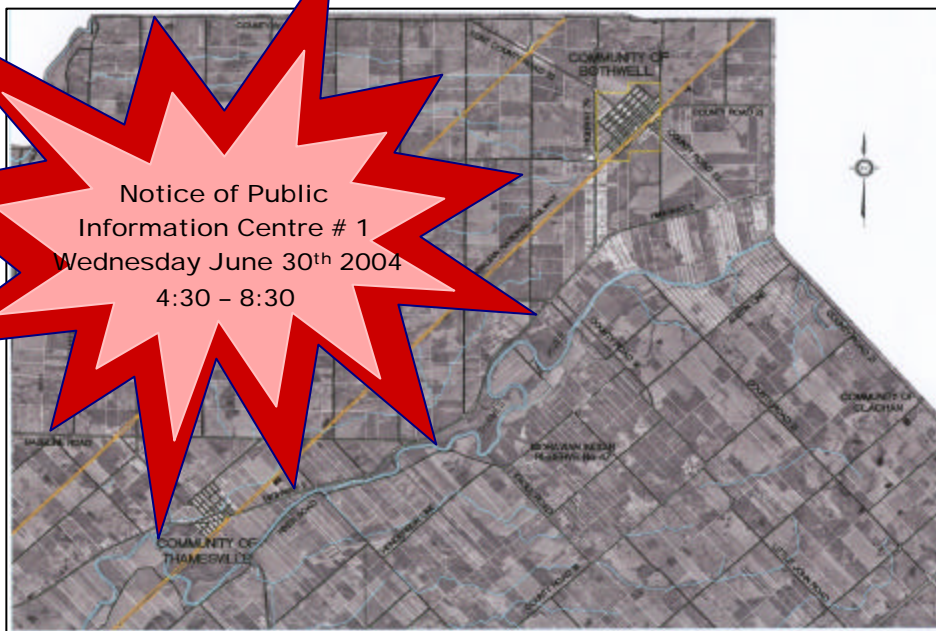


CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF BOTHWELL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1



Location: Public Information Centre #1
 The Old Fire Hall
 320 Main Street
 Bothwell, Ontario

Background

- ?? The existing Community of Bothwell does not have communal sewerage works (collection and treatment). Sewage disposal continues to be provided by individual on-site septic systems.
- ?? Over the past few decades, problems with aging and failing septic systems have been identified throughout the community of Bothwell.
- ?? Previously completed studies had concluded that Bothwell residents utilizing raw groundwater resources (private wells) may be at risk due to high nitrates and possible contamination from water-borne bacteria if frequent testing and/or proper utilization of water treatment devices were not employed.
- ?? In addition, many of the existing developed lots are too small to provide for today's area requirements for septic tanks, and samples taken from catchbasins and ditches indicated the presence of sewage in storm drains.
- ?? In some instances, fecal coliform counts were very high, indicating direct connections from disposal beds, or septic tanks as a probability.
- ?? In response to this, in 1995, a municipal water supply system was extended to the Community of Bothwell with the intent that wastewater collection and treatment would be implemented in the future.
- ?? The need for sanitary sewers and treatment was further confirmed by the Chatham-Kent Water and Wastewater Master Plan.
- ?? While safe drinking water is now provided, studies have concluded that many Bothwell septic systems continue to adversely affect groundwater supplies and have detrimental effects on the water environment, including the Thames River.
- ?? The need to correct this problem is further strengthened by the recent Chatham-Kent Official Plan that places importance on the protection and enhancement of groundwater resources.

The Study

- ?? Carrying forward with the Chatham-Kent Water and Wastewater Master Plan recommendations, the Chatham-Kent Public Utilities Commission, through their consultants, Earth Tech Canada Inc., has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the proposed installation of sanitary sewers and provision of wastewater treatment to serve the Community of Bothwell.
- ?? The objective of this project is to implement a sanitary sewage collection system with associated sanitary sewage flows being directed to a wastewater treatment facility that will best address the needs and protection of the community of Bothwell and the environment.
- ?? Possible alternative solutions include extending wastewater services from Thamesville or constructing and operating "a stand alone" wastewater treatment plant that will serve the community of Bothwell.

Community Consultation Program

- ?? Public consultation is a key component of the Class EA Study.
- ?? Opportunities for public input will be provided throughout the Study and will include public information centres (PICs), newsletters/brochures and direct mailings to review agencies, affected landowners and members of the public indicating interest.

Public Information Centre #1

- ?? As part of the Class EA planning process, a Public Information Centre (see above photo) is being held to present the preliminary results to date, including study background, study area, the need and justification for the project, preliminary evaluation of alternative solutions, and the next steps.
- ?? No formal presentation will be made, so you are welcome to drop in at any time during the hours indicated. Representatives from Chatham-Kent Public Utilities Commission and Earth Tech will be on hand to answer questions.
- ?? The second PIC is planned to be held later in 2004 and will present alternative design concepts, including route and site selection, the recommended wastewater servicing strategy including associated costs and outline the implementation schedule-next steps.
- ?? Comments received through the course of the Study will be considered in identifying the recommended wastewater servicing strategy.

How do I stay informed?

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