Parkway Sewage Pumping Station as it will support City Centre development. - Will the twinning of the Primary Trunk require additional lands, or is there sufficient land within the existing corridor? - Recommended that the project team review the Squires Beach to Notion Road Highway 401 Crossing EA. - If the City raises the intersection by 4-5 metres to elevate the roads and construct a bridge over Highway 401, will that be taken into account with respect to the concrete strength for the pipe? - Will air in the primary trunk be treated at an existing odour control facility, or will there be a requirement for a new odour control facility? - Is the Pickering Parkway SPS going to be located underground, and if so, could it accommodate other uses above ground - Does the removal of the Cherrywood area from the Greenbelt affect this project? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comment noted. - The existing alignment of the primary trunk was assessed and determined to be less preferred compared to the proposed alignment. - The owner of the property that was involved in the EA is aware of the need for the new Squires Beach Sewage Pumping Station. - The potential bridge was considered as part of the conceptual design. - Air quality controls will be confirmed during preliminary design. - The potential for above-ground uses was considered and will be investigated further during detailed design. - Since the purpose of this Project is to accommodate growth in upper York, the Project Report does not include an assessment of impacts related to potential developments within the Greenbelt. However, all the relevant infrastructure is being sized based on the assumption that the lands in Pickering that have been removed from the Greenbelt will be developed.
City of Richmond Hill	18/08/2023 Meeting	<p>The City provided the following comments during two meetings to provide an introduction to the Project and to present the draft conceptual designs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider coordination with the Regional project on Stouffville Road and Leslie Street in 2025. There is a significant amount of development activity on Leslie Street to consider for construction coordination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - York Region and Durham Region will be coordinating with other major construction projects.
City of Markham	05/07/2023 Meeting	<p>The City provided the following comments during two meetings to provide an introduction to the Project and present the draft conceptual designs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the alignment for the Markham Collector Twinning be within the Ministry of Transportation alignment? - The Markham Centre Secondary Plan is within the study area and is in progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed alignment for the Markham Collector is primarily within the hydro corridor. - The Markham Centre Secondary Plan was considered as part of assessing the potential impacts on existing and future land uses.
City of Markham	22/09/2023 Email	<p>The City provided the following comments on the conceptual design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could you clarify if the proposed work will affect any existing City of Markham infrastructure, such as sewers, water mains, roads, and structures? If there are impacts on City infrastructures, we will need to review the design to ensure it aligns with the City's standards. Conversely, if there are no impacts on City infrastructure, we may not require involvement in the design review process. - Please confirm the expected timelines for design completion, as well as the anticipated start and completion dates for the construction phase. - As we approach the construction phase (prior to issuing tenders), we kindly request that York Region present the proposed work, their communication plan, and how they intend to inform the public about it to our City Council. - Please also confirm the methods through which York Region intends to communicate with the public regarding the current design and the upcoming construction. It is essential that our Ward Councillor(s) is kept updated on the progress of the work and its schedule. Additionally, we need to provide updates to our Director at key milestones, such as design completion, public meetings, tender processes, and construction commencement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We do not anticipate any impacts on the City of Markham's infrastructure. The Markham Collector is currently proposed to be located primarily within existing right of ways, including the Hydro One corridor south of Highway 407 and the Rouge Bank Drive right of way. The construction will also be carried out by tunnelling methods at a depth that will avoid conflicts with other infrastructure. York Region will continue to consult the City during detailed design to discuss potential impacts on City infrastructure. - The proposed timeline is included in Chapter 11. Design and construction of the Markham Collector is expected to take place between 2033 and 2041. - As requested, prior to construction, York Region will provide information to the City on the proposed work and communication plan. - York Region will continue to keep the City updated as design and construction progresses. Prior to construction, York Region will provide information to the City on the public communication plan.
Township of King	31/07/2023 Meeting	<p>The Township provided the following comments during two meetings to provide an introduction to the Project and a meeting to present the draft conceptual designs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the Leslie Street alignment for the Yonge Street sewer twinning affect King Township, as they understood that sewer was required to accommodate growth in King Township? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While the purpose of this Project is to address growth in East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora, the Leslie Street Trunk Sewer is expected to free up capacity in the existing Yonge Street sewer.
Town of Aurora	14/08/2023 Meeting	<p>The Town provided the following comments during two meetings to provide an introduction to the Project and a meeting to present the draft conceptual designs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a watermain crossing for the subdivision on the east side of Melvin Robson Ave. and the Region's watermain on Leslie Street. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential conflicts with these watermains, as well as other utilities, will be considered during detailed design.

6. Conclusions and Commitments for Future Engagement with Interested Persons

As a result of the consultation activities described in section 4, some of the agencies and local municipalities provided comments on the draft conceptual designs of the Project. The conceptual designs were revised to address comments received from agencies and local municipalities.

York Region and Durham Region are committed to continued consultation with interested persons and Indigenous communities during design and construction of the Project. With this context in mind, York Region and Durham Region made several commitments during the consultation process described in this Report for future consultation.

Specifically, York Region and Durham Region will:

- Consider comments provided by interested persons on the Project Report and, if directed by the Minister, revise the Project Report to address comments.
- If required, submit a revised Project Report to the Minister, make the revised Project Report publicly available on York Region and Durham Region websites, notify interested persons of availability of the revised Project Report, and provide the revised Project Report available to Indigenous Nations.
- If required, update this Interested Persons Consultation Report to describe comments received on the revised Project Report and how those comments were considered.
- Consult with agencies on an as-needed basis during design and construction to discuss issues related to their agencies' mandate, such as permits and approvals identified in the Project Report.
- Consult with local municipalities on an as-needed basis during design and construction to discuss Project components within each local municipality.
- Consider written comments provided by Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as part of finalizing cultural heritage reports, and consider comments provided by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority as part of detailed design.
- Consult with directly affected property owners, as required, to discuss permanent or temporary easements or property acquisition.
- Notify residents and businesses prior to construction in accordance with York Region and Durham Region's construction notification policies.

As per subsection 5 (5) of the *Act*, York Region and Durham Region will complete consultation by a date specified by the Minister.

7. Meeting Requirements of the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*

As described in section 1, the *Act* sets out requirements for consultation on the Project with interested persons. Table 7.1 describes the consultation requirements included in subsections 4 and 5 of the *Act* and the actions taken by York Region and Durham Region to fulfill those requirements.

Table 7.1 Consultation Requirements under the York and Durham Regions Act, 2022

Section of Act	How the requirements of the section were fulfilled
<p>Part III REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE SEWAGE WORKS Report</p> <p>4 (4) Promptly after completing the report required under this section, York Region and Durham Region shall,</p> <p>(a) provide the report to the Minister;</p>	<p>As described in section 4, the Project Report was provided to the Minister on October 20, 2023.</p>
<p>(b) make the report publicly available on their respective websites, and</p>	<p>As described in section 4, the Project Report was made publicly available on York Region and Durham Region’s websites beginning on October 20, 2023.</p>
<p>(c) provide the report to each Indigenous community identified on the list provided by the Minister under subsection 5 (4) for the purposes of the consultation required under section 5.</p>	<p>Refer to the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report.</p>
<p>Revised report</p> <p>(5) The Minister may require York Region and Durham Region to make revisions to the report provided to the Minister under subsection (4) by a date specified by the Minister.</p>	<p>As described in section 6, York Region and Durham Region will consider comments provided by interested persons and Indigenous communities and will revise the Project Report as required by the Minister.</p>
<p>Revised report to be made public</p> <p>(6) Subsection (4) applies to a revised report required under subsection (5).</p>	<p>As described in section 6, York Region and Durham Region will, if required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide the revised Project Report to the Minister. – Make the revised Project Report publicly available on York and Durham Region’s website. – Provide the revised Project Report to Indigenous communities.
<p>Consultation</p> <p>5 (1) York Region and Durham Region shall, in accordance with this section and any regulations, consult with every Indigenous community that is identified on a list provided by the Minister under subsection (4) and with persons who, in the opinion of York Region and Durham Region, may be interested in the York Region sewage works project.</p>	<p>York Region and Durham Region used a variety of ways, as described in section 3, to identify persons who may be interested in the Project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Notices in local newspapers having circulation in all municipalities in York Region as well as in the Town of Ajax and the City of Pickering. – Letters to all York Region local municipalities, the Town of Ajax and the City of Pickering. – Letters to federal, provincial and local agencies who may be impacted by the Project or have a future role in issuing permits and/or approvals for the Project. <p>York Region and Durham Region consulted with interested persons during development of the Project Report in a variety of ways, as described in section 4.</p>

Section of Act	How the requirements of the section were fulfilled
<p>Commencement of consultation</p> <p>(2) The consultation required by subsection (1) shall begin no later than 30 days after the list described in subsection (4) is provided by the Minister.</p>	<p>As described in the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report, consultation began on May 19, 2023, less than 30 days following receipt of the list of Indigenous Nations to be consulted by the Minister on April 25, 2023.</p>
<p>Indigenous communities</p> <p>(3) As part of the consultation, York Region and Durham Region shall discuss with each Indigenous community identified on the list provided by the Minister under subsection (4),</p> <p>(a) the contents of the report required by section 4;</p> <p>(b) any aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the project;</p> <p>(c) any potential adverse impacts of the project on aboriginal or treaty rights; and</p> <p>(d) measures that may avoid or mitigate potential adverse impacts on aboriginal or treaty rights, including any measures identified by the community.</p>	<p>Refer to the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report</p>
<p>List of Indigenous communities</p> <p>(4) Before commencing consultation under this section, York Region and Durham Region shall obtain from the Minister a list of Indigenous communities that, in the opinion of the Minister, have or may have aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the York Region sewage works project.</p>	<p>Refer to the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report</p>
<p>Consultation to be completed</p> <p>(5) Any consultation required under this section shall be completed by the date specified by the Minister.</p>	<p>As described in section 6, York Region and Durham Region will complete consultation by a date specified by the Minister.</p>
<p>Consultation report</p> <p>(6) Following the completion of consultation under this section, York Region and Durham Region shall provide the Minister with separate consultation reports, one respecting consultation with Indigenous communities and one with respect to consultation with other interested persons, each of which must include, as applicable,</p> <p>(a) a description of the consultations carried out;</p>	<p>A description of the consultation carried out is included in section 4.</p>
<p>(b) a list of the Indigenous communities or interested persons who participated in the consultations;</p>	<p>A list of interested persons who participated is included in section 3. A list of Indigenous communities consulted is included in the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report.</p>
<p>(c) summaries of any comments submitted;</p>	<p>A summary of the comments submitted by interested persons is included in section 5.</p>
<p>(d) copies of all written comments submitted by Indigenous communities or other interested persons;</p>	<p>Copies of written comments submitted by interested persons are included 4.</p>
<p>(e) a summary of discussions that York Region and Durham Region had with Indigenous communities or other interested persons;</p>	<p>A summary of the discussions that York Region and Durham Region have had with interested persons is included in section How Interested Persons Were Consulted. A summary of the discussions that York Region and Durham Region have had with interested persons is included in the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report.</p>

Section of Act	How the requirements of the section were fulfilled
(f) a description of what York Region and Durham Region did to respond to concerns expressed by Indigenous communities or other interested persons; and	A description of what York Region and Durham Region did to respond to concerns expressed by interested persons is included in section 5. A description of what York Region and Durham Region did to respond to concerns expressed by Indigenous communities is included in the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report.
(g) any commitments made by York Region and Durham Region to Indigenous communities or other interested persons in respect of the York Region sewage works project.	Commitments made by York Region and Durham Region to interested persons regarding the Project are included in section 6. Commitments made by York Region and Durham Region to Indigenous Nations are included in the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report.
<p>Further consultation</p> <p>(7) Following the receipt of the report required under subsection (6), the Minister may require York Region and Durham Region to engage in further consultation with an Indigenous community identified on the list provided by the Minister under subsection (4).</p>	Refer to the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report.
<p>Modification</p> <p>(8) The report required under subsection (6) shall be modified by York Region and Durham Region to reflect any further consultation required by the Minister under subsection (7) and, following the completion of the consultation, submitted to the Minister.</p>	Refer to the Indigenous Communities Consultation Report.
<p>Consultation by Minister</p> <p>(9) For greater certainty, nothing in this section prevents the Minister from consulting with any Indigenous communities that, in the Minister's opinion, have or may have aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the York Region sewage works project.</p>	Acknowledged that the Minister may consult directly with Indigenous communities that may have Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted.



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