

WHAT WE HEARD: ROSSMORE STORMWATER MASTER SERVICING PLAN

Public Information Centre #1 Engagement Summary Report

Engagement Objectives

- *To update the public on the study*
- *To discuss existing stormwater conditions in Rossmore*
- *To get feedback on stormwater issues in the community*
- *To highlight next steps with the study*

Who We Heard From

Approximately 50 people attended the Public Information Centre for residents on March 4, 2026.

Promotion of the Public Information Centre

County staff promoted the PIC using the following tools:

- Advertisements in The Picton Gazette, County Weekly News, and The Wellington Times
- Public Notice posting on the study website
- E-mail of the Public Notice to those on the mailing list
- Posting of the PIC information on the study website

Opportunity Statement

The County is responsible for all capital works associated with stormwater infrastructure in Rossmore. As a community that is partially served (with municipal water service), it has been identified that the lands available for future residential development is limited, and that the lack of municipal sewer services would preclude the growth of higher density developments at this time.

Rossmore and surrounding area requires a comprehensive stormwater servicing and capital costing strategy to guide current and future infrastructure planning to 2048. This strategy will need to support economic prosperity, community well-being, fiscal responsibility, and environmental sustainability.

Feedback Heard

Ditches along County Road 28 are often clogged and overflow.

Ministry of Transportation Ontario will provide preliminary shoreland stormwater management designs for the Norris Whitney Bridge twinning project so these works can be integrated into this study.

This study should verify that all outlet locations are located within municipal easements or rights-of-way.

Drainage / Flooding concerns were noted at both Rossmore Park and on nearby private properties due to stormwater conveyance from the Bay Breeze subdivision.

The enlarged culverts along County Road 3 west of the fire hall appears adequate to convey current and future stormwater in this area.

The projected growth for Rossmore looks reasonable (120 new dwellings | 300 more people).

Stormwater works in proposed subdivisions should be assessed on both area-specific and community-wide contexts.

Previously recommended works to address drainage issues on Hennessy Street need to be fully implemented.

Drainage concerns were noted where County Road 28 crosses the Sawguin Creek Marsh Wetland.

Alderville First Nation requests to be kept apprised throughout all phases of this study.

Ridley Street is in poor condition and is an example of the need to set criteria for construction projects, including stormwater works.

Study recommendations should ensure that stormwater drains off of private properties and into municipal rights-of-way.

The background study data should be cross-checked against the recent floodplain mapping in the area.

The buried water system at the Bay Breeze subdivision has created a gravity sluiceway for stormwater to enter the Bay of Quinte.

The swale in the rear yards along Ridley Street and County Road 3 is insufficient to convey the volume of stormwater to the receiving ditch inlet. The ditch itself also has negative fall in more than one location.

Drainage concerns were noted along County Road 28 east of Highway 62, such as:

- improper culvert elevations
- insufficient and/or lack of ditching
- culvert and ditch blockages
- stormwater ponding
- road and shoulder damage from the above issues

The modeling maps (existing conditions) should more clearly highlight problem drainage areas.

Next Steps



- Identify best practices for stormwater management in Rossmore and prepare future modeling scenarios.
- Identify and shortlist a series of potential stormwater management strategies.
- Develop conceptual designs for 2 alternative stormwater management strategies.
- Schedule another PIC to review our study findings and potential / preferred strategies **(Spring)**.
- Refine / Finalize the recommended stormwater management strategy complete with a preliminary opinion of probable costs.
- Prepare a Draft 90% Project File Report **(Summer)**.
- Post the Final 90% Project File Report for a 30-day review period **(late Summer)**.
- Project File and issue a Notice of Completion to stakeholders as per the EA Act **(late Summer / early Fall)**.

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