

August 14, 2024

Public Notice

The County of Prince Edward (The County) is responsible for providing drinking water to the Urban Centres of Picton, Wellington and Rossmore, the Villages of Bloomfield, Ameliasburgh, Peats Point, Consecon and Carrying Place.

The County owns and operates 4 separate water treatment plants and 6 water distributions systems to meet current demands. It also relies on the City of Belleville and City of Quinte West for water supply in the Villages of Rossmore and Consecon/Carrying Place, respectively. The large number of municipal drinking water systems (DWS), relative to the small customer base in some areas, represent major operational and financial implications to the County.

The Process

The County completed the Regional Water Supply Servicing Master Plan under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Planning Process (MCEA, 2024), completed under the modified Approach 2. This Master Plan identified and evaluated long-term drinking water servicing strategies and infrastructure needs to address limitations within the existing systems and support growth to buildout within each of the water servicing areas. Each area is shown within the Study Area illustrated in the adjacent figure.

A preferred water servicing strategy for these areas was selected to minimize technical, socio-cultural natural environmental and economic impacts. The preferred water servicing strategies are listed below:

- **Ameliasburgh** – Do Nothing
- **Carrying Place/Consecon** – Do Nothing
- **Peats Point** – Provide individual private groundwater wells (subject to consultation with residents, MECP approval, and undertaking supporting studies)
- **Picton/Bloomfield** – Connect to Wellington DWS. Obtain full servicing capacity from a new Regional Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Wellington and decommission the existing Picton WTP.
- **Rossmore/Fenwood Gardens** – Do Nothing. Evaluate storage if population projections increase.

The projects listed in the following table are required to implement the preferred water servicing strategies. In conformance with a Modified Approach 2 Master Plan, some but not all the projects met the requirements for a Schedule B Class EA. Class EA Completion Status and outstanding requirements are also listed in the table below.



Service Area	Project	Class EA Completion Status	Outstanding Class EA requirements
Ameliasburgh	• Life-Cycle Upgrades (Non-scheduled project)	• n/a	• n/a
Peats Point	• Implementation of Individual Wells (Non-scheduled project)	• n/a	• n/a
Picton/ Bloomfield/ Wellington	• Regional WTP • Regional WTP intake • New Transmission Watermain • Expansion of the McCauley Reservoir	• Schedule B • Incomplete • Phase 1 and 2 • Phase 1 and 2	• Phase 3,4, ESR • Schedule B • Project File Report • Project File Report

The outstanding Class EA requirements for the Regional WTP and intake will be fulfilled through the 2024 Wellington WTP Schedule C Class EA, and the requirements for the Transmission Watermain and reservoir expansion will be fulfilled through the 2024 Picton Master Servicing Plan (available under separate cover).

Project File Report

The Master Plan Report detailing the planning process, findings, and recommendations for the study will be available for public review for 30 calendar days from August 14, 2024 to September 13, 2024. The Report and the Notice of Study Completion are available for public review only on the County website at <https://www.thecounty.ca/government/municipal-projects/special-capital-projects/water-servicing-supply-class-environmental-assessment/>. During the 30-day review period you are encouraged to contact the County of Prince Edward County and/or CIMA+ if you have any questions or concerns about this project.

Comments and Information

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by September 13, 2024. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Garrett Osborne at the County of Prince Edward County and Bradley Young at CIMA+.

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring that the proponent of a project going through a Class EA process:

- 1.Submit an application for approval of the project before they proceed; or,
- 2.Meet further conditions in addition to the conditions in the Class EA.

The public may request the Minister to make a Section 16(6) Order if they have outstanding concerns that a project going through a Class EA process may have a potential adverse impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights; and, they believe that an Order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy this impact.

If a member of the public wishes to request a Section 16 Order for a project, on the grounds that an Order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on constitutionally protected, Aboriginal and treaty rights, this request must be made before the public comment period is complete. Section 16 Order requests must be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Director of Environmental Assessment Branch, and can be submitted by mail, email, fax, or hand delivered to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should include the requester contact information and full name. Requests should also be copied to the County of Prince Edward County by mail or by e-mail. Please visit the ministry’s website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order> .

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and may be released, if requested, to any person. If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact 613.476.2148 ext.1023

This notice is being provided pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act, the Municipal Engineers Association’s Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, dated October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015, and the direction of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.