

Appendices

Appendix A

**April 25, 2023 Letter from the Minister of the
Environment, Conservation and Parks**



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April 25, 2023

Erin Mahoney
Commissioner, Environmental Services
Regional Municipality of York
Email: erin.mahoney@york.ca

John Presta
Commissioner of Works
Regional Municipality of Durham
Email: john.presta@durham.ca

Dear Erin Mahoney and John Presta:

I am writing to provide you with a list of Indigenous communities that have or may have Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the York Region sewage works project (the "Project"), in accordance with subsection 5 (4) of the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022* (the Act).

The Government of Ontario (the Crown) has a constitutional duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous communities when it contemplates conduct that might adversely affect established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights as recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* ("s. 35 rights"). Although the Crown remains responsible for ensuring the adequacy of consultation with communities to whom the duty to consult is owed, it may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to project proponents. As such, I am providing the list of Indigenous Communities with whom York and Durham Regions are required to consult with in accordance with s. 5 of the Act.

York and Durham Regions are required to consult the following communities under section 5 of the Act:

- Williams Treaties First Nations:
 - Curve Lake First Nation
 - Alderville First Nation
 - Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
 - Hiawatha First Nation
 - Rama First Nation
 - Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
 - Beausoleil First Nation

Note: it is common practice to copy Karry Sandy Mackenzie, coordinator Williams Treaties First Nations, on correspondence to the above communities.

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Kawartha Nishnawbe

- Huron-Wendat, to be notified if there are likely to be impacts to archaeological resources

Please be aware that this list may be subject to change as new information becomes available and/or there are changes to the scope of the Project.

Consultation with the Indigenous communities listed above and interested persons is required to begin no later than 30 days from the date of this letter.

Consultation must include discussions with each of the listed communities in respect of the contents of the report required by section 4 of the Act, any Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the project, any potential adverse impacts of the project on Aboriginal or treaty rights; and measures that may avoid or mitigate potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights, including any measures identified by the community.

I am also requesting that the ministry be notified if during the course of the above discussions York or Durham becomes aware of new information about additional Indigenous communities or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project or if the required consultations are delayed or stalled.

You are advised to initiate contact through the elected Chief and Council of each Indigenous community, with the exception of Kawartha Nishnawbe [please contact nodin.webb@hotmail.com; samgharvey@live.com; giiwednang@hotmail.com; kawarthanishnawbecouncil@outlook.com] and Huron-Wendat [please contact Grand Chief Rémy Vincent]. Please let the ministry know if you require any other contact information for any of the communities listed above.

York and Durham Regions are also required to maintain an accurate and up to date record of consultation for each individual community, that contains all related communications including letters/emails/phone calls (outgoing & incoming), public notices, meetings (agendas, meeting minutes), issues raised and how they have been addressed, evidence of follow up responses, and documentation of any follow up responses or comments from the communities. This information will be a vital component for the Crown's consideration prior to making required decisions about your applications

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the above, please contact Tom North at tom.north@ontario.ca.

We appreciate York and Durham Region's continued commitment to working effectively and collaboratively to implement the York Region Sewage Works Project and other projects to support growth in the Regions.

Sincerely,



David Piccini
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Appendix B

Introductory Letters

May 19, 2023

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Joanne Sandy
Chief
Beausoleil First Nation
1 -O'Gema Miikaan
Christian Island, ON L9M 0A9

Attention: Chief Joanne Sandy

Dear Chief Joanne Sandy:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

On behalf of The Regional Municipality of York, we would like to introduce the York Region Sewage Works Project and respectfully extend our commitment to opening an ongoing dialogue with Beausoleil First Nation regarding this project and its potential impacts.

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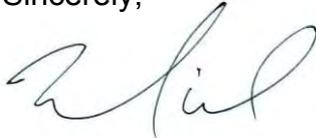
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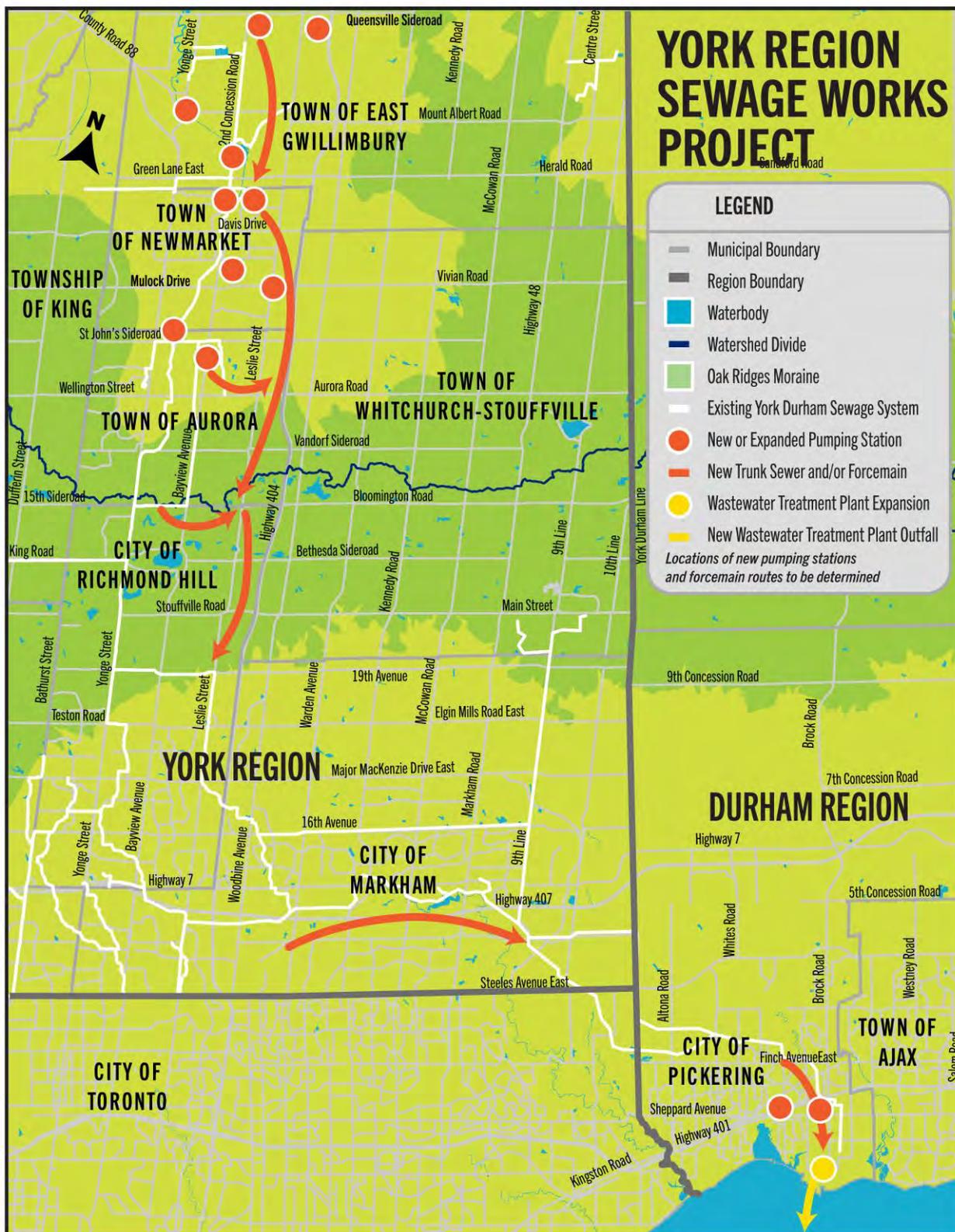


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May 19, 2023

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Donna Big Canoe
Chief
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
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Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0

Attention: Chief Donna Big Canoe

Dear Chief Donna Big Canoe:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

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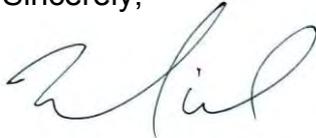
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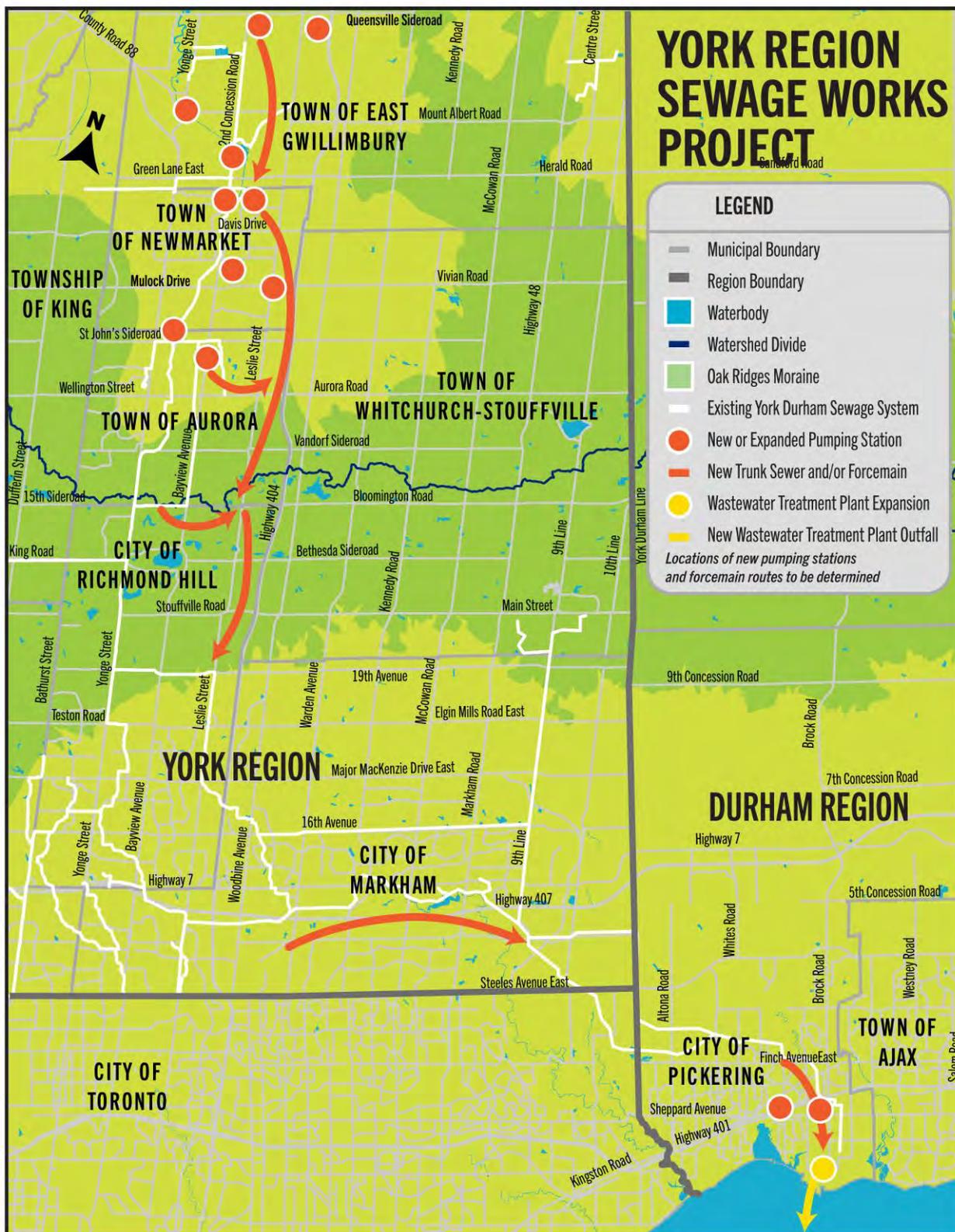


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May 19, 2023

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Ted Williams
Chief
Chippewas of Rama First Nation
5884 Rama Road
Suite 200
Rama, ON L3V 6H3

Attention: Chief Ted Williams

Dear Chief Ted Williams:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

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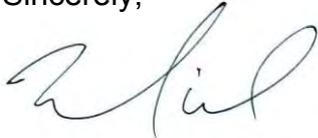
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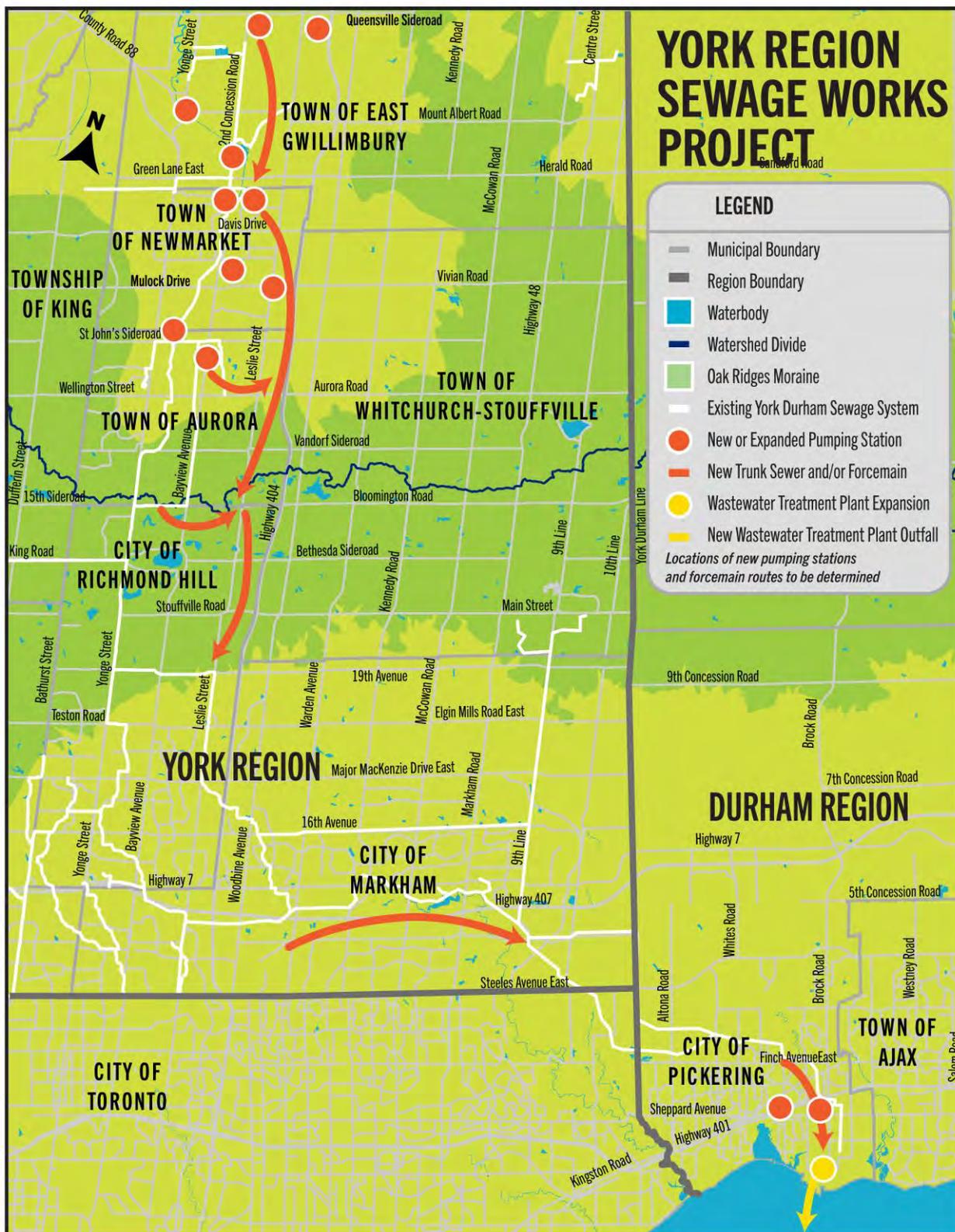


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May 19, 2023

administration@wendake.ca

Rémy Vincent
Grand Chief
Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat
255 Place Chef Michel Laveau
Wendake, QC GOA 4VO

Attention: Grand Chief Rémy Vincent

Dear Grand Chief Rémy Vincent:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

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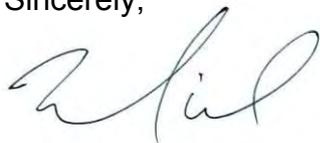
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May 24, 2023

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Karry Sandy-McKenzie
Coordinator Williams Treaty First Nations
Coordinator Williams Treaties First Nations
8 Creswick Court
Barrie, ON L4M 2J7

Attention: Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Coordinator Williams Treaty First Nations

Dear Karry Sandy-McKenzie:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

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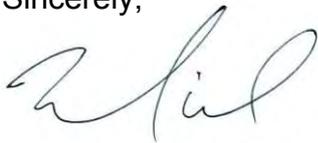
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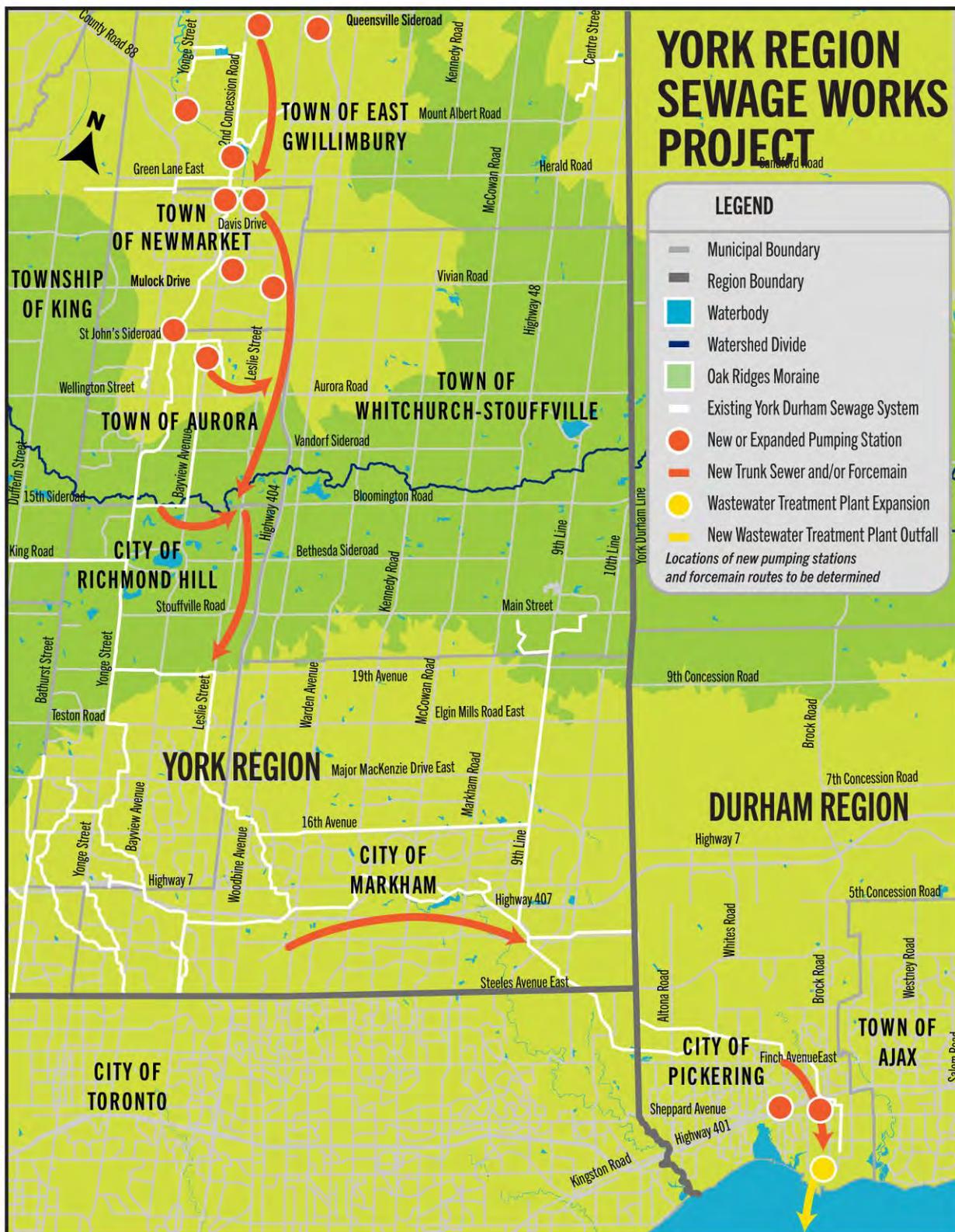


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Keith Knott
Chief
Curve Lake First Nation
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Attention: Chief Keith Knott

Dear Chief Keith Knott:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

On behalf of The Regional Municipality of York, we would like to introduce the York Region Sewage Works Project and respectfully extend our commitment to opening an ongoing dialogue with Curve Lake First Nation regarding this project and its potential impacts.

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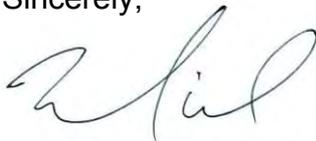
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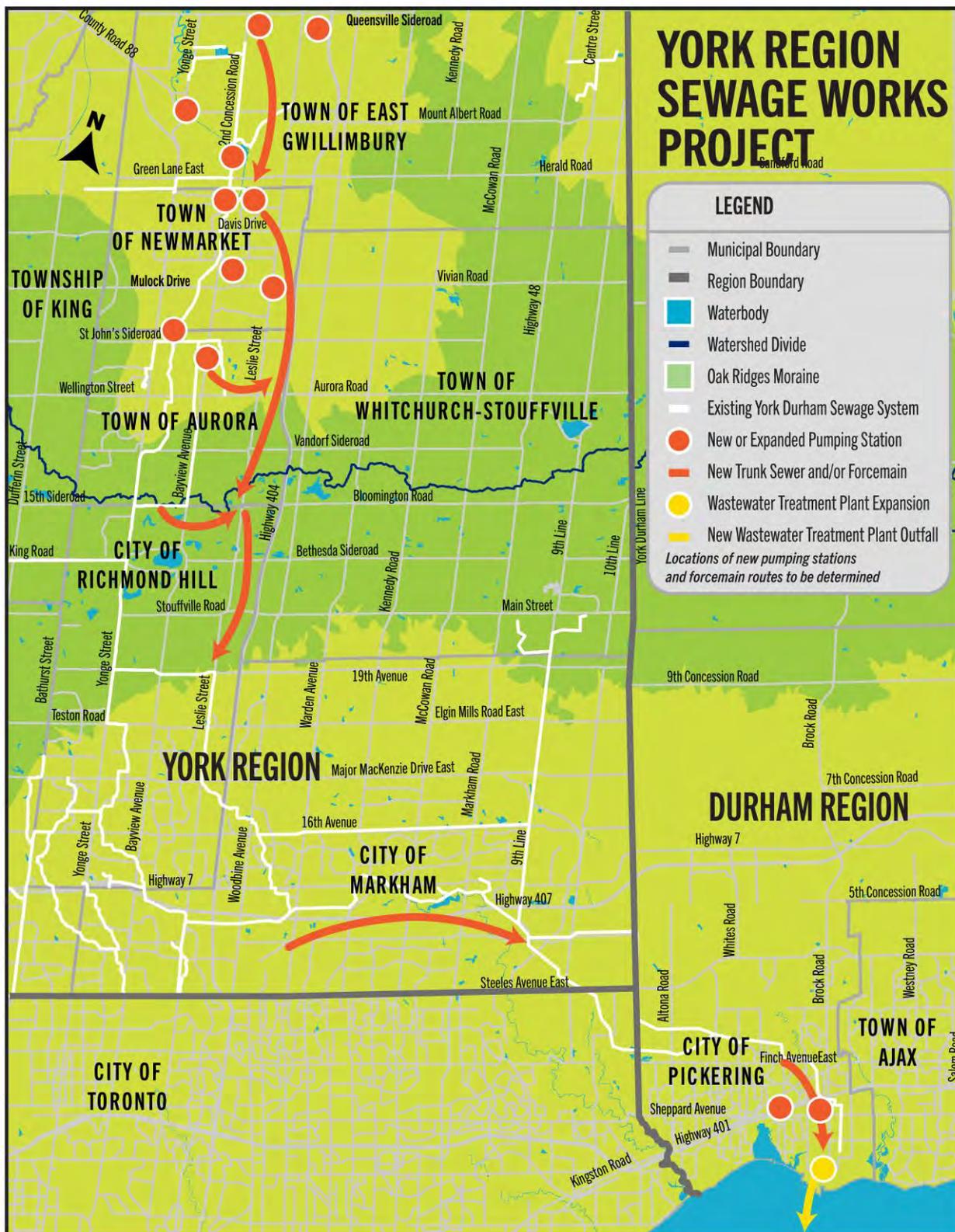


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Laurie Carr
Chief
Hiawatha First Nation
431 Hiawatha Line
Hiawatha, ON K9J 0E6

Attention: Chief Laurie Carr

Dear Chief Laurie Carr:

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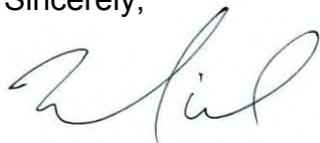
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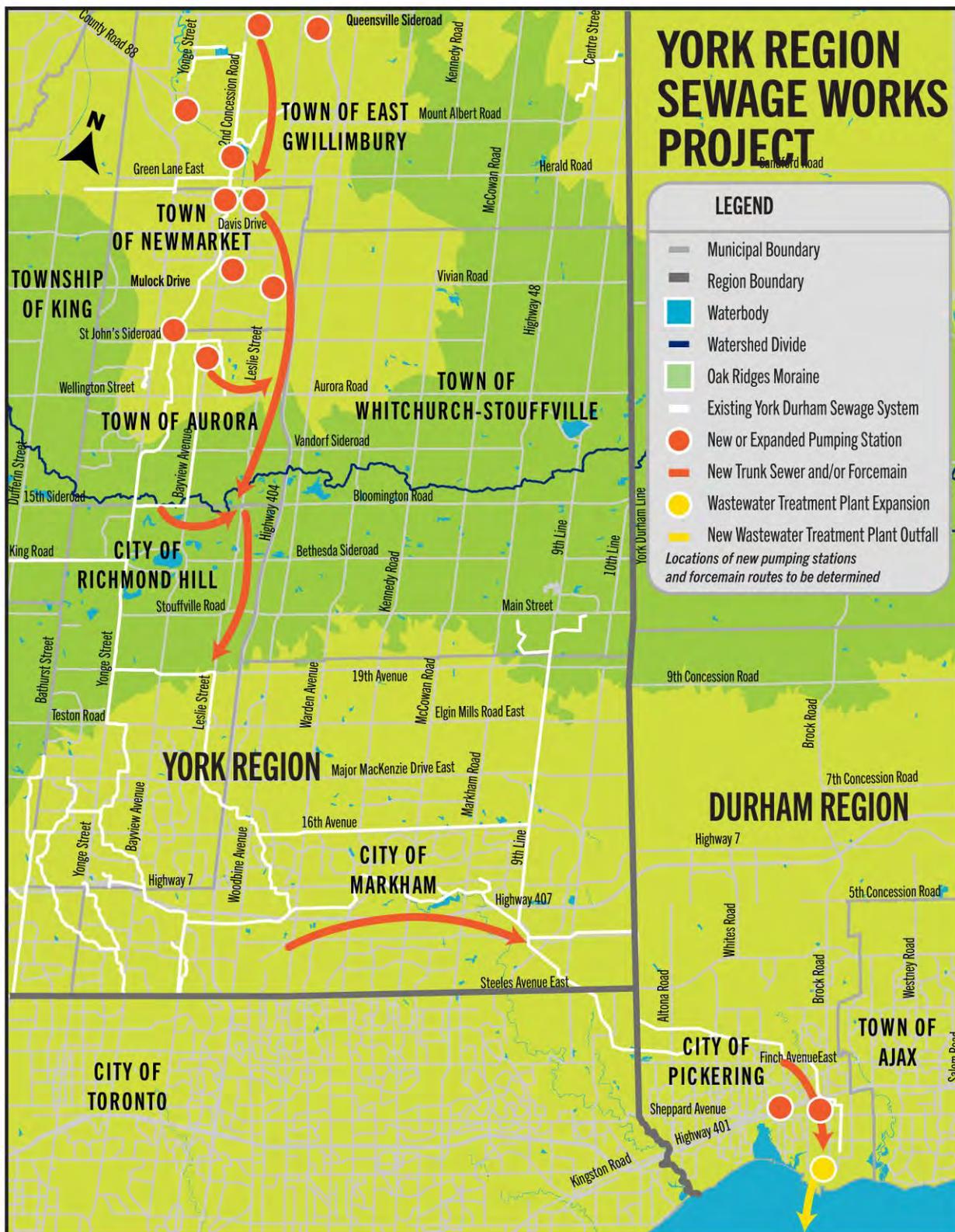


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Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
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Attention: Kawartha Nishnawbe Council

Dear Kawartha Nishnawbe Council:

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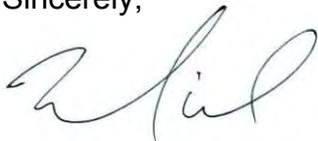
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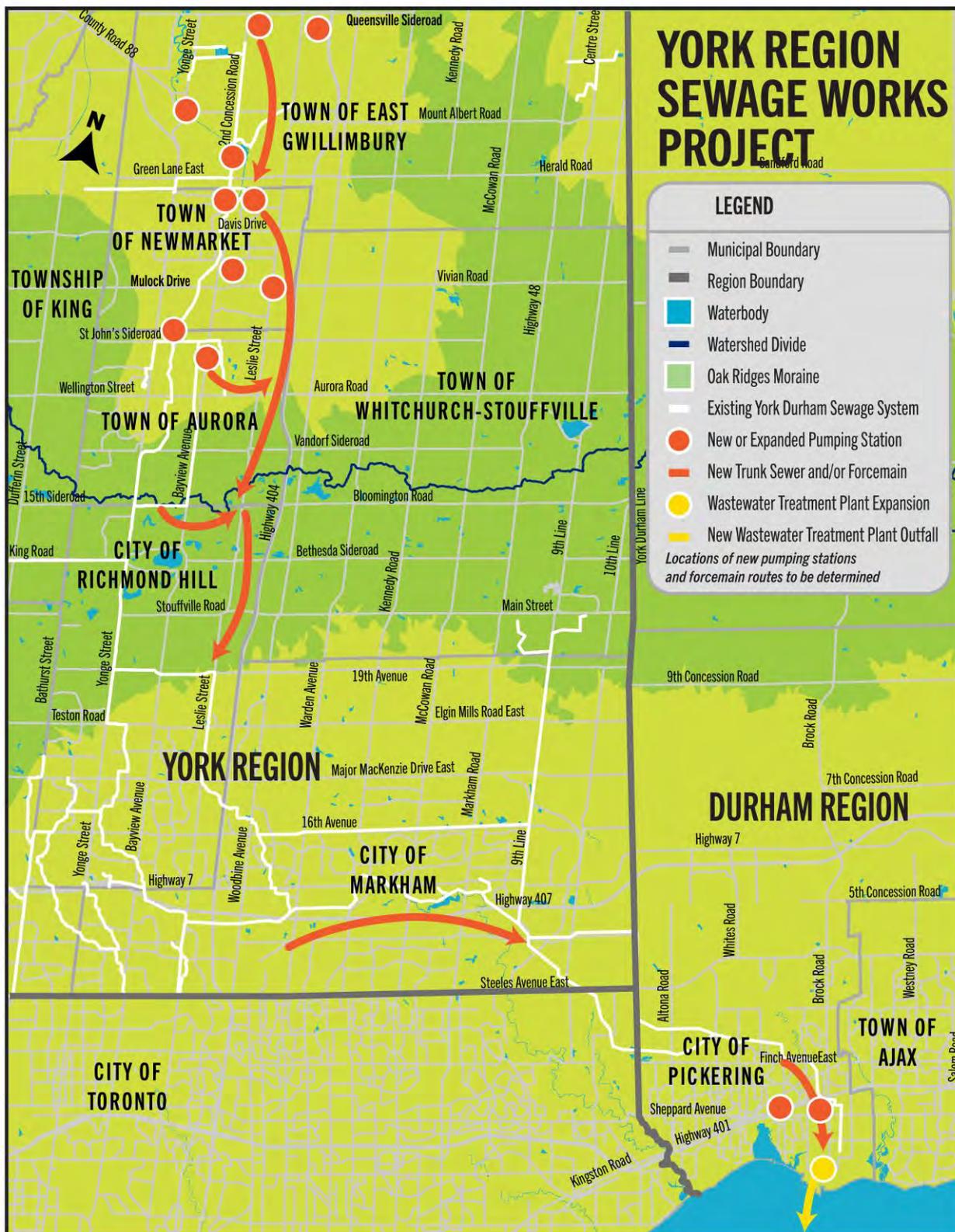


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May 19, 2023

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Dave Mowatt
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Attention: Dave Mowatt, Chief

Dear Dave Mowatt:

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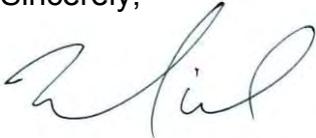
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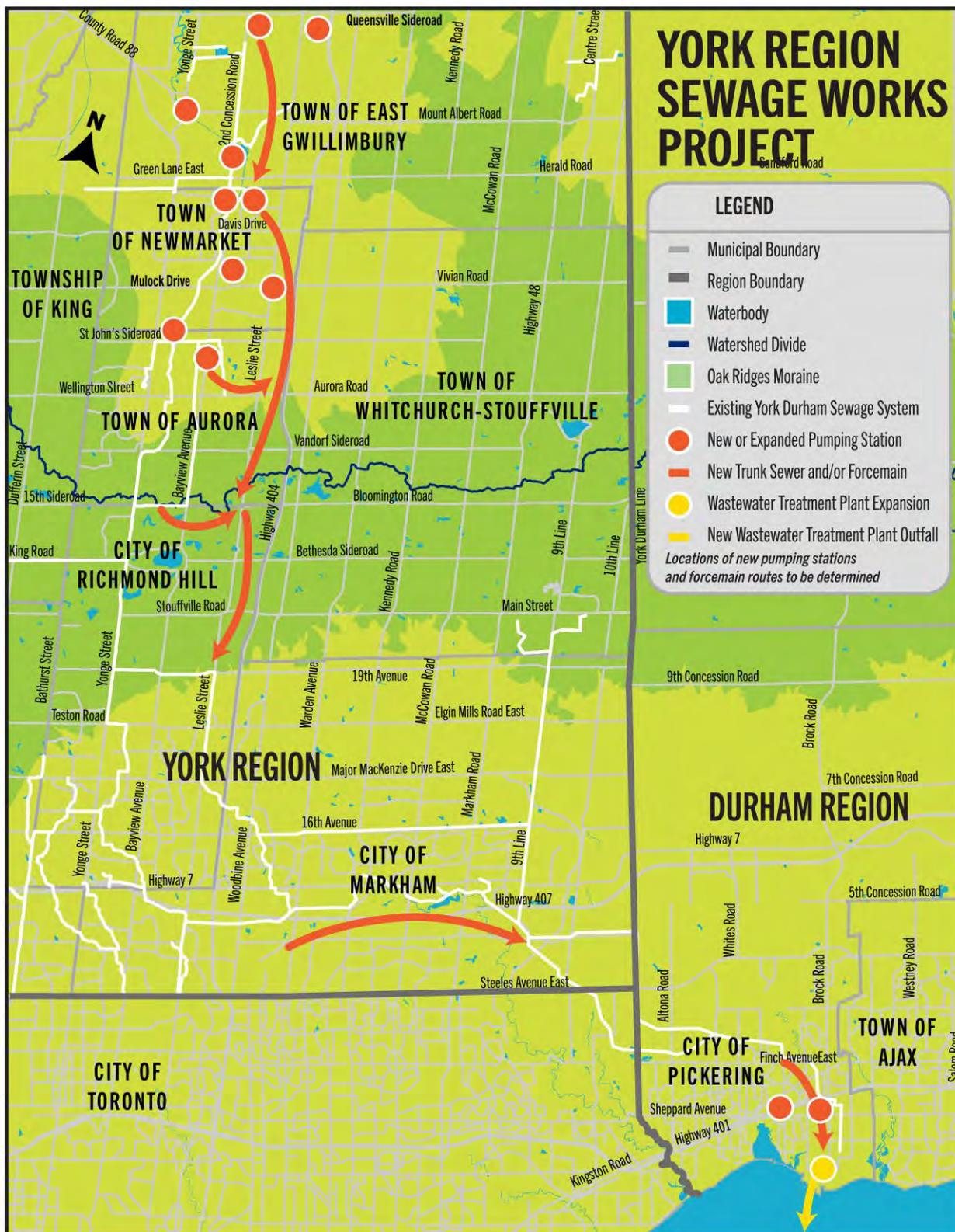


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Attention: Kelly LaRocca, Chief

Dear Kelly LaRocca:

Re: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

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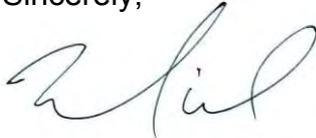
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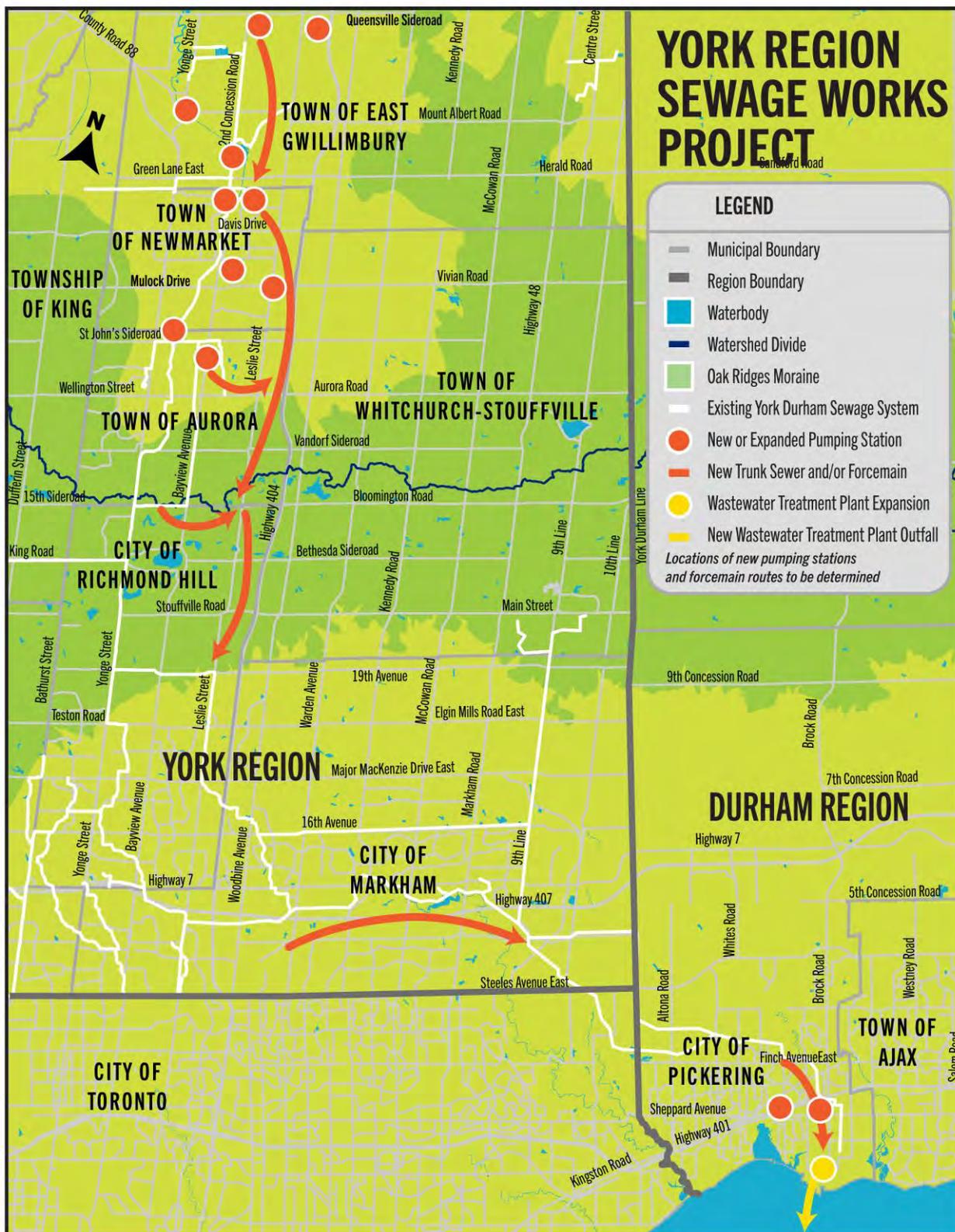


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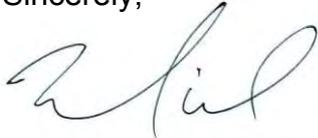
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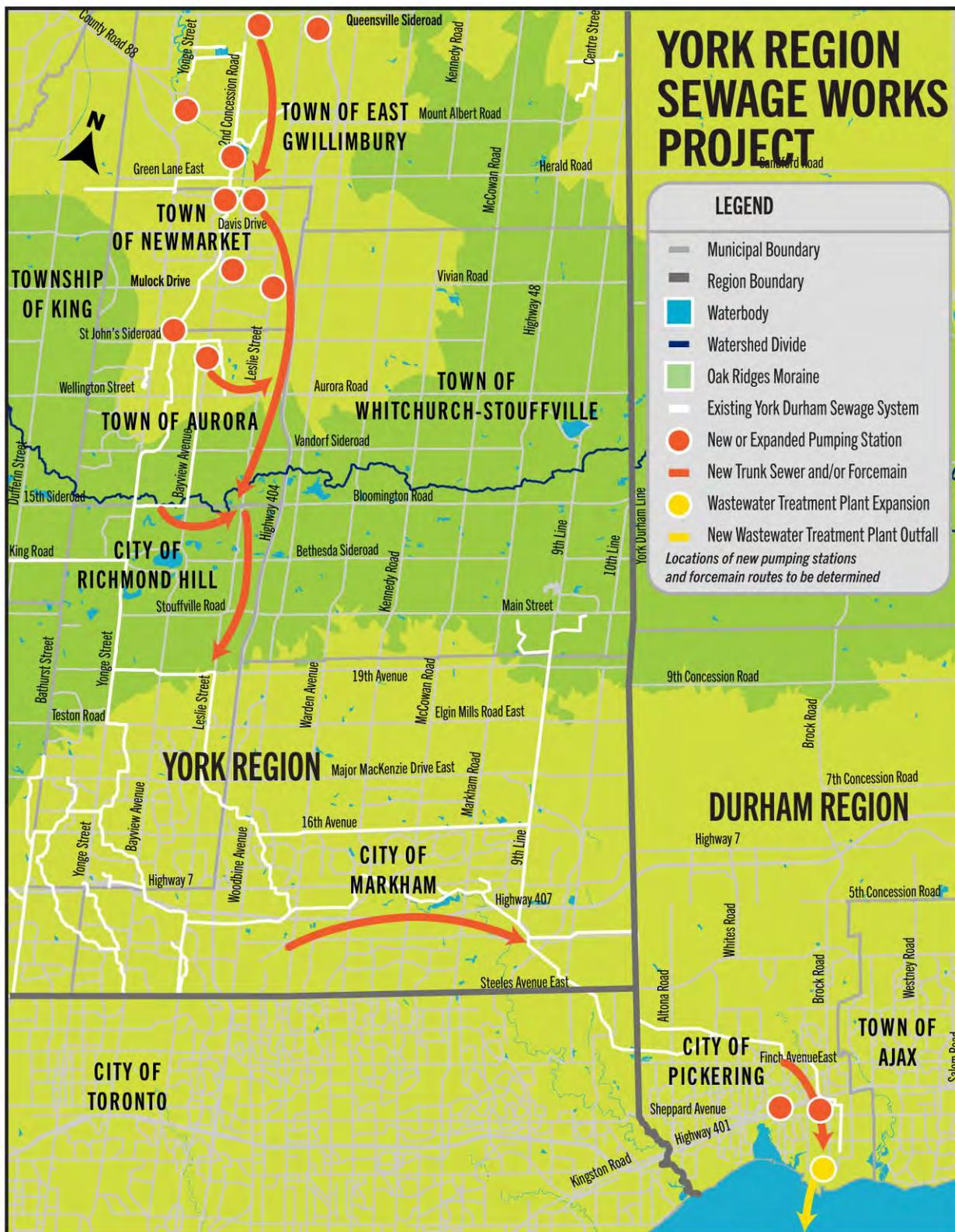


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Appendix C

**Record of Consultation with Indigenous
Communities**



Record of Meetings with Indigenous Communities

Meeting Number	Meeting date and time	Participants	Subject
1	June 30, 2023 (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)	Alderville First Nation	Introduction to project and discussing Nation's interests related to the Project
2	June 12, 2023 (2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)	Hiawatha First Nation	Introduction to project and discussing Nation's interests related to the Project
3	June 8, 2023 (2 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)	Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Introduction to project and discussing Nation's interests related to the Project
4	June 20, 2023 (3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)	Scugog Island First Nation	Introduction to project and discussing Nation's interests related to the Project
5	July 18, 2023 (9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)	Scugog Island First Nation	Tour of Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plan



Record of Communications with Indigenous Communities

Mississaugas of Alderville First Nation

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Project Introduction Letter and Meeting	19/05/2023	Joanne Smoke	Telephone call	Introduced the project and confirm contact information	See below	See below	See below
	26/05/2023	Chief Dave Mowatt	Registered Mail and Emailed Letter	Letter of introduction by email and registered mail	See below	See below	See below
	29/05/2023	Julie Kapyrka	Outbound email (GHD to Alderville First Nation)	Follow-up email to confirm receipt of letter.	02/06/2023	Inbound email (Alderville First Nation to GHD)	Requested meeting
Stage 2 Archaeological Fieldwork	23/06/2023	Julie Kapyrka	Outbound Email (GHD to Alderville First Nation)	Advised of Stage 2 field work being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.	6/07/2023	Inbound email (Alderville First Nation to GHD)	Responded they do not have any available liaisons at this time and requested to be kept informed of the Stage 2 work and please send along the draft report when completed.
Introductory Meeting	30/06/2023	Chief Dave Mowatt Julie Kapyrka	Meeting	<p>Meeting on June 30, 2023. Meeting summary included below and in Appendix D:</p> <p>Primary interests are the environmental protection, species at risk, biodiversity, invasive species, climate change, impacts of shoreline development on Rice Lake and other area lakes on wild rice.</p> <p>Chief Mowat provided a summary of their Black Oak Savannah Restoration Site (http://aldervillesavanna.ca/)</p> <p>Tall grass prairie on 140 acres in the Oak Ridges Moraine</p> <p>Home to several species at risk</p> <p>Available for the project team to tour if requested.</p> <p>Chief Mowat noted the York Region area used to be known as the Western Hunting Grounds. Referenced by Isaac Johnson in testimonies taken during research for the Williams Treaties. Chief Mowat will provide digital copy if available.</p> <p>Chief Mowat noted that First Nations who are signatories to the Williams Treaties have treaty rights whereas the Huron-Wendat and Kwartha Nishnawbe do not. Julie noted it is not clear how the Ministry of the Environment identifies the Nations to be consulted.</p> <p>Julie noted there is often limited archaeological finds associated with Anishinabek people because it was important for them to leave the land better than when they arrive. Since Iroquois artefacts are more prevalent some archaeologists have an Iroquoian bias - for example not distinguishing Anishinabek as a distinct people and labelling them only as Algonquian speaking.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	04/08/2023	Julie Kapyrka	Outbound Email (GHD to Alderville First Nation)	<p>Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.</p> <p>Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.</p>	09/08/2023	Inbound email (Alderville First Nation to GHD)	Inquired if there was remuneration for reviews of the arch assessments.
					15/08/2023	Outbound Email (GHD to Alderville First Nation)	Confirmed there is remuneration for reviews.
					23/10/2023	Inbound email (Alderville First Nation to GHD)	Provided comments on Marine Archaeological Assessment and Duffin Creek WPCP Archaeological Assessment, included in Appendix F. York Region confirmed that comments will be considered as part of revising the archaeological reports and will continue to work with Alderville First Nation on completion of additional investigation related to the Duffin Creek WPCP.
					23/10/2023	Phone call (Alderville First Nation and GHD)	GHD confirmed that comments will be considered as part of revising the archaeological reports and that York Region will continue to work with Alderville First Nation on completion of additional investigations related to the Duffin Creek WPCP.
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Julie Kapyrka	Outbound email (GHD to Alderville First Nation)	<p>Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A



Beausoleil First Nation

Table 2 Record of Communication with Beausoleil First Nation

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	Date of Communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction	19/05/2023	Dana Monague	Telephone call from York Region	Left voicemail and requested a call back	No response received	N/A	N/A
	26/05/2023	Chief Joanne Sandy	Letter from York Region	Letter of introduction sent by email and registered mail	No response received	N/A	N/A
	29/05/2023	Dana Monague	Email from GHD Beausoleil	Follow up email to confirm receipt of email	No response received	N/A	N/A
Stage 2 Field Work	23/06/2023	Dana Monague	Outbound email (GHD to Dana Monague - Beausoleil First Nation)	Advised of Stage 2 field work being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.	No response received	N/A	N/A
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Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Dana Monague	Outbound email (GHD to Beausoleil First Nation)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	18/10/2023	Inbound email (Beausoleil First Nation to GHD)	Provided new contact and requested login for interactive map.
					18/10/2023	Outbound email (GHD to Beausoleil First Nation)	Provided login for interactive map and offered call to provide a summary of the Project.



Curve Lake First Nation

Table 3 Record of Communication with Curve Lake First Nation

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of Communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction Letter and Meeting	19/05/2023	Kaitlin Hill	Telephone call from York Region	Left voicemail and requested a call back.	See below	See below	See below
	26/05/2023	Keith Knott	Letter from York Region	Letter of introduction by email and registered mail.	No response received	N/A	N/A
	29/05/2023	Paige Williams	Telephone call with GHD	Confirmed Curve Lake First Nation is interested in participating in the project and meeting with York Region. GHD confirmed capacity funding is available.	N/A	N/A	N/A
	12/06/2023	Paige Williams	Email from GHD	Followed up to confirm interest in meeting.	No response received	N/A	N/A
	23/06/2023	Paige Williams	Email from GHD	Advised of Stage 2 field work being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.	No response received	N/A	N/A
Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	04/08/2023	Paige	Outbound email (GHD to Curve Lake First Nation)	<p>Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.</p> <p>Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.</p>	No response received	N/A	N/A
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Paige Williams	Outbound email (GHD to Curve Lake First Nation)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	20/10/2023	Phone call from GHD to Curve Lake First Nation	Confirmed they have interest in a presentation overview and interest in capacity funding to allow for additional resources to review the report.
					20/10/2023	Outbound email (GHD to Curve Lake First Nation)	Confirmed capacity funding is available and available to meet.

Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (CGIFN)

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Project Introduction Letter	19/05/2023	Brandon Stiles	Telephone call from York Region	York Region left voicemail	No response received	N/A	N/A
	26/05/2023	Chief Donna Big Canoe	Letter from York Region to CGIFN	Sent letter of introduction by email and registered mail	29/05/2023	Outbound email (GHD to CGIFN)	Follow-up email to confirm receipt of letter
					30/05/2023	Inbound email from Chief Big Canoe (CGIFN to GHD)	Forwarded email to Environment Coordinator, Brandon Stiles
					31/05/2023	Inbound email from Brandon Stiles (CGIFN to GHD)	Responded that based on the map, this appears to be the sewage project to Duffins Creek that would not discharge in Lake Simcoe. The issues are likely around intrabasin transfers (L Simcoe groundwater to L Ontario) and impact on fish habitat in Ajax. Recommended coordination with the WTFN Nations requested to be kept included on any correspondence.
					01/06/2023	Outbound email (GHD to CGIFN)	Confirmed that wastewater discharge would be at Duffins Creek WPCP and not in the Lake Simcoe watershed and confirmed that Curve Lake First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Rama First Nation and Beausoleil First Nation have been contacted regarding this Project, as well as Karry Sandy Mackenzie. Confirmed they will continue to be informed of project progress
Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	23/06/2023	Brandon Stiles	Outbound email (GHD to CGIFN)	Advised of Stage 2 fieldwork being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.	No response received	N/A	N/A
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Chippewas of Rama First Nation

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Project Introduction Letter and Meeting Summary	19/05/2023	Ben Benson	Telephone	York Region called and left voicemail	No response received	N/A	N/A
	26/05/2023	Chief Ted Williams	Letter from York Region to Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Sent letter of introduction by email and registered mail	26/05/2023	Email from Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Confirmed interest in meeting
Project Introduction	08/06/2023	Ben Benson	Meeting	<p>Meeting on June 6, 2023. Meeting summary included below and in Appendix D:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Rama First Nation is interested in any project that potentially impacts burial sites as well as any project that potentially impacts your harvesting and fishing rights, including impacts to the air and water, which extends the entire Williams Treaties area – Interested in water treatment and how wastewater is treated before it enters Lake Ontario – Not sure of locations of cultural importance within the study area (East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Markham, Pickering). Study area is south of the Landing (near 20866 Yonge Street) – ACTION: Ben to check with their archivist if they do have any cultural heritage information they are able and willing to share for inclusion in the cultural heritage study – Note that the Mississaugas are typically very interested in all Lake Ontario tributaries given their importance as Salmon habitat – Archaeological and Cultural Heritage reports will be released in early August – ACTION: Katrina will circulate when available – Outside of reviewing the archaeological and cultural heritage reports and Project Report, Ben is interested in receiving periodic updates <p>ACTION: Katrina to provide monthly or bimonthly updates as the project progresses</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment	23/06/2023	Ben Benson	Outbound email (GHD to Chippewas of Rama First Nation)	Advised of Stage 2 field work being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.	18/07/2023	Fieldwork Participation	Participated in monitoring of Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork
Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	04/08/2023	Ben Benson	Outbound email (GHD to Chippewas of Rama First Nation)	<p>Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.</p> <p>Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.</p>	15/08/2023	Inbound email (Chippewas of Rama First Nation to GHD)	Provided map the WTFN use when harvesting, the traditional hunting territories of my ancestors, and the written documentation of our nations history to be included in future archaeological reports. Noted that the Holland River is a historical Chippewa corridor, (see the traditional hunting territory map) and currently has many ancestor's remains and artifacts still in the ground. Requested notification if any digging is to occur around the Holland River.

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Responses to Original Communication		
	Date of Communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
							Confirmed no comments on Duffins Creek stage 2 report.
					21/09/2023	Outbound email (GHD to Chippewas of Rama First Nation)	Provided draft writeup to be included in Project Report regarding cultural heritage information provided by Rama First Nation.
					25/09/2023	Inbound email (Chippewas of Rama First Nation to GHD)	Confirmed that historical researcher reviewed information and confirmed that information is correct.
					18/10/2023	Outbound email (GHD to Chippewas of Rama First Nation)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.

Coordinator Williams Treaties First Nations

Table 6 Record of Communication with Coordinator Williams Treaties First Nations

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction Letter	26/05/2023	Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Letter	York Region sent letter of introduction by York Region and GHD sent by registered mail	No response received	N/A	N/A
Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	04/08/2023	Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Email from GHD to Williams Treaties First Nations	Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area. Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.	No response received	N/A	N/A
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Email from GHD to Williams Treaties First Nations	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Hiawatha First Nation

Table 7 Record of Communication with Hiawatha First Nation

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of communication
Project Introduction	19/05/2023	Tom Cowie	Telephone	York Region called and left voicemail for Sean Davison	No response received	N/A	N/A
	26/05/2023	Laurie Carr	Letter	York Region sent letter of introduction by York Region and GHD sent by registered mail	23/05/2023	Email from Hiawatha First Nation to York Region	Confirmed interest in meeting
Project Introduction	12/06/2023	Tom Cowie	Meeting	<p>Meeting on June 6, 2023. Meeting summary included below and in Appendix D:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Open to meeting as a group and collaborating on reviews with other Mississauga Nations and/or Williams Treaties Nations – Will assess capacity needs as we progress – Interested in being involved as the Project Report is developed. Most interested in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological • Cultural heritage, such as marker trees used on canoe routes • Ecological, including important species, flora, fauna, watersheds • Water quality in creeks, rivers and wetlands is very important, especially for salmon, and interested in impacts from effluent – Can provide traditional knowledge, but need more specific location information from us – Project team will establish a centralized location for project information and will provide more detailed information as available on what reports are being produced when, etc. 	13/06/2023	Inbound email from Tom Cowie (Hiawatha First Nation to GHD)	I know I mentioned Salmon, but also would like to include Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Bass that are associated with the Duffin Creek which is approximately an 80 km cold water tributary.
Stage 2 Archaeological Field Work	23/06/2023	Tom Cowie	Outbound email (GHD to Hiawatha First Nation)	Advised of Stage 2 field work being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.	23/06/2023	Inbound email from Tom Cowie (Hiawatha First Nation to GHD)	Confirmed will not be attending
Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	04/08/2023	Tom Cowie	Outbound email (GHD to Hiawatha First Nation)	<p>Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.</p> <p>Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.</p>	08/08/2023	Inbound email (Hiawatha First Nation to GHD)	Confirmed no questions or concerns
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Tom Cowie	Outbound email (GHD to Hiawatha First Nation)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	18/10/2023	Inbound email (Hiawatha First Nation to GHD)	Confirmed interest in meeting presentation if time allows. Have a great week. Meeting booked for November 8, 2023

Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat

Table 8 Record of Communication with Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of Communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction Letter and Meeting	19/05/2023	Mario Gros Louis	Telephone	York Region called general voice mailbox - no message left	See below	See below	See below
	26/05/2023	Grand Chief Rémy Vincent	Letter	York Region sent letter of introduction by York Region and GHD sent by registered mail	29/05/2023	Telephone	Noted that they are interested in reviewing the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessments, will request construction monitoring in areas that have been identified in Stage 1 as disturbed or wet, and is interested in providing relevant information for and review of the Cultural Heritage reports.
					23/06/2023	Outbound email to Dominic (GHD to Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat)	When we spoke in May, you indicated that Huron Wendat would likely be interested in archaeological monitoring for this Project. I believe I mentioned that no Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork is being done as part of the Project. While that's true, Stage 2 fieldwork is being planned for previously undisturbed portions of the Duffin Creek WPCP in Pickering for due diligence purposes. The fieldwork is scheduled for July 17-18 and July 24-28 . Let me know if Huron Wendat is interested in providing monitors.
Stage 2 Archaeological Field Work	23/06/2023	Dominic Ste-Marie	Outbound email (GHD to Hiawatha First Nation)	Advised of Stage 2 fieldwork being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.	No response received	N/A	N/A
Archaeological Assessments, Cultural Heritage Reports and Capacity Funding	04/08/2023	Dominic Ste-Marie	Outbound email (GHD to Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat)	<p>Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.</p> <p>Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.</p>	06/09/2023	Inbound email (Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat to GHD)	Requested more time to review archeological assessments and provided updated contact information, and asked if capacity funding was available.
					06/09/2023	Outbound email to Dominic Ste-Marie and Thiefaine Terrier (GHD to Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat)	Confirmed capacity funding is available, and requested comments by the end of September.
					19/09/2023	Inbound email from Dominique (Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat to GHD)	Unable to carry out the revision of the reports. Requested review of other similar projects.
					19/09/2023	Outbound email to Dominique (GHD to Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat)	Confirmed they will be kept informed.
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Dominique Lesage	Outbound email (GHD to Conseil de la Nation Huronne-Wendat)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	N/A	N/A	N/A



Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation

Table 9 Record of Communication with Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of Communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction Letter	26/05/2023	Kawartha Nishnawbe Council	Letter	York Region sent letter of introduction by York Region and GHD sent by registered mail.	06/06/2023	Letter	Received the letter back marked as "Moved/Unknown." Letter re-sent to new address. No response received.
					23/06/2023	Outbound email (GHD to Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation)	Follow-up email to confirm receipt
Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	04/08/2023	Kawartha Nishnawbe Council	Outbound email (GHD to Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation)	Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area. Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.	No response received	N/A	N/A
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Kawartha Nishnawbe Council	Outbound email (GHD to Curve Lake First Nation)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	No response received	N/A	N/A

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

Table 10 Record of Communication with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction Letter and Meeting	19/05/2023	Tom Turoczi	Telephone	York Region called and left voicemail at general voicemail box.	See below	See below	See below
	26/05/2023	Chief Kelly LaRocca	Letter	York Region sent letter of introduction by York Region and GHD sent by registered mail	29/05/2023	Email and voicemail	Email and voicemail to confirm receipt of email
					02/06/2023	Inbound email from Natalya Garrod (Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to GHD)	Requested meeting to discuss project
07/06/2023	Inbound email from Don Richardson (Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to GHD)	Requested materials in advance of meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terms of Reference or similar for the "Environmental Study" noted in Bill 23 2. Intentions for First Nation capacity funding agreements or similar to support engagement 3. Current Indigenous relations policies or similar for York Region and Durham Region, including policies for Indigenous procurement. 4. Direction received from Ontario for Indigenous engagement if any. 					

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
					08/06/2023	Outbound email to Don Richardson (GHD to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation)	<p>Provided responses to requests for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terms of Reference or similar for the "Environmental Study" noted in Bill 23 – A formal terms of reference is not being prepared. Committed to providing information on the types of impacts being assessed and supporting studies and the draft Table of Contents for the Project Report. 2. Confirmed capacity funding is available from York Region and the province. 3. Confirmed York Region is in the early stages of establishing an Indigenous relations office and requested copy of Consultation Protocol 4. Responded that direction was provided in Section 5 of the Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act (https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/22s21#BK7) and in a letter sent to the Region from the Minister.
					12/06/2023	Inbound email from Don Richardson (Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to GHD)	<p>Provided further responses to responses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under the Environmental Assessment Act, MSIFN has a clear understanding of the process, consultation/engagement subjects and milestones, and how inputs may be used by proponents to address impacts in Indigenous rights and interests, and how projects may represent opportunities for economic, environmental enhancement or other opportunities. For this project, MSIFN does not have line of sight to these items. Information on these items will be welcome. 2. Once MSIFN has information on engagement on process, inputs, impacts and opportunities, will determine the scope of capacity funding. Projects of this nature with linear corridor impacts typically include a Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA), including legal costs for reviewing such an agreement. Standard CFAs include line items for Project Engagement, Community Engagement Including Economic Opportunities, Field Activities, Community Led Studies, Project Study Reviews, Agreement Implementation and Legal Costs. 3. Project represents one of the largest civil works undertakings in Ontario. MSIFN's economic development corporation Noozhoo Nokiiyan Limited Partnership manages the for-profit enterprises and investments of the MSIFN - this includes a major shareholder role in Voyageur Services, an Indigenous civil construction, facilities maintenance, and equipment rental and supply business headquartered at MSIFN (see attached). Consultation and engagement on major projects typically include understanding Indigenous procurement opportunities that are guided by proponents' Indigenous procurement policies. <p>Letter acknowledged.</p>

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction	20/06/2023	Scugog Island First Nation	Meeting	<p>Meeting on June 20, 2023. Summary of meeting included below and included in Appendix D:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background on MSIFN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSIFN is the closest Nation to Duffin Creek • Treaty Rights extend up to Lake Simcoe • Significant interest in construction and procurement opportunities, as well as ownership and equity building opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Des Nedhe Group is an example of an Indigenous-owned wastewater treatment facility. • Regina and Saskatoon are examples of municipalities with progressive Indigenous procurement policies: Regina is a minimum spend of 20%; Saskatoon has a points-based system (https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/doing-business-city/diverse-procurement-practices/indigenous-procurement-protocol). City of Toronto is moving towards an Indigenous procurement policy. - MSIFN will want to sign a bilateral Project Agreement with York and Durham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katrina will request Project Agreement for Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit from Aaron • MSIFN to begin setup of Project Agreement - Have had preliminary discussions with Durham Region regarding economic opportunities at Duffin Creek WPCP - Would likely coordinate with other Williams Treaties First Nations informally on reviews and involvement rather than setup formal arrangement. - Would be interested in site visit for consultation staff to understand proposed works, in particular around Duffin Creek WPCP - Asked about infrastructure in or adjacent to Rouge Park. Confirmed no new infrastructure planned within the boundaries of Rouge Park. Will advise on proximity to Rouge Park once conceptual design is available. - Katrina to provide list of federal agencies being consulted and why: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Climate Change Canada: Project has potential to impact federal species at risk and migratory birds. • Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Project may require review under Fisheries Act. • Transport Canada: Project may require permit under Navigation Protection Act for works in Lake Ontario. To date we have circulated information to them, but active consultation will begin during detailed design. • In addition, Kimberlee Trainor from Parks Canada (Rouge National Urban Park) reached out to inquire about the project and if any works are proposed within the park boundary. - Asked if there is the potential to impact Schedule 1 Species at Risk. Katrina to inquire and provide response. 	N/A	N/A	N/A

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Response to Original Communication		
	Date of communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Asked if these projects have the potential to overlap with other major projects such as Metrolinx. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jose to confirm, however we do not believe they do – Interested in providing archaeological monitors for future Stage 2 assessments. Since any Stage 2 assessment would occur after the Project Report, this commitment can be included in the Project Report. – Suggestion for topic-based meetings open to multiple Indigenous communities. To facilitate involvement Katrina will provide the following as soon as its available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online map of study areas • Annotated Table of Contents for the Project Report and more details regarding what information will be available for review prior to Project Report submission. 			
Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and Duffin Creek WPCP Tour	23/06/2023	Don Richardson	Outbound email to (GHD to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation)	<p>Advised of Stage 2 field work being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.</p> <p>Scheduled tour of Duffin Creek WPCP for Tuesday July 18.</p>	23/06/2023	Inbound email from Don Richardson (Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to GHD)	Responded not in a position to provide archaeological monitors at this time, but would appreciate the opportunity to have a peer review of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 reports as soon as they are available.
					18/07/2023	Tour of Duffin Creek WPCP	Scugog Island First Nation participated in a tour of Duffin Creek WPCP
Comments on Archaeological Assessments and Cultural Heritage Reports	4/08/2023	Don Richardson, Tom Turoczi, Samantha Shrubsole, Natalya Garrod	Outbound email from GHD to MSIFN	<p>Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.</p> <p>Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.</p>	05/09/2023	Inbound email from MSIFN to GHD and Telephone call	Provided comments on archaeological assessments, included in Appendix F. York Region confirmed that comments will be considered as part of revising the archaeological reports and will continue to work with Scugog Island First Nation on completion of additional investigation related to the Duffin Creek WPCP.
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Don Richardson	Outbound email (GHD to MSIFN)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	No response received	N/A	N/A

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Table 11 Record of Communication with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Purpose of Communication	Original Communication				Responses to Original Communication		
	Date of Communication	Indigenous Nation Member Contacted	Method of Communication	Content of Communication	Date	Method of Communication (Stakeholders Involved)	Content of Communication
Project Introduction Letter	19/05/2023	Mark LaForme	Telephone	York Region called but there was no voicemail available - new phone system - no voicemail left	See below	See below	See below
	26/05/2023	Chief Stacey Laforme	Letter	York Region sent letter of introduction by York Region and GHD sent by registered mail	29/05/2023	Outbound email (GHD to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)	Follow up email to confirm receipt of letter.
					23/06/2023	Outbound email to Mark LaForme (GHD to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)	Advised of Stage 2 field work being planned at Duffin Creek WPCP, noting the Stage 2 assessment is not required for the Project and no infrastructure is proposed in these locations, but the survey is being completed for the specific portions of the property that have not undergone a Stage 2 assessment in the past. Invited to provide field monitors.
					29/06/2023	Telephone call and email (GHD to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)	Noted that Mississaugas of the Credit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Will not participate in active consultation for this Project and will not provide monitors for the Stage 2 assessment. – Interested in reviewing Stage 1 Archaeological reports when available. – Interested in participating in any Stage 3/4 assessments if they are required.
Online Engagement Portal, Review of Archaeological Assessments	08/09/2023	Mark LaForme	Outbound email (GHD to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)	Provided interactive map with impact assessment study areas and archaeological reports, and requested any identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted and/or any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area. Advised of schedule for Project Report and offered meeting to review specific aspects of the Project to help facilitate review.	No response received	N/A	N/A
Project Report Release	18/10/2023	Mark LaForme	Outbound Email (GHD to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation)	Provided advance notice of the Project Report and comment period and offered meeting to review a summary of the Project Report to facilitate review.	20/10/2023	Phone call from GHD to Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Confirmed interest in overview presentation. Meeting scheduled for November 6.

Appendix D

Meeting Presentations and Summaries

YORK REGION SEWAGE WORKS

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

June 2023



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PROVINCIAL MANDATE

On November 28, 2022, the Ontario government passed the *Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022*:

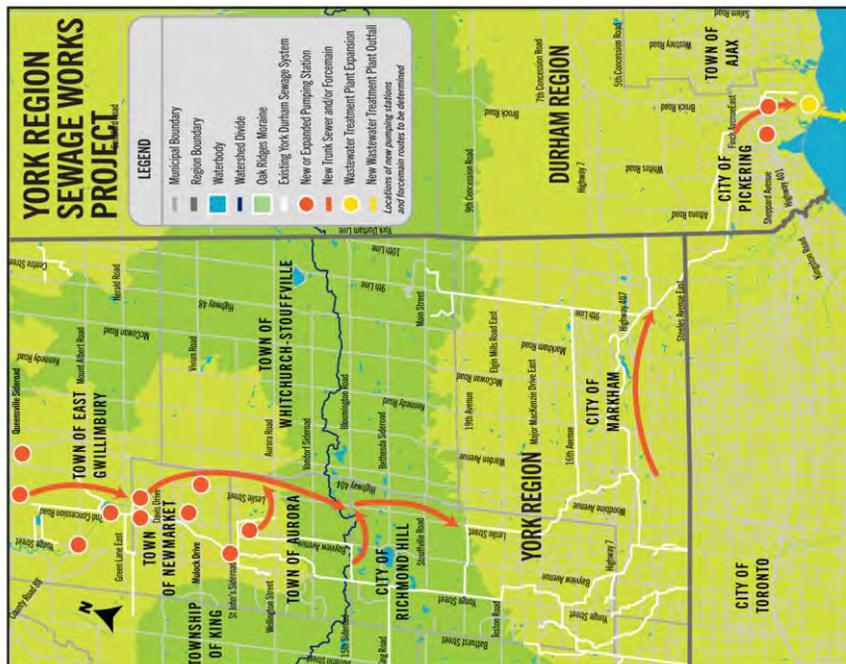
- Requires York Region and Durham Region to work together to carry out the York Region Sewage Works Project.
- Mandates York Region change from the previously proposed Lake Simcoe watershed solution, also known as Upper York Sewage Solutions, to a Lake Ontario solution that pumps, conveys and treats wastewater at the Duffin Creek Plant in Durham Region.

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INTRODUCTION

- The York Region Sewage Works Project is a long-term wastewater infrastructure project to service anticipated growth in the towns of Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury
- The Project will expand the existing York Durham Sewage System in the communities of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering.
- This includes new wastewater sewers, new pumping stations, expansions to existing pumping stations, and an expansion of the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant on the shore of Lake Ontario in Pickering

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PROVINCIAL MANDATE

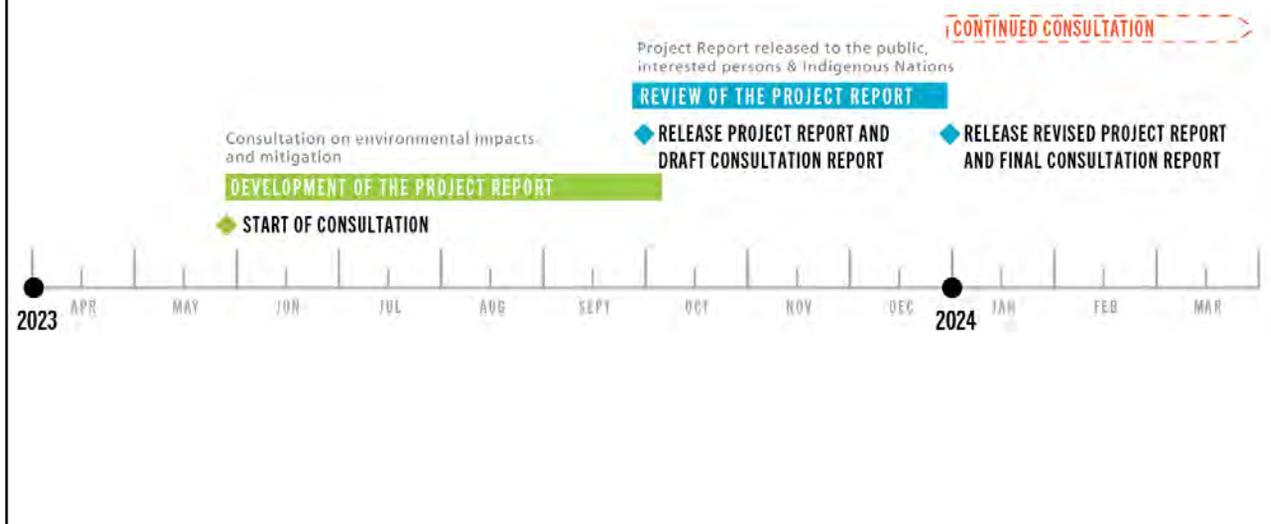
The Act requires that York Region prepare a Project Report that describes:

- The **infrastructure components** and their associated costs
- **Impacts** to the environment and how those impacts will be **mitigated**
- Impacts to **aboriginal or treaty rights** and how those impacts will be mitigated
- Other **approvals** required before construction and operation

Note: the infrastructure components in the Project Report are exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act.

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KEY MILESTONES



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PROJECT REPORT AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Project Report will assess impacts to the:

- **Natural environment**, including natural heritage features, ecosystems, and threatened or endangered species
- **Geotechnical** and **hydrogeological** conditions
- **Groundwater** and **surface watercourses** such as rivers, creeks and Lake Ontario
- Existing potential **soil and groundwater contamination**
- Existing **residences and businesses**, including agricultural operations
- **Archaeological resources** on land and marine environments
- **Cultural heritage landscapes**, including locations of importance to Indigenous peoples

Existing information sources will be used to assess environmental impacts.

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CONSULTATION

The Act mandates that York and Durham Regions consult with:

- **Indigenous Nations**
- **Persons who may be interested in the Project**

The Project Report will be made available for public review when it is submitted to the Ministry in Fall 2023 for Minister's review and decision making.

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CONSULTATION WITH INDIGENOUS NATIONS

- The Minister identified the Indigenous Nations to be consulted – Williams Treaties First Nations, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Kawartha Nishnawbe, and Huron Wendat First Nation.
- York Region is committed to building respectful and transparent relationships with Indigenous Nations and recognize their important role in projects like this.
- Indigenous Nations are being invited to actively participate in the Project, contribute to shaping the Project Report, and review draft sections of the report or supporting studies.
- Project Report will be completed by the end of Summer 2023
- Capacity support will be considered if required.

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CONSULTATION WITH INDIGENOUS NATIONS

The Project Report will help establish foundational principles and considerations for the substantive participation of Indigenous Nations, such as:

- How York and Durham Regions should consult with Indigenous Nations
- Identifying existing environmental conditions
- Identifying Indigenous traditional or ecological knowledge within the study area
- Identifying potential impacts to aboriginal or treaty rights from the Project
- Developing mitigation measures to avoid or mitigate impacts

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WHO IS INVOLVED

York Region

Project proponent

- Shu He, P.Eng. PMP, Manager of Engineering
- Jose Manalo, P.Eng. PMP, Project Manager

Durham Region

Co-proponent for work proposed within Durham Region.

GHD Ltd.

Project Report consultant for northern portion and consultation lead

- Tom Casher, P.Eng., Project Manager
- Katrina McCullough, RPP, Consultation Lead

Jacobs Consultancy Canada Inc.

Project Report consultant for southern portion

ASI Inc., TMHC Inc., and Archaeological Research Associates Ltd.

Archaeology and cultural heritage leads

Counsel Public Affairs Inc.

- John Beaucage, Principal
- Devan Sommerville, Principal

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Thank You



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From: Katrina McCullough

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 1:52 PM

To: Shu He (InTouch) <shu.he@york.ca>; Dave Mowat <dmowat@alderville.ca>; Jose Manalo (InTouch) <jose.manalo@york.ca>; 'Julie Kapyrka' <jkapyrka@alderville.ca>; Tom Casher <Tom.Casher@ghd.com>; John Beaucage <JBeaucage@counselpa.com>

Subject: RE: York Region Sewage Works with Alderville First Nation

Chief Mowat and Julie,

Thank you again for hosting us at your office to talk about the York Region Sewage Works Project. Below is my summary of the key discussion topics and action items. Please let me know if you have any revisions or additions.

Attendees:

Chief Dave Mowat, Alderville First Nation

Dr. Julie Kapyrka, Alderville First Nation

Shu He, York Region

Jose Manalo, York Region

John Beaucage, Counsel Public Affairs

Tom Casher, GHD

Katrina McCullough, GHD

Summary of Discussion:

- Primary interests are the environmental protection, species at risk, biodiversity, invasive species, climate change, impacts of shoreline development on Rice Lake and other area lakes on wild rice
- Chief Mowat provided a summary of their Black Oak Savannah Restoration Site (<http://aldervillesavanna.ca/>)
 - Tall grass prairie on 140 acres in the Oak Ridges Moraine
 - Home to several species at risk
 - Available for the project team to tour if requested

- Chief Mowat noted the York Region area used to be known as the Western Hunting Grounds. Referenced by Isaac Johnson in testimonies taken during research for the Williams Treaties. Chief Mowat will provide digital copy if available
- Chief Mowat noted that First Nations who are signatories to the Williams Treaties have treaty rights whereas the Huron-Wendat and Kawartha Nishnawbe do not. Julie noted it is not clear how the Ministry of the Environment identifies the Nations to be consulted
- Julie noted there is often limited archaeological finds associated with Anishinabek people because it was important for them to leave the land better than when they arrive. Since Iroquois artefacts are more prevalent some archaeologists have an Iroquoian bias - for example not distinguishing Anishinabek as a distinct people and labelling them only as Algonquian speaking.
- Chief Mowat noted he is concerned about the long term and cumulative impacts of increased urban development of the GTA and of all the treatment plants on Lake Ontario. Tom noted that as part of receiving water impact assessments, municipalities must identify the point at which the quality of treated wastewater is the same or better than the quality of Lake Ontario. Tom also noted that Lake Ontario is constantly flushed through the St. Lawrence River
- Next Steps
 - Katrina to provide online map of study areas and schedule of how the Project Report is being developed
 - Julie to advise if they wish to participate in the tour of Duffin Creek WPCP the morning of July 18, and if they will provide monitors for the Stage 2 archaeological assessment starting on July 17
(Post Meeting Note: Julie advised that Alderville FN will not participate in Stage 2 or the plant tour.)

Katrina

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From: Katrina McCullough

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 10:14 AM

To: Katrina McCullough; Shu He (InTouch); Dave Mowat; Carrie Wilson; Jose Manalo (InTouch); Julie Kapyrka; Tom Casher; John Beaucage

Cc: Accardi, Pina

Subject: York Region Sewage Works with Alderville First Nation

When: Friday, June 30, 2023 10:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Alderville First Nation (11696 Line Rd 2, Roseneath ON K0K 2X0, Canada)

From: Tom Cowie <tcowie@hiawathafn.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 11:38 AM
To: Katrina McCullough <Katrina.mccullough@ghd.com>
Subject: RE: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

Aaniin Katrina,

I know I mentioned Salmon, but also would like to include Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Bass that are associated with the Duffin Creek which is approximately an 80 km cold water tributary.

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Tom Cowie

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From: Community Consultation <consultation@ramafirstnation.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 2:15 PM

To: Katrina McCullough <Katrina.McCullough@ghd.com>; Ben Cousineau <benc@ramafirstnation.ca>

Cc: Shu He (InTouch) <shu.he@york.ca>; Jose Manalo (InTouch) <jose.manalo@york.ca>; Tom Casher <Tom.Casher@ghd.com>

Subject: RE: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

Aaniin,

Thank you for sending me the minutes.

Everything is correct except I said I wasn't sure of the cultural importance in that area, not that there was likely not much cultural importance. Please note that the first nations consider all natural land important.

I have added our Archivist, Ben Cousineau, to the chat so he can provide some insight of the area. He will also provide a script of our nations history and a map of the traditional hunting territories.

Miigwech,

-BB

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Subject: RE: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

Hi Ben,

Thanks again for making the time to talk with us yesterday. I've attached the slides that I left with you. Below is my summary of our conversation, please let me know if I missed anything:

- Rama First Nation is interested in any project that potentially impacts burial sites as well as any project that potentially impacts your harvesting and fishing rights, including impacts to the air and water, which extends the entire Williams Treaties area
- Interested in water treatment and how wastewater is treated before it enters Lake Ontario
- Likely not many locations of cultural importance within the study area (East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Markham, Pickering). Study area is south of the Landing (near 20866 Yonge Street)
 - o **ACTION:** Ben to check with their archivist if they do have any cultural heritage information they are able and willing to share for inclusion in the cultural heritage study
- Note that the Mississaugas are typically very interested in all Lake Ontario tributaries given their importance as Salmon habitat
- Archaeological and Cultural Heritage reports will be released in early August
 - o **ACTION:** Katrina will circulate when available
- Outside of reviewing the archaeological and cultural heritage reports and Project Report, Ben is interested in receiving periodic updates
 - o **ACTION:** Katrina to provide monthly or bimonthly updates as the project progresses

Katrina
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From: Community Consultation <consultation@ramafirstnation.ca>
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Cc: Shu He (InTouch) <shu.he@york.ca>
Subject: RE: York Region Sewage Works Project Introduction

Aaniin,

Thank you for getting back to me so soon.

I have booked the board room from 2-3 for our meeting, and yes that is the correct address.

Miigwech,

-BB

Ben Benson

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From: Katrina McCullough

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 4:38 PM

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Cc: Shu He (InTouch) <shu.he@york.ca>; 'John Beaucage' <jbeaucage@counselpa.com>; Don Richardson <Don.Richardson@threefires.com>; Accardi, Pina <Pina.Accardi@york.ca>

Subject: RE: York Region Sewage Works and Scugog Island First Nation

Good afternoon,

Thanks again for being generous with your time yesterday. As mentioned, attached are the slides I shared and here is a summary of the discussion and action items. Please let me know if you have any comments on the notes below.

- Background on MSIFN:
 - MSIFN is the closest Nation to Duffin Creek
 - Treaty Rights extend up to Lake Simcoe
 - Significant interest in construction and procurement opportunities, as well as ownership and equity building opportunities
 - Des Nedhe Group is an example of an Indigenous-owned wastewater treatment facility
 - Regina and Saskatoon are examples of municipalities with progressive Indigenous procurement policies: Regina is a minimum spend of 20%; Saskatoon has a points based system (<https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/doing-business-city/diverse-procurement-practices/indigenous-procurement-protocol>). City of Toronto is moving towards an Indigenous procurement policy

- MSIFN will want to sign a bilateral Project Agreement with York and Durham
 - Katrina will request Project Agreement for Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit from Aaron
 - MSIFN to begin setup of Project Agreement

- Have had preliminary discussions with Durham Region regarding economic opportunities at Duffin Creek WPCP
- Would likely coordinate with other Williams Treaties First Nations informally on reviews and involvement rather than setup formal arrangement
- Would be interested in site visit for consultation staff to understand proposed works, in particular around Duffin Creek WPCP
- Asked about infrastructure in or adjacent to Rouge Park. Confirmed no new infrastructure planned within the boundaries of Rouge Park. Will advise on proximity to Rouge Park once conceptual design is available
- Katrina to provide list of federal agencies being consulted and why:
 - Environment and Climate Change Canada: Project has potential to impact federal species at risk and migratory birds
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Project may require review under Fisheries Act.
 - Transport Canada: Project may require permit under Navigation Protection Act for works in Lake Ontario. To date we have circulated information to them, but active consultation will begin during detailed design
 - In addition Kimberlee Trainor from Parks Canada (Rouge National Urban Park) reached out to inquire about the project and if any works are proposed within the Park boundary
- Asked if there is the potential to impact Schedule 1 Species at Risk. **Katrina to inquire and provide response**
- Asked if these projects have the potential to overlap with other major projects such as Metrolinx
 - **Jose to confirm, however we do not believe they do**
- Interested in providing archaeological monitors for future Stage 2 assessments. Since any Stage 2 assessment would occur after the Project Report, this commitment can be included in the Project Report.
- Suggestion for topic-based meetings open to multiple Indigenous communities. **To facilitate involvement Katrina will provide the following as soon as its available**
 - **Online map of study areas**
 - **Annotated Table of Contents for the Project Report and more details regarding what information will be available for review prior to Project Report submission**

Regards

Katrina

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From: Katrina McCullough

Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:15 AM

To: Katrina McCullough; Thomas Turoczi; Don Richardson; Consultation; Samantha Shrubsole; Kelly LaRocca; Jose Manalo (InTouch); Tom Casher

Cc: Shu He (InTouch); John Beaucage; Don Richardson; Accardi, Pina

Subject: York Region Sewage Works and Scugog Island First Nation

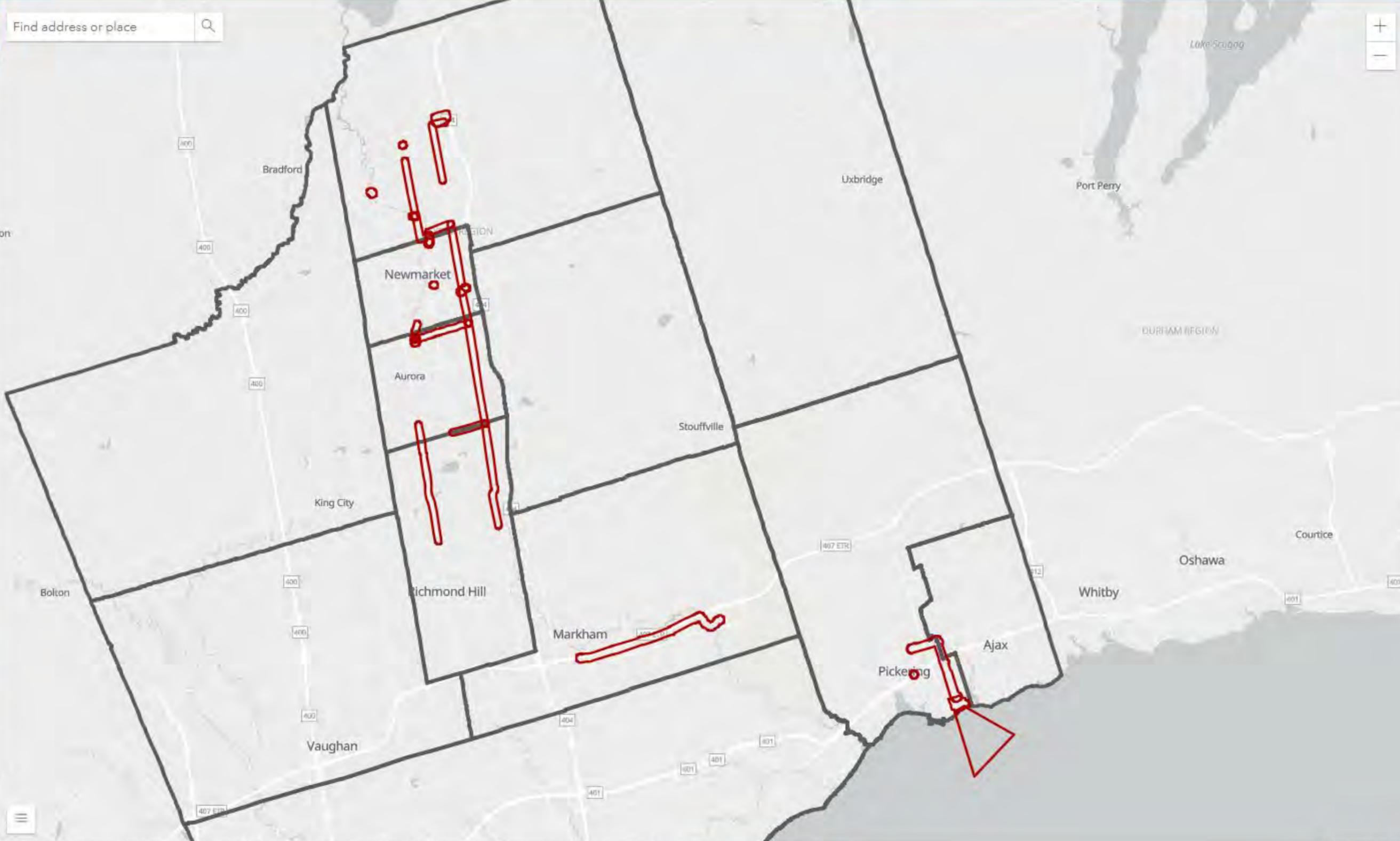
When: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 3:00 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Appendix E

**Indigenous Communities Online
Engagement Portal**

York Region Sewage Works Map



The Regional Municipalities of York and Durham are working together to carry out the York Region Sewage Works Project, a long-term wastewater infrastructure project across the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora and the Cities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering.

This includes new or expanding wastewater sewers, forcemains, and pumping stations and enhancements to the Duffin Creek Plant on the shore of Lake Ontario in the City of Pickering. This online map shows the preliminary impact assessment study areas for the infrastructure components.

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Please contact Katrina McCullough, GHD, if you have any questions about the Project (647-326-4302, katrina.mccullough@ghd.com)

Map Layers

- Impact Assessment Study Area
- Municipal Boundaries
- 2022 York Region Imagery
- 2020 Durham Region Imagery

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Archaeological assessment supplemental documents are available upon request. Please notify your contact with the project team if you would like to view an assessment's supplemental documentation.

Project Reports

Marine Archaeological Assessment
 Duffin Creek WPCP Outfall Marine Archaeological Assessment
 Comments due Aug 25, 2023.

Project (Lots 16-17 Range 3, and Lots 16-21 Concessions 1-2, Geographical Pickering Township, County of Ontario), City of Pickering and Town of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham
 Original Report
 Comments Due Aug 25, 2023. Supplemental documents available upon request.

Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment
 Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (Lot 15-17, Ranges 2-3, Geographical Pickering Township, County of Ontario) City of Pickering, Regional Municipality of Durham
 Draft Report
 Comments due Aug 25, 2023. This report will be updated upon completion of Stage 2 investigations. Supplemental documents available upon request.

Township Markham, County of York) City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York
 Draft Report
 Comments are due Sept. 8, 2023. Supplemental documents are available upon request.

Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Assessment
 Comments are due Sept. 8, 2023.

City of Pickering and Town of Ajax Regional Municipality of Durham, Ontario
 Draft Report
 Comments are due Sept. 8, 2023.

City of Markham Regional Municipality of York, Ontario
 Draft Report
 Comments are due Sept. 8, 2023.

Various Lots and Concessions of Markham, Whitchurch
 Original Report
 Comments are due Sept. 8, 2023. Supplemental documents are available upon request.

Presentations and Other Documents

YORK REGION SEWAGE WORKS PROJECT INTRODUCTION
 June 2023
 York Region Sewage Works Introductory Presentation
 Introductory Presentation about the York Region Sewage Works Project

York Region Sewage Works Project Report Table of Contents
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Appendix F

Written Correspondence

Katrina McCullough

From: Katrina McCullough
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 2:41 PM
To:
Cc: Jose Manalo (InTouch); Shu He (InTouch)
Subject: York Region Sewage Works - Project Update and Reports for Review

Good afternoon,

The purpose of this email is to provide an update on the York Region Sewage Works Project and provide archaeological assessment reports for your review.

Requested Actions

- If you are reviewing and providing comments on archaeological assessment reports, we would appreciate any comments by Friday, Sep 1.
- Please let me know if you would like a follow up meeting to discuss potential impacts to aboriginal or treaty rights or specific aspects of the Project. If you will be providing traditional ecological or cultural knowledge or identifying aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted, we are asking all Nations to advise by Friday, Aug. 25.

Impact Assessment Study Area Interactive Map

We have setup an online interactive map that shows the impact assessment study areas. Login information is below, please do not share your login outside of your Nation. Please note that only Indigenous Nations have access to this website:

Link: <https://yorksewageworks.ghdengage.com/york-region-sewage-works/>

Username:

Password:

As per *the Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act (2022)*, potential impacts to aboriginal or treaty rights and measures that may avoid or mitigation these impacts will be documented in the Project Report. Please advise if you have identified aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted. In addition, we would appreciate any traditional ecological information or information on important cultural heritage landscapes within the study area that your Nation is able to provide. This information would be used to inform the documentation of existing conditions in the Project Report.

Please let me know if you'd like a follow-up meeting to discuss impacts to aboriginal or treaty rights or if any additional information would be helpful to help make this determination.

Archaeological Assessments

The following archaeological assessments are uploaded to the website above for your review. Supplementary documents are available upon request by email. As noted above only Indigenous Nations are being provided access to this website.

- Duffin Creek WPCP Preliminary Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment (note this report is preliminary and will be updated to reflect the results of the Stage 2 assessment being undertaken in July)
- Duffin Creek WPCP Outfall Marine Archaeological Assessment
- Primary Trunk Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

I will notify you when the remaining archaeological assessments are posted for review:

- Markham Collector Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
- York Region Sewage Works (north of 19th Avenue) Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

Next Steps

The Project Report is scheduled to be released for review at the end of September. I have posted the Table of Contents for the Project Report to the website above. If desired I can setup an additional follow up meeting to review specific

aspects of the Project to help facilitate your review of the Project Report (e.g. preliminary impact assessment results, conceptual designs, cultural heritage reports, etc.).

Regards
Katrina

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Vacation alert: I will be on vacation July 24 – 28 and Aug 7 - 11

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To: Katrina McCullough
Cc: Shu He (InTouch); Jose Manalo (InTouch); Tom Casher; Kevin Campbell
Subject: RE: York Region Sewage Works - Project Update and Reports for Review
Attachments: Williams treaty territory.jpg; Hunting Territories.jpg; Ojibway History.docx

Aaniin Katrina,

Thank you for making those materials so accessible.

I have attached the map the WTFN use when harvesting, the traditional hunting territories of my ancestors, and the written documentation of our nations history to be included in future archeological reports.

As for the Duffins Creek stage 2 report, I have no concerns.

Looking at the interactive map; it is important to note that the Holland River is a historical Chippewa corridor, (see the traditional hunting territory map)

and currently has many of my ancestor's remains and artifacts still in the ground. We kindly would ask you to notify us if any digging is to occur around the Holland River.

Miigwech,

-BB

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Subject: York Region Sewage Works - Project Update and Reports for Review

Good afternoon Ben,

Hope you are doing well. I'm writing to let you know that some of the archaeological reports are now available for review and a few other project updates. Apologies for our delay in providing these.

Requested Actions

- If you are reviewing and providing comments on archaeological assessment reports, we would appreciate any comments by Friday, Sep 1.
- Please let me know if you would like a follow up meeting to discuss potential impacts to aboriginal or treaty rights or specific aspects of the Project. If you will be providing traditional ecological or cultural knowledge or

The Chippewas of Rama First Nation are an Anishinaabe (Ojibway) community located at Rama First Nation, ON. Our history began with a great migration from the East Coast of Canada into the Great Lakes region. Throughout a period of several hundred years, our direct ancestors again migrated to the north and eastern shores of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Our Elders say that we made room in our territory for our allies, the Huron-Wendat Nation, during their times of war with the Haudenosaunee. Following the dispersal of the Huron-Wendat Nation from the region in the mid-1600s, our stories say that we again migrated to our territories in what today is known as Muskoka and Simcoe County. Several major battles with the Haudenosaunee culminated in peace being agreed between the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee, after which the Haudenosaunee agreed to leave the region and remain in southern Ontario. Thus, since the early 18th century, much of central Ontario into the lower parts of northern Ontario has been Anishinaabe territory.

The more recent history of Rama First Nation begins with the creation of the “Coldwater Narrows” reserve, one of the first reserves in Canada. The Crown intended to relocate our ancestors to the Coldwater reserve and ultimately assimilate our ancestors into Euro-Canadian culture. Underlying the attempts to assimilate our ancestors were the plans to take possession of our vast hunting and harvesting territories. Feeling the impacts of increasingly widespread settlement, many of our ancestors moved to the Coldwater reserve in the early 1830s. Our ancestors built homes, mills, and farmsteads along the old portage route which ran through the reserve, connecting Lake Simcoe to Georgian Bay (this route is now called “Highway 12”). After a short period of approximately six years, the Crown had a change of plans. Frustrated at our ancestors continued exploiting of hunting territories (spanning roughly from Newmarket to the south, Kawartha Lakes to the east, Meaford to the west, and Lake Nipissing to the north), as well as unsuccessful assimilation attempts, the Crown reneged on the promise of reserve land. Three of our Chiefs, including Chief Yellowhead, went to York under the impression they were signing documents affirming their ownership of land and buildings. The Chiefs were misled, and inadvertently allegedly surrendered the Coldwater reserve back to the Crown.

Our ancestors, then known as the Chippewas of Lakes Simcoe and Huron, were left landless. Earlier treaties, such as Treaty 16 and Treaty 18, had already resulted in nearly 2,000,000 acres being allegedly surrendered to the Crown. The Chippewas made the decision to split into three groups. The first followed Chief Snake to Snake Island and Georgina Island (today known as the Chippewas of Georgina Island). The second group followed Chief Aissance to Beausoleil Island, and later to Christian Island (Beausoleil First Nation). The third group, led by Chief Yellowhead, moved to the Narrows between Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching and eventually, Rama (Chippewas of Rama First Nation).

A series of purchases, using Rama’s own funds, resulted in Yellowhead purchasing approximately 1,600 acres of abandoned farmland in Rama Township. This land makes up the core of the Rama Reserve today, and we have called it home since the early 1840’s. Our ancestors began developing our community, clearing fields for farming and building homes. They continued to hunt and harvest in their traditional territories, especially within the Muskoka region, up until the early 1920’s. In 1923, the Williams Treaties were signed, surrendering 12,000,000 acres of previously unceded land to the Crown.

Once again, our ancestors were misled, and they were informed that in surrendering the land, they gave up their right to access their seasonal traditional hunting and harvesting territories.

With accessing territories difficult, our ancestors turned to other ways to survive. Many men guided tourists around their former family hunting territories in Muskoka, showing them places to fish and hunt. Others worked in lumber camps and mills. Our grandmothers made crafts such as porcupine quill baskets and black ash baskets, and sold them to tourists visiting Simcoe and Muskoka. The children were forced into Indian Day School, and some were taken away to Residential Schools. Church on the reserve began to indoctrinate our ancestors. Our community, along with every other First Nation in Canada, entered a dark period of attempted genocide at the hands of Canada and the Crown. Somehow, our ancestors persevered, and they kept our culture, language, and community alive.

Today, our community has grown into a bustling place, and is home to approximately 1,100 people. We are a proud and progressive First Nations community.

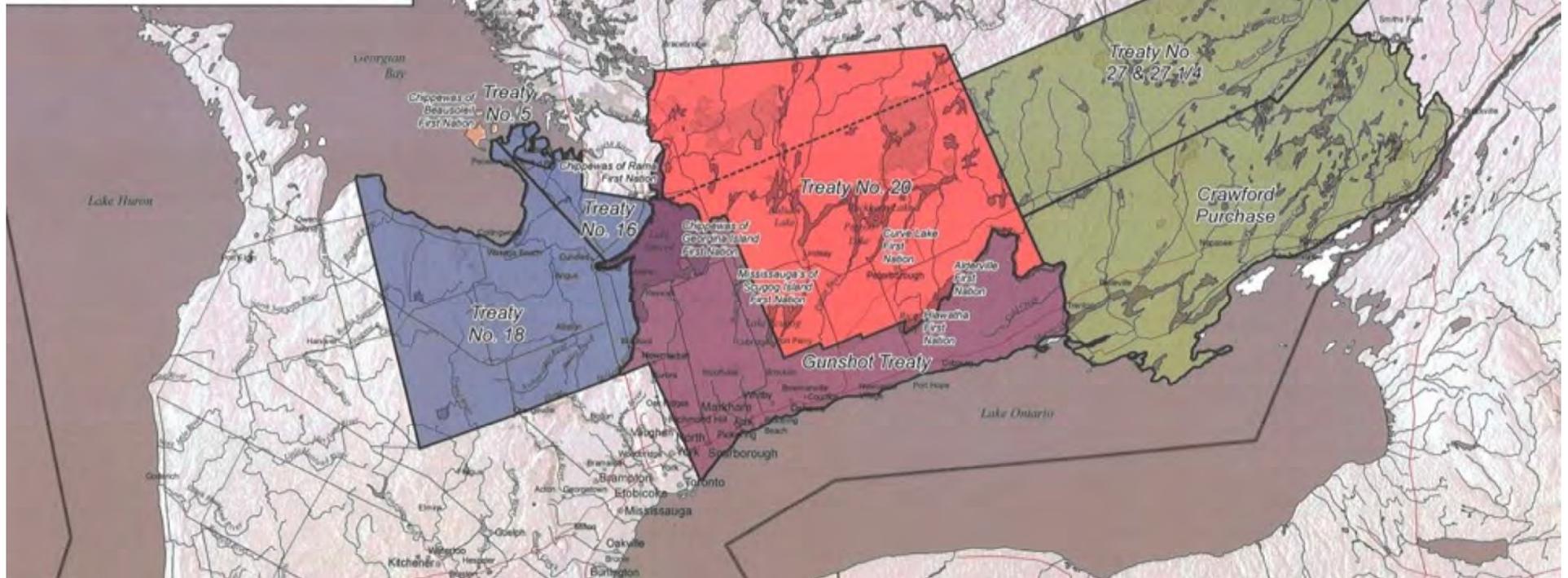
Sketch - Treaty Harvesting Rights Affirmed in the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement

This sketch demonstrates the Pre-Confederation Treaties affirmed as having constitutionally protected treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather for food, social and ceremonial purposes of the Williams Treaties First Nations pursuant to the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement. The sketch is prepared for the purposes of facilitating the Williams Treaties First Nations' exercise of treaty harvesting rights. It demonstrates the Williams Treaties First Nations' current understanding of the boundaries of these Pre-Confederation Treaties as of October 11, 2018.

- Treaties of the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Georgina Island and Rama First Nations
- Treaty of the Mississaugas of Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Sougou Island First Nations
- Treaties of Alderville First Nation
- Treaty of the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Georgina Island and Rama First Nations and the Mississaugas of Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Sougou Island First Nations



The information contained in the sketch does not constitute an admission by the Williams Treaties First Nations of any sort and does not limit the Williams Treaties First Nations' rights in any way. Map produced by David Caruthers, Hurler Ltd. October 11, 2018.
Map projection: Ontario Lambert Conformal Conic, NAD 83
Base map: NRCAN CanVec 1:1,000,000



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Katrina,

Below are our comments on the archaeological reports provided. Reminder that we are waiting for York Region to disposition the draft agreement we provided.

Don

Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
York Region Sewage Works Primary Trunk Project
(Lots 16-17 Range 3, and Lots 16-21 Concessions 1-2, Geographical Pickering Township, County of Ontario), City of Pickering and Town of Ajax, Regional Municipality of Durham
21 June 2023

MSIFN has no issues with the recommendations, and requests at least 30 days notice of Stage 2 test pitting regarding recommendation 1) to consider archaeological site visits or monitoring - text from the report below:

"1) Parts of Tunnel Shaft 1, Tunnel Shaft 2, and Tunnel Shaft 3 exhibit archaeological potential. These lands require Stage 2 archaeological assessment by test pit survey at five metre intervals (Figure 11, Figure 13: areas highlighted in green). Stage 2 is required prior to any proposed construction activities on these lands;

2) St. Wilfred's Cemetery is 20 metres from the Preliminary Preferred Alternative and St. Francis de Sales Cemetery is eight metres from the Preliminary Preferred Alternative. All cemetery lands will be avoided by the proposed project impacts due to the depth at which the tunneling work is being conducted. There is low potential to impact burials associated with this cemetery by the project.

3) The remainder of Tunnel Shafts 1-4 and the entirety of Pumping Station 1 has been subjected to deep soil disturbance events, and Part of Tunnel Shaft 2 and 3 and the

entirety of Pumping Station 2 has been previously assessed. These lands do not require further archaeological assessment; and,

4) Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Study Area, further archaeological assessment should be conducted to determine the archaeological potential of the surrounding lands"

**Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment
Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant
(Lot 15-17, Ranges 2-3, Geographical
Pickering Township, County of Ontario)
City of Pickering, Regional Municipality of
Durham
Draft Report
7 June 2023**

MSIFN has no issues with the recommendations, and requests at least 30 days notice of Stage 2 test pitting regarding recommendation 1) to consider archaeological site visits or monitoring - text from the report below:

"The following recommendations are made:

1) Parts of the Study Area exhibit archaeological potential. These lands require Stage 2 archaeological assessment by test pit survey at five metre intervals. Stage 2 is required prior to any proposed construction activities on these lands;

2) The remainder of the Study Area does not retain archaeological potential on account of deep and extensive land disturbance, or being previously assessed. These lands do not require further archaeological assessment; and,

3) Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Study Area, further archaeological assessment should be conducted to determine the archaeological potential of the surrounding lands."

Don Richardson, Ph.D.
Consultation Advisor

From: [Don Richardson](#)
To: [Katrina McCullough](#); [Consultation](#); [Samantha Shrubsole](#); [Natalya Garrod](#)
Cc: [Jose Manalo \(InTouch\)](#); [Shu He \(InTouch\)](#); [Tom Casher](#); [Kevin Campbell](#)
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Katrina,

Below - our next set of comments on the archaeology reports. I will be in touch about setting up a future call on the cultural heritage reports - see the highlighted note below with regard to the deficiencies in each of the cultural heritage reports.

**TMHC Report - Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment
York Region Sewage Works Project
Towns of Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, and East Gwillimbury,
Regional Municipality of York,
Various Lots and Concessions
Geographic Townships of Markham, Whitchurch, and East Gwillimbury
York County, Ontario**

Supplementary Documentation maps 1 through 26 are missing from the report made available to MSIFN. The MSIFN comments below are preliminary until MSIFN has received and reviewed these Supplementary Documentation maps.

Extensive portions of the project area are comprised of agricultural fields, grasslands, overgrown brush, and woodlots, which appear to retain archaeological potential, and require further assessment. TMHC concludes that the "majority of the project area continues to hold archaeological potential and requires additional assessment." (p. 87)

TMHC identifies several areas of outstanding concern that contain cultural heritage value or interest, including nine archaeological sites that currently require Stage 2 assessments, and two sites close to project area limits - AlGu-65 and AlGu-490 - recommended for Stage that will require archaeological monitoring.

TMHC has identified one potential Iroquoian village is located within 450 m of the project area: ALGu-79. This site has heightened potential to contain an associated ossuary, and will require burial avoidance strategies should those lands be proposed for development.

MSIFN requests at least 30-days notice of Stage 2 test pitting to consider MSIFN archaeological site visits or monitoring.

MSIFN will require a full initial schedule of Stage 2 test pitting as soon, as possible, to estimate the potential capacity funding necessary to conduct site visits or monitoring, and MSIFN will require at least one meeting with TMHC representatives to determine an approach to site visits or monitoring that will be most beneficial and efficient.

In the event that archaeological remains are found during subsequent construction activities, MSIFN should be immediately notified.

ASI Report - Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

York Durham Sewage System Expansion: Markham Collector Twinning

Project Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Lot 7, Concession 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, Lot 8, Concession 4, Lot 6, Lot 8, Concession 8, Geographical Township Markham, County of York) City of Markham, Regional Municipality of York

MSIFN has no issues with the recommendations, and requests at least 30-days notice of Stage 2 test pitting to consider MSIFN archaeological site visits or monitoring. In the event that archaeological remains are found during subsequent construction activities, MSIFN should be immediately notified.

Recommendations text from the report below:

1) Parts of the Study Area exhibit archaeological potential. These lands require Stage 2 archaeological assessment by test pit/pedestrian survey at five metre intervals, where appropriate (Figure 17, Figure 18, Figure 20 to Figure 22: areas highlighted in green and orange). Stage 2 is required prior to any proposed construction activities on these lands;

2) If any construction impacts are proposed within the high water mark of the Rouge River, marine archaeological potential will be evaluated through a separate process following the MCM's (2016) Criteria For Evaluating Marine Archaeological Potential checklist.

a) Any additional impacts on the river banks beyond the areas assessed in this report will

require Stage 2 test pit survey.

3) The remainder of the Study Area does not retain archaeological potential on account of deep and extensive land disturbance, slopes in excess of 20 degrees, or being previously assessed (95-067, 96-032, 81-43 91-30, P1066-0142-2020, P392-0099-2014, 1997-005-001). These lands do not require further archaeological assessment; and,

4) Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Study Area, further archaeological assessment should be conducted to determine the archaeological potential of the surrounding lands.

ARA Report - Marine Archaeological Assessment

Background Research

Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant

Off Lots 16 and 18, Range Concession 2

Geographic Township of Pickering

Historical County of Ontario

City of Pickering

Regional Municipality of Durham, Ontario

Jacobs Consultancy Canada Project No. CE854200

ARA recommends that the area of the two proposed outfall alignments be considered clear of any archaeological concerns. At this time, MSIFN is not requesting additional investigation. MSIFN will be commenting on the cultural heritage reports provided by the proponent group at a later date, and those comments may include considerations with respect to the DCWPDP site. The ARA cultural heritage report that includes the DCWPDP site does not include evidence of engagement with any Indigenous communities or groups about known or potential built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes - this is also an issue with the TMHC cultural heritage report and the ARA cultural heritage report on the Markham Collector Twinning Project.

In the event that archaeological remains are found during subsequent construction activities, MSIFN should be immediately notified.

Should marine areas outside the proposed outfall alignments, with respect to the local and regional study areas, be subject to direct or indirect development, MSIFN agrees with ARA that such proposed work undergo in-water marine archaeology assessments

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**Marine Archaeological Assessment
Background Research
Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant
Off Lots 16 and 18, Range Concession 2
Geographic Township of Pickering
Historical County of Ontario
City of Pickering
Regional Municipality of Durham, Ontario
Jacobs Consultancy Canada Project No. CE854200**

Alderville First Nation is requesting that an underwater archaeological assessment be carried out of the outfall area for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant including the areas of the 2 proposed alignments, eastern and western. This request is based upon: 1) the information provided within this report as well as 2) the information provided in ASI's Stage 1-2 for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (June 7, 2023) in addition to 3) fluctuating lake levels over the last several millennia, as well as 4) Anishinaabeg oral histories. More detailed information is provided below:

- 1) Information in the Marine Archaeological Report

4.0 ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

“4. There is no associated on-land archaeological site immediately adjacent to the in-water local study area. There is one historic site recorded (Figure 49), the cribwork at Frenchman's Bay, AkGs-49. This is sufficiently distant so as to not have a direct impact on the local study area.”

Please be advised that according to ASI's Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (June 7, 2023) that parts of the study area require a Stage 2 – including immediate adjacent waterfront lands. Thus, the statement above is presumptuous and not yet known. There also exists site (AkGs-1) within the study area on land.

In light of the information provided in ASI's report as listed below, an underwater archaeological survey may yet be required under the Marine Archaeological Assessment's 4.0 Analysis and Discussion #4 as listed above.

Also, section 5.0 Recommendations and Next Steps: 5.2.1 Within the Proposed Alignments, #8 – “If a geographical representative from an Indigenous community requests additional investigation.” Alderville First Nation is requesting additional investigation.

2) Information provided in ASI's Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (June 7, 2023).

3.1 Conclusions

"The Stage 1 background study determined 13 previously registered archaeological sites are located within one kilometre of the Study Area. One site (AkGs-1) is located within the Study Area and has CHVI. The property inspection determined that parts of the Study Area exhibit archaeological potential and will require archaeological assessment (Figure 11: areas highlighted in green)."

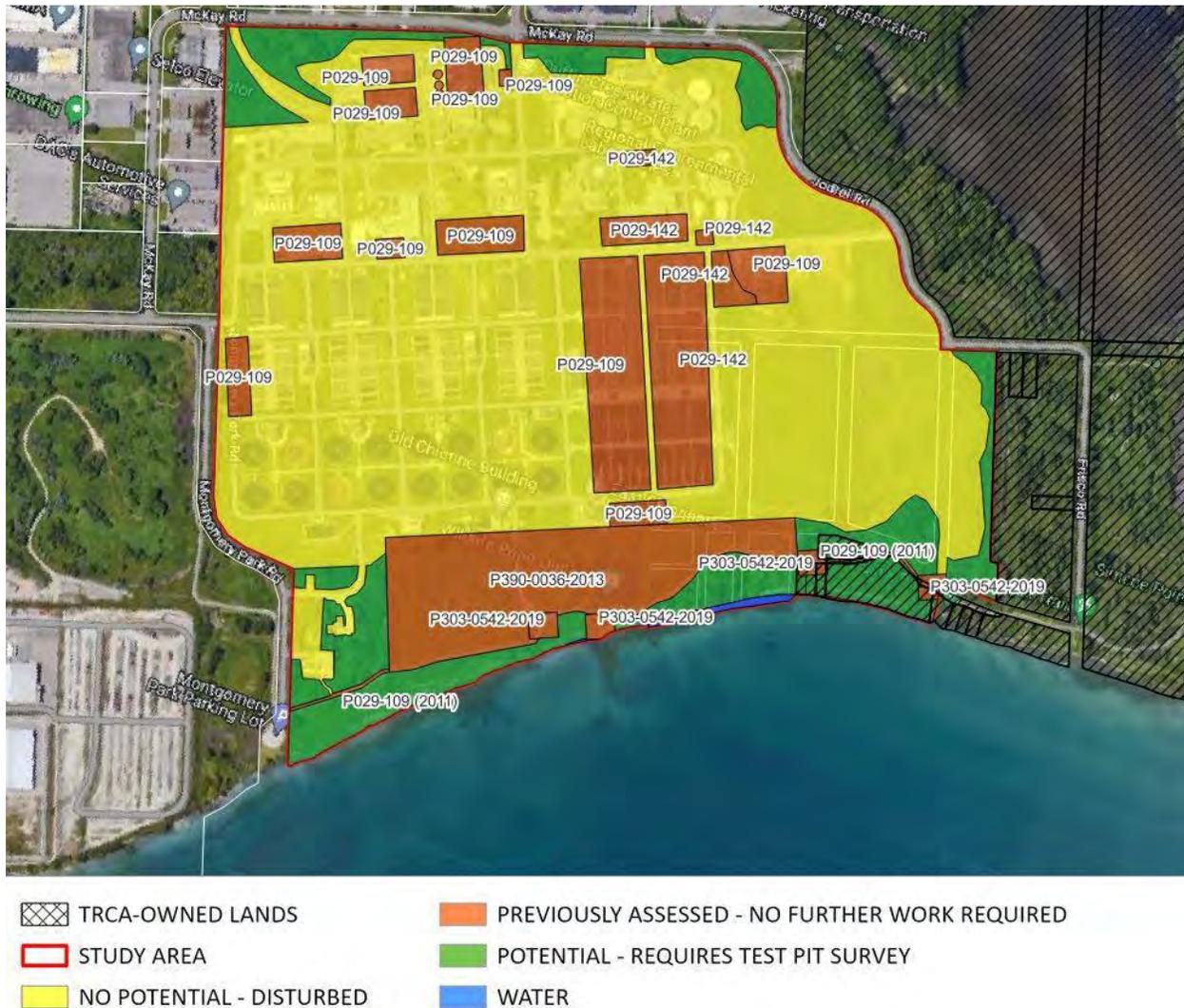
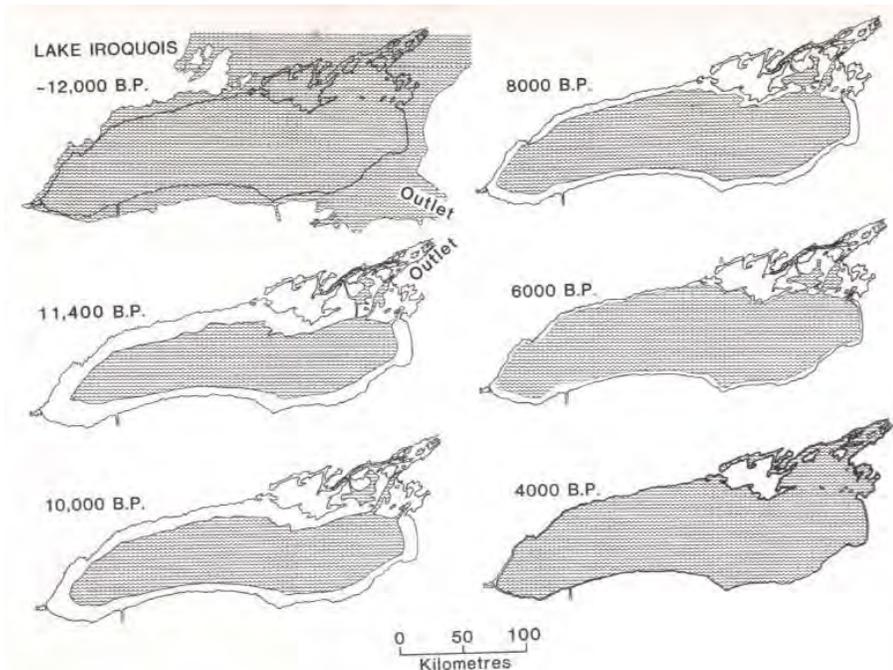


Figure 11: Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant – Results of Stage 1.

Archaeological potential has been identified in areas adjacent to the in-water local study area and may yield cultural heritage and by the Marine Assessments own standards and discussion would then require in-water assessment.

3) Lake level fluctuations over millennia



As is clearly depicted in the diagram above, Lake Ontario water levels have fluctuated over time. There is potential for archaeological resources to be located underwater – where the outfall and proposed alignments are projected to be implemented in Lake Ontario for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. There is potential for some Paleo and/or Archaic materials to be impacted through this project – underwater assessment is recommended here.

4) Anishinaabeg Oral Histories

Anishinaabeg histories speak to the relationship of the people to the north shore of Lake Ontario in general. The following narrative was provided by Gidigaa Migizi-ban, an Elder and respected Knowledge Keeper for the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg (2017):

The Michi Saagiig are known as “the people of the big river mouths” and were also known as the “Salmon People” who occupied and fished the north shore of Lake Ontario where the various tributaries emptied into the lake. Their territories extended north into and beyond the Kawarthas as winter hunting grounds on which they would break off into smaller social groups for the season, hunting and trapping on these lands, then returning to the lakeshore in spring for the summer months.

Michi Saagiig oral histories speak to their people being in this area of Ontario for thousands of years. These stories recount the “Old Ones” who spoke an ancient Algonquian dialect. The histories explain that the current Ojibwa phonology is the 5th transformation of this language,

demonstrating a linguistic connection that spans back into deep time. The Michi Saagiig of today are the descendants of the ancient peoples who lived in Ontario during the Archaic and Paleo periods. They are the original inhabitants of southern Ontario, and they are still here today.

The traditional territories of the Michi Saagiig span from Gananoque in the east, all along the north shore of Lake Ontario, and west to the north shore of Lake Erie at Long Point. The territory spreads as far north as the tributaries that flow into these lakes, from Bancroft and north of the Haliburton highlands. This also includes all the tributaries that flow from the height of land north of Toronto like the Oak Ridges Moraine, and all of the rivers/creeks that flow into Lake Ontario (the Rideau, the Salmon, the Ganaraska, the Moira, the Trent, the Don, the Rouge, the Etobicoke, the Humber, and the Credit, as well as Wilmot, Duffin's and 16 Mile Creeks) through Burlington Bay and the Niagara region including the Welland and Niagara Rivers, and beyond. The western side of the Michi Saagiig Nation was located around the Grand River which was used as a portage route as the Niagara portage was too dangerous. The Michi Saagiig would portage from present-day Burlington to the Grand River and travel south to the open water on Lake Erie.

The coastal wetlands along the north shore of Lake Ontario were significant areas for the Michi Saagiig who harvested and fished those areas that were once teeming with life: frogs, waterfowl, fish, muskrat, beaver, etc. These areas were also well known for providing the Michi Saagiig with various medicines. Wetlands are often referred to as the 'medicine chests' for the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, as many of these medicinal plants are only found within wetland ecologies. The Michi Saagiig still harvest these wetland medicines to this day.

The north shore of Lake Ontario, and particularly the areas where the rivers, creeks and all tributaries poured into the Lake are extremely significant cultural regions for the Michi Saagiig. This reason alone provides justification and rationale for requesting that an underwater archaeological assessment be undertaken prior to any in-water works for the outfall alignments for the Duffin's Creel Water Pollution Control Plant.

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Alderville First Nation Review of:

**Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment
Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant
(Lot 15-17, Ranges 2-3, Geographical Pickering Township, County of Ontario)
City of Pickering, Regional Municipality of Durham**

There is very little inclusion of Indigenous perspectives or oral histories in this report. Alderville First Nation recommends that ASI include the Michi Saagiig Background Historical Context that has been provided from Gidigaa Migizi - ban, Elder and Knowledge Keeper of the Michi Saagiig Nation – which has previously been provided to ASI and appears in many other reports that cover this region of the province. Please include this history in the Historical Context section of this report.

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1.1.1 Treaties

“The Study Area is within the Johnson-Butler Purchases and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations,”

Please refer to these lands as traditional territory as well as treaty territory – this distinction is important as there are various nations who would claim this is also their traditional territory, however, they have no treaties here.

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“In 2018 the Government of Canada reached a settlement with the Williams Treaties First Nations reaffirming the recognized Treaty harvesting rights in the Williams Treaties territories of each of the seven nations.”

Please revise to include that the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement was not only with the Government of Canada but also with the Province of Ontario, and that both levels of government apologized to the impacted nations for the injustices incurred by the 1923 Williams Treaties – which were the only treaties in Canada that held to have extinguished the harvesting, fishing, and hunting rights of the seven First Nations. As soon as that interpretation was understood by the communities, they were protesting. It took over 95 years to reverse this interpretation. Please also include that the 2018 settlement agreement reaffirmed the harvesting rights for all seven nations in all pre-confederation treaty territories: Treaty 5, Treaty 16, Treaty 18, Treaty 20, Treaty 27 and 27 ¼, the Crawford Purchase, the Gunshot Treaty.

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1.2 Historical Context

1.2.1 Indigenous Land Use and Settlement

“Southern Ontario has been occupied by human populations since the retreat of the Laurentide glacier approximately 13,000 years before present (B.P.) (Ferris, 2013).”

This statement is presumptuous and negates Indigenous histories that speak to the advance and retreat of glaciers, as well as being here since time immemorial. Archaeologists cannot be certain that Southern Ontario was occupied by human populations since the retreat of the Laurentide glacier approximately 13,000 years before present. Rather, based upon archaeological evidence, archaeologists can postulate that there were indeed people living in southern Ontario at this time. To state that these human populations occupied the area only since the last ice-age is presupposing humans were not here before that – people could have been living here prior to the last glaciation, and maybe even before that – through many glacial advances and retreats. In fact, Anishinaabeg oral tradition speaks to this occurrence – that B’boon (Spirit of Winter) and Niibin (Spirit of Summer) had several battles that dispersed and disrupted populations through millennia. Just because material culture has been uncovered that dates to 13,000 years BP, does not automatically translate into evidence of the very first peoples in the area. This is an example of the bias of Western Science, and the presupposition that if artifacts cannot validate a human presence, then there must not have been one. Archaeological excavation only uncovers approximately 1% of what was present on sites when they were occupied. Furthermore, there has been recent publications that infer that people were in ‘the Americas’ much earlier than current dogma postulates. There are several archaeological sites in North and South America that suggest that humans were here long before the conventional dates of 13,000 B.P. – which corroborates what Indigenous oral tradition teaches us. What would be more appropriate to state here would be that archaeological evidence demonstrates that people were here 13,000 years ago, not that the area “has been occupied by human populations since the retreat of the Laurentide glacier...”

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“The earliest evidence for cemeteries dates to approximately 4,500-3,000 B.P. and is indicative of increased social organization, investment of labour into social infrastructure, **and the establishment of socially prescribed territories.**”

‘Socially prescribed territories’ is a Western European construct. It is doubtful that ancient Indigenous societies held any claim over any land. Indigenous worldviews at the time of contact did not conceive of private property or any kind of ownership over land. Rather, the land was provided by Creation to be shared by the children of the earth. ‘Socially prescribed territories’ does not consider Indigenous ontologies, nor understandings of relationships between people and the beings on the land – which strove to maintain balance, harmony, and peace. Wampum agreements between Indigenous peoples of the past tended to promote the ‘sharing’ of the gifts of the earth and waters. We caution the application of western principles to Indigenous past realities.

Page 10:

“Between approximately 1000-1300 Common Era (C.E.), the communal site is **replaced by the village focused on horticulture**. Seasonal disintegration of the community for the exploitation of a wider territory and more varied resource base was still practised (Williamson, 1990, p. 317). By 1300-1450 C.E., this episodic community disintegration was no longer practised and populations now communally occupied sites throughout the year (Dodd et al., 1990, p. 343). By the mid-sixteenth century these small villages had coalesced into larger communities (Birch et al., 2021).”

This paragraph is biased towards horticultural-based societies. Where are the Anishinaabeg in these narratives? They did not suddenly disappear. While larger horticultural villages become archaeological visible at this time, it does mean that communal sites were replaced. These kinds of narratives erase the Anishinaabeg people from their own histories in their own territories and presume that there was only one kind of society and one kind of settlement and subsistence pattern. The Anishinaabeg were light on the land – by virtue of their worldview. Please revise to include that lifeways of some peoples remained the same, and seasonal rounds were still being adhered to, particularly by the Anishinaabeg.

Page 10:

“By 1600 C.E., the communities **within Simcoe County** had formed the Confederation of Nations encountered by the first European explorers and missionaries. In the 1640s, the traditional enmity between the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat (and their Algonquian allies such as the Nipissing and Odawa) led to the dispersal of the Huron-Wendat from southern Ontario.”

Why is Simcoe County referred to here? Is the study area not in Pickering? What was occurring in the Pickering area at this time? Why is the focus on Simcoe County and the Huron-Wendat? The Pickering area, and particularly Duffin Creek watershed has been an important region for the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg for thousands of years – harvesting, fishing, hunting and a gathering place. Please revise to speak to the actual area this report covers and include the Anishinaabeg in the narrative.

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3.0 Analysis of Archaeological Potential

“The property inspection determined that parts of the Study Area exhibit archaeological potential. These areas will require Stage 2 archaeological assessment prior to any construction activities or other proposed impacts.”

Alderville First Nation expects to be engaged on any and all Stage 2 work.

“ASI recommends Stage 2 survey to relocate AkGs-1 to ensure survey methods and recommendations are compliant with the current 2011 S & G. Stage 3 site-specific assessment may be required depending on the outcome of the site relocation.”

Alderville First Nation supports this recommendation and insists that this site relocation be done, and Stage 3 work completed if required.

There are many sections of the report that indicate the need for updating when the Stage 2 works have been completed. Alderville First Nation expects to be engaged on any Stage 2 field work in this area.

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4.0 Recommendations

Alderville First Nation agrees with and supports the recommendations as presented by ASI.