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The 5th Meeting of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee April 11, 2019, 5:00 PM

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(Note: Copies of the Environmental Impact Study will be available at the meeting.)

# 7. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: May 16, 2019

#### **RESPONSE TO EEPAC COMMENTS ON P&R PLAN**

Responses below are linked to the page number of the 2009 P&R Plan attached to EEPAC's July 19/18 Agenda

#### Page iv

The comment suggests that the whole "natural heritage system" (not just ESAs) be excluded from the Plan.

The City's full natural heritage system includes Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs). Currently, there are 12 large ESAs that the City contracts the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to manage. While ESAs provide Londoners with great opportunities for recreational hiking, these areas have their own planning and management goals and processes that fall outside of the mandate of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The planning and management of ESAs resides with our City Planning service area.

From the discussion at EEPAC, it was agreed that much of the NHS overlaps with the parks system in many places, the largest being the Thames Valley corridor. The two branches of the Thames River run through the City, including many of our largest parks – Springbank, Gibbons, Harris, Greenway, North London Athletic Fields, St. Julien and Thames Parks. Through the development of the Thames Valley Corridor Plan, Londoners established a guiding vision for the corridor that is now part of the new London Plan:

The Thames Corridor is London's most important natural, cultural, recreational and aesthetic resource. The City and community partners will preserve and enhance the natural environment, Thames River health, vistas, beauty and cultural heritage while accommodating compatible infrastructure, accessibility and recreation.

It is understood that the Corridor will provide <u>all</u> of these benefits to Londoners. The same would apply to the major creek corridors – many of which have manicured parks, pathways, trails and infrastructure through them. New opportunities for pathways/trails and/or naturalization would balance these goals.

London's parks and open space system – with many assets connected to the Thames River – has consistently been rated by the public as one of the city's best features. Parks and open spaces enhance the vibrancy of our communities and keep individuals connected and engaged. Their impact on personal wellness is significant, including the many mental health and healing benefits associated with connections to nature. There has been more research specifically into the benefits of nature for children and major efforts to provide opportunities in urban areas for all residents to interact with nature. These benefits are well documented and are recognized by Londoners, as they rank "hiking on nature trails" as their second most popular recreational activity, after "walking for leisure". Cycling was number 3. It is therefore a high priority to continue to provide residents with these valuable experiences. As more Londoners value and appreciate nature, they are more likely to support and advocate for the protection and management of our natural areas. This approach is consistent with London's Official Plan policies.

#### Page v

This is not a primary benefit of sustainable environments. And do you mean "natural environments"?

The City does value ecological benefits of the environment, even if this is secondary to the intrinsic benefits of an overall healthy environment.

#### Page viii

The comments suggests that addressing major gaps in the TVP "has been used to threaten the integrity of the natural heritage system."

These gaps are critical to fill and are done in keeping with the vision of the Thames Valley Corridor Plan — multiple objectives to be met (as above). Full EAs are done to develop the best solution in keeping with policies and regulations regarding significant natural features. With the completion of the pathway, many ecological enhancements are being carried out as well.

As noted previously, the TVP can be compatible with much of the natural heritage system.

#### Page 3

The comment says "the Corridor Plan is more about recreation than preservation".

The Corridor Plan balances all goals, as per the community developed vision:

The Thames Corridor is London's most important natural, cultural, recreational and aesthetic resource. The City and community partners will preserve and enhance the natural environment, Thames River health, vistas, beauty and cultural heritage while accommodating compatible infrastructure, accessibility and recreation.

The first two of ten objectives of the Plan are about establishing a suitably sized corridor connected to its tributary watersheds and to preserve and enhance natural heritage features. Only one objective is specifically about recreation.

- 1. Establish a continuous corridor with a minimum width and identify linkages to tributary subwatersheds.
- 2. Preserve and enhance natural heritage features including vegetation, wildlife habitat, water quality, improved erosion control (storm/sewage impacts).
- 3. Preserve and enhance cultural heritage through educational signage, building preservation and identification of historical significance.
- 4. Develop guidelines and policies to ensure development along the corridor is compatible with the goals and objectives of the Plan.
- 5. Preserve and enhance the aesthetic beauty of the corridor.
- 6. Determine what infrastructure is compatible for inclusion in the corridor (such as utilities and buildings).
- 7. Determine and map compatible recreation uses. Identify suitable points of access, pathway and trail systems, lookout points and linkages to communities and Thames Valley Parkway.
- 8. Engage citizens in plans for the corridor through education, sharing of information and consultation. Create signage and promote stewardship and riverside clean-ups.
- 9. Determine what measures are necessary to ensure safe use of the Thames Valley Corridor (such as safe trails and access points).
- 10. Determine appropriate policies, regulations and enforcement through integration with the

Official Plan.

## Page 13

## If including references to the NHS, include a clear guiding principle.

We will be including much of the NHS within the scope of the Plan, as it provides huge recreational benefits to all Londoners, such as connecting Londoners to nature, as well as providing intrinsic environmental benefits that benefit the City. As per the comments above.

#### Page 22

# Pathways and trails with amenities like drinking fountains, washrooms and benches conflict with protecting the NHS.

The Plan bullet point spoke to "passive recreational use of pathways and trails". But if not designed properly, we'd agree. There are many locations where a bench is a perfect addition to a trail system within the NHS. We do not support a washroom or fountain in ecologically sensitive areas of the NHS.

#### Page 24

## Pathways and trails can be in conflict with protecting the NHS. How will you develop priorities?

Yes, they could be, if not designed properly. Trails and pathways are the number 1, 2 and 3 used/desired amenities in the parks and open space system, so we will continue to provide them and design them correctly so as to not conflict with protecting significant features of the NHS.

The survey of Londoners identifies their top 3 desirable recreational activities: Walking for leisure / hiking in a natural area / cycling. London's pathway and trails are a high priority for continued development.

#### Page 27

#### Need to add a definition of "passive recreation"

We could do that. It is <u>not</u> organized sports activities such as baseball / soccer / cricket / hockey or traditional play areas. It generally <u>is</u> pathways and trails. Perhaps we can use the UTRCA's recent policy and definition for this.

#### Page 30

#### The City is not obligated to follow the advice of the ACCAC, or any Committee.

Correct. We are obligated to consult with ACCAC as experts in accessibility. They provide advice to Council, who may or may not take that advice. There are potential risks regarding Human Rights infractions with not following their advice.

#### Page 36

There has been no public process for the development of a guideline for the use of Significant Woodlands – need to make that a recommendation.

The City has a team that manages woodlands, led by the Urban Forestry Area. The determination of, and the management of Significant Woodlands includes cultural/recreational uses under the PPS/Natural Resources Reference Manual – Section 7.3.1. Through a woodland management plan, uses are established that are compatible with the long-term integrity of the woodland.

The TVCP was not a stewardship document. By including the NHS, you are overlaying recreation over protection and enhancement.

See response to comments on page 3. Multiple objectives are to be met along the Thames Corridor and ecological protection / restoration / stewardship are main objectives. As is recreation.

#### Page 55

Yes, the Bicycle Master Plan avoids ESAs. And identifies preferred routes for future pathways that may be in or cross the NHS and generally require further study.

## Page 56

"Park resource plans" for ecological features are being done – woodland management plans, for example. Including this in the P & R Plan is appropriate, as those plans can and do include public recreational use.

## Page 57

Regional pathway and trail plans are being coordinated with adjacent municipalities. And yes, outside of ESAs. Where ecologically supported and appropriate, pathways and trails may be in the natural heritage system – as discussed in comments for Page iv.

Stewardship priorities have been pretty well set – ESAs at the top and with the new Invasive Species Management Strategy, we are looking at wetlands and woodlands next.

Yes, more should be done on the "awareness" side.

## Page 58

Off-leash pets are still an issue. There has been an increase in the UTRCA's efforts to control dogs off leash in ESAs, and specific "blitzes". But the issue remains across the City. We have added 2 new dog off leash parks as well. All parks have signs about keeping dogs on leash. More enforcement is required.

Yes, we will be more specific to "open space" or NHS.

Pathway and trail connections are key for active living. And yes, pathways are outside of ESAs. Where ecologically supported and appropriate, pathways and trails may be in the natural heritage system – as discussed in comments for Page iv.

Yes, NHS and "parks" are different for the purposes of horticultural displays and urban spaces. This is referring to neighbourhood parks.

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The wording still is appropriate. As you noted, the Cycling Master Plan avoids ESAs. But also, the NHS overlaps the parks and open space system and there will be times that a pathway will be in the NHS - ie along the Thames River and Stoney Creek Valley.



# Long Term Water Storage

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Project File

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C.1 Conceptual Design Report

C.2 Conceptual Cost Estimate

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# **Glossary**

ADD Average Daily Demand

COTTEN Chippewa of the Thames First Nation

**CWA** Clean Water Act

**DWWP Drinking Water Works Permit** EΑ **Environmental Assessment EAA Environmental Assessment Act EAWSS** Elgin Area Water Supply System EIS **Environmental Impact Study** 

**EMPS** Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station

**HVA** Highly Vulnerable Aquifers IPZ Intake Protection Zones

LACH London Advisory Committee on Heritage LHWSS Lake Huron Water Supply System

mASL Meters Above Sea level MBCA Migratory Bird Convention Act mbgs Meters Below Ground Surface

**MCEA** Ontario Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

MDD Maximum Daily Demand

**MDWL** Municipal Drinking Water Licence

**MECP** Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks MNRF Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry MOCEE Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

**MTCS** Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport

NRW Non-revenue Water OBC Ontario Building Code **OFC** Ontario Fire Code OP Official Plan Ontario Regulation O.Reg. PIC **Public Information Centre PPS Provincial Policy Statement** Permit To Take Water **PTTW** SAR Species at Risk

SC

Special Concern SCC Species of Conservation Concern **SERPS** Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station SGRA Significant Groundwater Recharge Area

SPP Source Protection Plan **SWP** Source Water Protection **UGB Urban Growth Boundary** 

**UTRCA Upper Thames River Conservation Authority** WHMIS Workplace Hazardous Material Information System

**WHPA** Wellhead Protection Areas

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# 1. Introduction

The City of London (the City) retained AECOM Canada Ltd. to complete a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study to determine Long Term Water Storage needs for the City of London's Water Supply and distribution system. Additional water storage is needed to address future growth demands, potential disruptions or reductions in water supply during emergency situations and to meet Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks (MECP) fire balancing and daily peak demand criteria needs. This report documents the planning process followed and the work completed for this project. This study also considered the decommissioning of existing water supply and/or storage facilities within the City.

#### The study included:

- public and agency consultation;
- the identification and evaluation of alternative storage solutions focused on water storage facility siting/expansion;
- an assessment of the effects associated with any alternative and/or the preferred solution;
- the identification of measures required to mitigate any potential adverse effects; and
- the preparation of a design concept for the preferred solution.

The findings and results, along with a record of review agency and stakeholder consultation have been documented in this Project File and made available for a 30-day public and agency review period.

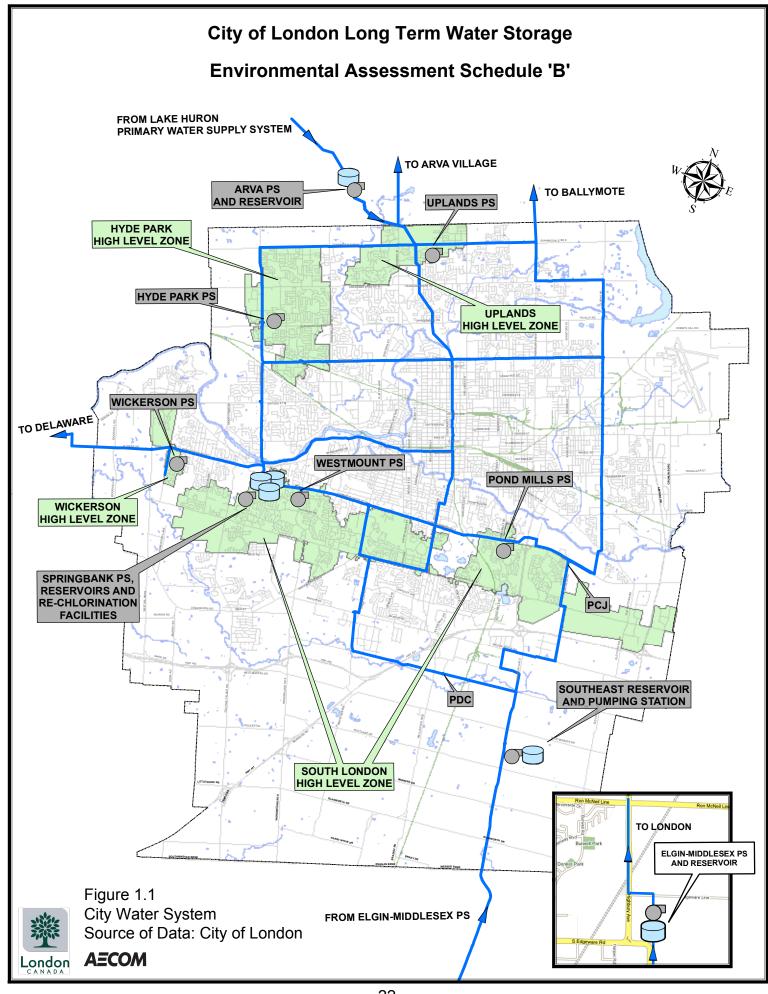
# 1.1 Study Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this MCEA study is to provide a comprehensive and environmentally sound planning process, which is open to public participation, to select preferred Long-Term Water Storage improvements for the City's water supply and distribution system. The objectives of this study include:

- Provide an opportunity to identify Long Term Water Storage improvements;
- Protect the environment, as defined in the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA), through the wise management of resources;
- Consult with affected and interested agencies, Indigenous communities, key stakeholders, and the public;
- Identify a range of alternative solutions that incorporate concerns raised during the planning process;
- Identify the measures needed to mitigate impacts associated with the recommended solution;
- Prepare a design concept for the recommended solution; and,
- Prepare a Project File that documents all consultation input and complies with the requirements of the MCEA process for Schedule 'B' undertakings.

# 1.2 Study Area

The Study Area is the City of London's water supply and distribution system as shown in **Figure 1-1.** The City of London presently has terminal water storage (drinking water supply and emergency response) from the Arva Reservoir and Pump Station, the Springbank Reservoir Complex, the Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station and the Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station. These water storage facilities provide potable water to City residents and business through the City's low and high-level pressure zones.



# 1.3 Study Team Organization

AECOM Canada Ltd. was retained by the City of London to complete this MCEA study. This study addresses all aspects of the environment, a full range of technical issues, and the requirements of the MCEA process. The Project Team consisted of staff from the City and AECOM. Key members of the project team included the following individuals as listed in **Table 1-1**.

**Table 1-1: Study Team** 

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# 2. Planning Process

# 2.1 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Planning Process

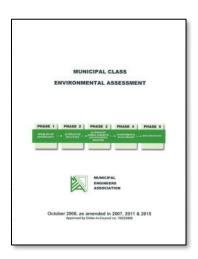
All municipalities in Ontario, including the City of London, are subject to the provisions of the *EAA* and its requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment for applicable public works projects. The Ontario MCEA document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) provides municipalities with a five-phase planning procedure, approved under the *EAA*, to plan and undertake all municipal sewage, water, stormwater management and transportation projects that occur frequently, are usually limited in scale and have a predictable range of environmental impacts and applicable mitigation measures.

In Ontario, infrastructure projects such as improvements to the City's water storage system are subject to the MCEA process and must follow a series of steps as outlined in the MCEA guide. The MCEA consists of five phases as summarized below:

- Phase 1 Problem or Opportunity: Identify the problems or opportunities to be addressed and the needs and justification;
- Phase 2 Alternative Solutions: Identify alternative solutions to the problems or
  opportunities by taking into consideration the existing environment, and establish the
  preferred solution taking into account public and agency review and input;
- Phase 3 Alternative Design Concepts for the Preferred Solution: Examine alternative methods of
  implementing the preferred solution based upon the existing environment, public and agency input,
  anticipated environmental effects and methods of minimizing negative effects and maximizing positive
  effects;
- Phase 4 Environmental Study Report: Document in an ESR, a summary of the rationale, planning, design and consultation processes for the project as established through Phases 1 to 3 above and make such documentation available for scrutiny by review agencies and the public; and
- Phase 5 Implementation: Complete contract drawings and documents, proceed to construction and
  operation, and monitor construction for adherence to environmental provisions and commitments. Also,
  where special conditions dictate, monitor the operation of the completed facilities.

The MCEA process ensures that all projects are carried out with effectiveness, efficiency and fairness. This process serves as a mechanism for understanding economic, social and environmental concerns while implementing improvements to municipal infrastructure.

Based on a review of the MCEA document, this project involves establishing new or expanding water storage facilities which triggers a Schedule 'B' planning process and as such, Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal MCEA planning process must be completed. This Project File has been prepared and will be made available for a minimum 30-day review period. **Figure 2-1** illustrates the process followed for the Long Term Water Storage MCEA.



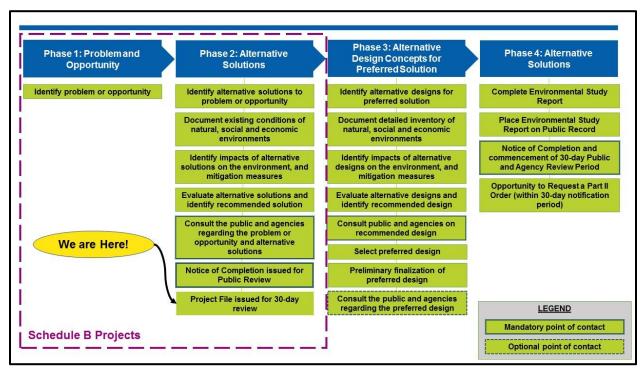


Figure 2-1: MCEA Planning Process

# 2.2 MCEA Documentation and Filing

This Project File comprises the documentation for this Schedule B Municipal Class EA study. Placement of the Project File for public review completes the planning stage of the study.

This Project File is available for public review and comment for a period of 30 calendar days starting on **Date** and ending on **Date**. A public notice (Notice of Completion) was published to notify the public and stakeholders about the 30-day public review period. To facilitate public review of this document, copies are available at the following locations during regular business hours and on the City's website:

City of London City Hall	London Public Library	
300 Dufferin Avenue, London	Central Branch	
City Clerk 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	251 Dundas Street, London	
City of London		
www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWaterStorageOptions.aspx		

If you have any outstanding issues or concerns with this project during the 30-day review period, please address them to the Pat Lupton and John Haasen, with the subject line "Long Term Water Storage MCEA Notice of Study Completion" and efforts will be made to seek a mutually acceptable resolution.

Pat Lupton - Project Manager	John Haasen - Senior Vice President
	AECOM Canada Ltd.
300 Dufferin Avenue	250 York Street, Suite 401
London ON, N6A 4L9	London ON, N6A 6K2
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If concerns regarding the project cannot be resolved in discussion with the City of London, a person or party may request that the MECP make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the EAA (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. A Part II Order Request Form must be used to request a Part II Order. The Part II Order Request Form is available online on the Forms Repository Website <a href="http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca">http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca</a> by searching "Part II Order" or "012-2206E" (the form number).

The completed form, including any additional information, must be sent to the addresses below, with a copy to the City.

Minister Rod Phillips
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
77 Wellesley Street West, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor
Toronto, ON
M7A 2T5

AND

minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON
M4V 1P5
enviropermissions@ontario.ca

If no Part II Order requests are received by **Date**, the City may proceed with preliminary/detailed design and construction of the recommended works as presented in this report.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments, apart from personal information, will become part of the public record.

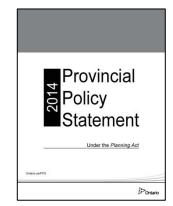
# 2.3 Planning Studies and Policy Context

# 2.3.1 Provincial Policy Statement

The 2014 Provincial Policy Statement<sup>1</sup> (PPS) provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. As a key part of Ontario's policy-led planning system, the PPS sets the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land. It provides for appropriate development while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health and safety, and the quality of the natural environment.

Key policies relevant to this project include the following:

- 1.6: Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities;
- 2.1: Natural Environment
- 2.2.2: Water
- 2.6: Cultural Heritage and Archaeology



**Relevance to Study:** Investment in water servicing infrastructure within the study area, such as this project, will have regard for a range of planning objectives of the PPS. In addition, project design will consider and address impacts to natural heritage resources.

<sup>1</sup> Provincial Policy Statement. Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 2014.

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# 2.3.2 Climate Change

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks requires that all MCEAs consider climate change as identified in the "Consideration of Climate Change in Environmental Assessments in Ontario" guide (2017). Within this guide, two approaches for consideration and addressing climate change in project planning are identified and include:

- Reducing a project's effect on climate change (climate change mitigation).
- Increasing the project's and local ecosystem's resilience to climate change (climate change adaptation).

**Relevance to Study:** Improvements via water storage facilities and related infrastructure increases overall water system reliability and response in emergencies. Improvements via water storage facilities in relation to climate change have been considered and incorporated into the planning alternatives for this study. Further climate change mitigation is included in **Section 9.1**.

# 2.3.3 Source Water Protection

Section A.2.10.6 of the MCEA document directs proponents, including the City of London to consider Source Water Protection (SWP) in the context of the *Clean Water Act* (CWA). Projects proposed within a SWP `vulnerable area are required to consider policies in the applicable Source Protection Plan (SPP), including their impact with respect to the project. A watershed-based SPP contains policies to reduce existing and future threats to drinking water in order to safeguard human health through addressing activities that have the potential to impact municipal drinking water systems. The Thames - Sydenham & Region Drinking Water Source Protection Plan is the relevant SPP for this project and contains policies that address current and potential threats to municipal drinking water supply.

There are four types of vulnerable areas covered by the SPP:

- 1. Intake protection zones (IPZs) An IPZ is the area around a surface body of water where water is drawn in and conveyed for municipal drinking water.
- 2. Highly vulnerable aquifers (HVAs) Aquifers are underground layers of water that supply wells. HVAs are susceptible to contamination due to their proximity to the ground surface or where the types of materials in the ground around it are highly permeable.
- 3. Significant groundwater recharge areas (SGRAs) SGRAs are characterized as having porous soils (e.g. sand or gravel), which allow for water to easily seep into the ground and flow to an aquifer.
- 4. Wellhead protection areas (WHPAs) WHPAs are areas of land around a municipal well where land use activities have the greatest potential to affect the quality of water flowing into the well.

**Relevance to Study:** The relevance of the policies of the SPP have been considered in this study. The locations considered for evaluation are within SGRAs where the vulnerability score is low. Although it is designated as a vulnerable area, there are no significant, moderate or low drinking water quality threats associated with this project. Potential contamination for fuel storage and fuelling vehicles during construction is low. See **Section 9.3** for construction mitigation measures.

# 2.3.4 The London Plan

The London Plan (2016) is the policy direction document for the City that contains policies approved by Council to provide direction for the allocation of land use, provision of services and facilities, and policies to control the use of land, having regard for social, economic, and environmental matters. The Plan identifies the following:

- The London Plan supports the requirements of the MECP to provide safe drinking water.
- The City will ensure water servicing is available to service long term growth and upgrade the water system to address intensification



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- The City is committed to meeting and exceeding service requirements for water supply for fire protection
- Water supply will be provided to avoid shortages

**Relevance to Study:** This MCEA has been conducted with regard to the water servicing policies of the London Plan and all necessary design standards for the City and the Province.

# 2.3.5 Strategic Plan

The City of London Strategic Plan (2015-2019) sets out tangible actions and auditable projects/programs that will be coupled with the multi-year budget to bring about a higher quality of life in the City. The strategies for Building a Sustainable City set out the City's mandate to manage and improve servicing infrastructure through water and waste water business plans and to build new infrastructure as London expands.

**Relevance to Study:** Expanding the capacity of the current water storage system aligns with the Strategic Plan to improve water servicing infrastructure within the City.

# 2.3.6 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Policies

Portions of the study area are within the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) regulated area. Regulated areas are established where development could be subject to flooding, erosion or dynamic beaches, or where interference with wetlands and alterations to shorelines and watercourses might have an adverse effect on those environmental features. Any proposed development, interference or alteration within a Regulated Area would require a permit from the UTRCA under the *Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses*, Ontario Regulation (*O.Reg.*) 157/06.

**Relevance to the Study:** If construction is required within regulated areas, permitting will be required prior to project construction.

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# 3. Consultation

The involvement of the community – residents, agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and those who may be potentially affected by a project – is an integral part of the MCEA process. The purpose of a consultation process is to provide an opportunity for stakeholder groups and the public to gain an understanding of the study process; contribute to the process for the development and selection of alternatives/design concepts; and provide feedback and advice at important stages in the MCEA process. Specifically, the objectives of the consultation efforts are to:

- Generate awareness of the project and provide opportunities for involvement throughout the planning process; and,
- Facilitate constructive input from public and agency stakeholders at key points in the MCEA process, prior to decision-making.

A summary of the consultation activities undertaken for this study is provided in this section.

# 3.1 Public Consultation

Public notices were issued throughout the course of the study to notify agencies, local stakeholders, Indigenous communities and the public of the status of the project, provide notification of the Public Information Centres (PICs), and to invite feedback on the project.

At the beginning of the study, a Notice of Study Commencement and PIC #1 was mailed to the public and review agencies. The notice presented an overview of the project and details of how to participate in the study. Notices for PICs and Study Completion were also distributed as part of this study. A list of public notices that were issued as part of the study are provided in **Table 3-1.** 

All notices were listed on the City's website

(www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWaterStorageOptions.aspx).

**Table 3-1: Public Consultation Notices** 

Notice	Newspaper Publication Dates	
Notice of Commencement/PIC #1 Appendix A.1	The Londoner June 7/14, 2018	
Notice of PIC #2 Appendix A.2	The Londoner November 15/22, 2018	
Notice of Completion* Appendix A.3	The Londoner March 23/30, 2019	

<sup>\*</sup> Prior to issuing the Notice of Completion, the project file was issued to the Civic Works Committee and Council for approval (May 14, 2019).

# 3.1.1 Public Information Centre #1

The first PIC was held on June 20, 2018 at City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The PIC was structured as a drop-in centre with a sign in sheet, display boards, background reports, maps, and comment sheets. The purpose of PIC #1 was to share study findings and gather comments on the following:

- Problem and Opportunity Statement;
- Existing conditions;
- Identification of a long list of alternatives to address the Problem and Opportunity Statement;

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- Evaluation of the long list of alternatives to determine the short listed alternatives; and,
- Next steps.

Representatives from the project team, including City staff and the AECOM consulting team, were available to discuss the project with participants. Six people attended PIC #1.

Based on comments received at PIC #1, the following points summarize the key issues from the public perspective:

- Participants were generally in favour of the recommended planning alternative to provide additional water storage.
- Residents were not supportive of some of the potential locations considered as these could have negative impacts on existing land uses (dairy operation, condo development).

See Appendix A.1 for PIC #1 notices and materials.

# 3.1.2 Public Information Centre #2

The second PIC was held on November 28, 2018 at City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It was structured as a drop in centre. The purpose of PIC #2 was to share study findings to date and gather comments on the following:

- Evaluation of short listed alternatives;
- Recommended alternative including associated design;
- Mitigation measures; and,
- Next steps.

Representatives from the project team, including City staff and the AECOM team, were available to discuss the project with participants. Three members of the public attended PIC #2.

No issues and comments were raised by the public at PIC #2: See Appendix A.2 for PIC #2 notices and materials.

# 3.1.3 Notice of Completion

A public Notice of Completion was published in the Londoner on **Date** to notify the public and stakeholders about the 30-day public review period. To facilitate public review of this document, copies are available at London City Hall and the London Public Library – Central Branch during regular business hours and on the City's website. See Section 2.2 for more information and location addresses.

See **Appendix A.3** for the Notice of Completion.

# 3.1.4 Agency Consultation

All relevant agencies and authorities were contacted at the project initiation stage through correspondence notifying them of the study commencement and requesting their comments. All of these agencies were included in the project mailing list, which was updated regularly to ensure accuracy. They were also notified of the PICs and the Notice of Completion. The following section provides a summary of the correspondence with external agencies. Agency correspondence can be found in **Appendix A.4. Table 3-2** identifies the comments received from agencies as part of this project.

**Table 3-2: Agency Comments** 

Agency/Department	Comment	Response
Ministry of Tourism,	MTCS provided an outline of the MCEA requirements as	Submission and acceptance of a Stage 1
Culture and Sport (MTCS)	they relate to archaeological resources, built heritage	archaeological assessment is needed prior to
(June 21, 2018)	and cultural heritage landscapes.	construction.

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<b>MECP</b> (June 8, 2018)	MECP indicated the MCEA should consider SWP and climate change.	Submission and acceptance of a Stage 2 archaeological assessment (if required) is needed prior to construction.  SWP is addressed in Section 2.3.3.  Climate change is discussed in Section 2.3.2 and in Section 9.1.
City of London Development and Compliance (June 21, 2018)	This City department is responsible for implementing the Industrial Land Development (ILD) strategy.  Locating water storage infrastructure within City owned land serviced and zoned for future industrial development is not supported by current City policy and mandate.	This information was considered in the evaluation of siting alternatives.
City of London London Advisory Committee on Heritage (June 27, 2018) City of London Environment and Parks Planning (June 21, 2018)	The London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) indicated that a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and Cultural Heritage Screening Report be undertaken as part of the MCEA process.  Parks Planning does not support the potential elimination of recreational facilities, parkland and/or natural heritage features such as woodlands.	The assessments have been undertaken. See  Section 5.4 of this report.  This information was considered in the evaluation of siting alternatives.

# 3.2 Indigenous Consultation

The City of London is committed to proactively identifying and addressing potential impacts of the Long Term Water Storage MCEA on the interests and rights of interested Indigenous communities within proximity to the City. Consultation with Indigenous communities is important for the project to identify and address specific cultural and heritage interests, as well as potential impacts to established or asserted Indigenous or treaty rights or Land Claims that Indigenous communities may have within the area. Consultation activities were conducted in accordance with the guidelines provided in the MCEA (MEA, 2000) and the Code of Practice – Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process (MECP, 2014).

The duty to consult with Indigenous communities is triggered when a proponent contemplates decisions or actions that may adversely impact asserted or established Indigenous or Treaty rights. Although ultimate legal responsibility to meet the duty to consult requirements lies with the Crown, the City undertakes a procedural aspect of the Crown's duty. As part of this procedural responsibility, the City will notify the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch if the project has the potential to adversely affect an Indigenous or Treaty right. This procedural aspect would be solely to provide information regarding the proposal and to gather information about the potential impacts of the asserted project on potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights.

The City initiated consultation with Indigenous communities that have previously engaged in London infrastructure planning / development projects and are anticipated to have interest in the project, and other recognized Indigenous communities and organizations. A list of communities and groups that were included in correspondence for this project is provided below. All Indigenous correspondence is included in **Appendix A.5**.

- Aamjiwnaang
- Alderville First Nation
- Assembly of First Nations
- Associated Iroquois and Allied Indians
- Aundeck-Omni-Kaning

- Hiawatha First Nation
- Iroquois Caucus
- London District Chiefs Council
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Metis Nation of Ontario

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- Beausoleil
- Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island) First
- Caldwell First Nation
- Chiefs of Ontario
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point
- Chippewas of Nawash First Nation
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
- Curve Lake
- Delaware Nation (Moravian of the Thames)

- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Mississaugas of the Credit
- Mohawks of Akwesasne
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
- Munsee-Delaware Nation
- Oneida Nation of the Thames
- Saugeen First Nation
- Shequiandah First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River Territory
- Union of Ontario Indians
- Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

Correspondence was received from the following Indigenous communities:

- Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (June 7, 2018) advised that the study is outside of their area of interest.
- Rama First Nation (June 12, 2018) advised that project information has been forwarded to Rama First Nation Council and to Karry Sandy McKenzie, Coordinator/Negotiator for Williams Treaties First Nation Process.
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) (July 5, 2018) indicated the study falls within the London Township Treaty (1796) area, the Big Bear Creek Additions to Reserve (ATR) land selection area and the COTTFN Traditional territory. The project was identified as being of moderate concern to the community and further information was requested.
  - AECOM and the City of London provided background studies to COTTFN and met with representatives on December 11, 2018 to discuss the project further. Additional information was provided as a result of this meeting.

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# 4. Phase 1: Project Need and Justification

Phase 1 of the Class EA planning process requires the proponent of an undertaking (the City) to document factors leading to the conclusion that the improvement or change is needed, and to develop a clear statement of the identified problems or opportunities to be addressed. The Problem and Opportunity Statement is the principle starting point in the undertaking of a Class EA study and becomes the central theme and integrating element of the project. It also assists in setting the scope of the project.

#### **Project Need and Justification**

In developing the Problem and Opportunity Statement for the City's Long Term Water Storage Class EA, the following was considered.

- The City of London's water system provides safe drinking water to residents, businesses and industry within the City limits.
- The City is supplied with water from two lake-based sources, the Lake Huron Regional Water Supply System and the Elgin Area Water Supply System (Lake Erie).
- The City operates several water storage facilities including the Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station, and the Springbank Reservoir complex, which has three storage reservoirs that can gravity feed the entire City.
- The City benefits from storage facilities operated as part of the Lake Huron and Elgin Area Water Supply System at the Arva Reservoir and the Elgin Middlesex Reservoir.
- Springbank Reservoir #2 has both an aging membrane liner and ongoing issue with its floating cover and
  requires continued maintenance and repair. The reservoir is reaching the end of its service life and the City
  would like to consider retiring the facility when it reaches the end of its life expectancy anticipated in 2022. As a
  result, comparable reservoir capacity (45 million litres (ML)) will need to be replaced or better located within the
  City's water system.
- Additional water storage (100ML) is necessary to meet future growth needs to 2054 and beyond.
- The Arva Reservoir and Pump Station can pump water from the Lake Huron Water Supply System to the entire City. The City of London operates the Arva Pump Station and the Elgin Middlesex Pump Station. However, the water supply rate and pressure is reduced compared to normal operating condition in an emergency. There is a need to have adequate standby power to operate the Arva distribution pumps to the City and be able to utilize the full volume of water in storage at the Arva Reservoir.
- The City must also consider the potential of a disruption or reduction in water supply during emergency situations in planning for the storage needs of the City's water system, as well as MECP fire balancing and daily peak demand attenuation.
- The London Plan identifies policies that require the City to 'provide and maintain water storage facilities, pump stations and the City's watermain distribution system with sufficient capacity to provide for existing and planned development to an acceptable standard and at the lowest cost possible'.
- The PPS promotes the expansion of any service in a coordinated, efficient and cost-effective manner to accommodate projected needs, and requires that planning for infrastructure and public services 'be integrated with the planning for growth so that these are available to meet current and projected needs'.

#### **Problem and Opportunity Statement**

Based on the needs and justifications outlined above, the Problem and Opportunity Statement is as follows:

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The City of London and the Regional Water Supply Systems provide water storage and distribution from the Arva, Elgin-Middlesex, Southeast and Springbank reservoirs. From these sources, water is provided for drinking water, daily household use, business and industrial needs and fire protection. Water can also be provided during water disruptions or if pressures within the City's water system are reduced. However, the existing water system is not able to provide flows at a supply rate and pressure necessary to meet peak demand, fire and/or emergency needs based on future growth. Additionally, Springbank Reservoir 2 is subject to ongoing maintenance associated with this aging facility and is nearing the end of its service life.

To address the Problem and Opportunity Statement, the City initiated this MCEA process to evaluate alternative solutions and address these issues and determine a preferred solution for future water storage that will contribute to the overall City water system daily operation and emergency needs, and meet future growth.

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# 5. Existing Conditions

# 5.1 Technical Environment

# 5.1.1 Existing Water Supply System

The City of London is supplied with water from two lake-based sources. The Lake Huron Water Supply System (LHWSS) provides approximately 85% of the supply to London, and the Elgin Area Water Supply System (EAWSS) provides the remaining water. The City's overall water system includes 8 pump stations, 4 reservoirs (reservoirs at the Springbank Reservoir Complex and reservoir at the Southeast Pump Station and reservoir), over 1,570 km of water mains, 12,800 valves and 9000 hydrants (see **Figure 1-1**). Water storage reservoirs are located at the Arva Reservoir and Pump Station, Springbank Reservoir Complex (consisting of Reservoirs 1, 2 and 3), Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station and the Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station. The Arva Reservoir is owned and operated by the LHWSS, and the Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station is owned and operated by the EAWSS and function as part of the larger London water system through cooperative agreements.

Most of the City's low-pressure system is fed by the Arva Pump Station and Springbank reservoirs. System pressures are maintained from the Arva Pump Station to the City's low-level system, to fill the Springbank reservoirs and feed the City's high-pressure systems.

The Springbank Reservoirs 1, 2 and 3 are elevated ground storage reservoirs that feed the City on a gravity basis for day to day and emergency conditions. Springbank Reservoirs 1 and 3 are single chamber concrete cast in place covered reservoirs. These were constructed in 1970 and 1964 respectively.

Springbank Reservoir 2 was originally constructed around 1920 as an open reservoir. A membrane liner and floating cover were added in 1977. Both the liner and floating cover have been refurbished and then replaced since 1977, with the cover being replaced multiple times. Springbank Reservoir 2 is regularly taken out of service over the winter months each year to extend the life expectancy of the floating cover. The floating cover has a life expectancy of approximately 10 years. The most recent refurbishment of the floating cover was in 2012. The liner over the existing concrete structure which forms the bottom of the reservoir was last replaced in 2000. It was noted at that time that the concrete base structure was severely deteriorated in many locations.

There have been a number of incidents of operational concerns with Springbank Reservoir 2. The cover has been damaged by members of the public who have jumped the fence to retrieve soccer balls. The cover has been damaged by members of the public throwing objects into the fenced in area. The floating cover also collects precipitation which must be pumped off regularly to prevent potential contamination hazards for the potable water in the reservoir and to avoid risk to members of the public who have occasionally breached the fence and to City staff.

The Springbank Reservoir 2 is nearing the end of its life expectancy, and the current budget forecast includes funds for constructing a new reservoir to replace Springbank Reservoir 2 in approximately 2023.

The Arva Pump Station and Reservoir was constructed around 1965. Currently the pump station facility has a small standby generator with only enough capacity to operate <u>building facilities during a power outage</u>. Currently water can be pumped from the Lake Huron Water Supply System bypassing the Arva Pump Station in an emergency. But this supplies water at a reduced rate and operating pressure as compared to normal operating conditions. The need to have adequate standby power to operate the Arva Pump Station in an emergency and be able to utilize the full volume of water in storage at the Arva Reservoirs is also being considered during this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

The Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station (SERPS) was placed into service in 2018. Located in south London at 5200 Highbury Avenue, south of Highway 401, the SERPS provides 113 ML of reservoir storage capacity and 123 ML per day of pumping capacity for primarily the industrial area in southeast London. The potable water that is conveyed to the facility is from the Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant which takes water from Lake Erie. The station also

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contains a pressure reducing valve to reduce the water pressure to the reservoir from the watermain on Highbury Avenue as well as a gas chlorination system to boost the chlorine residual for the incoming and outgoing water as necessary. This reservoir was set on higher ground to lower its profile and features open space with a naturalized woodlot area and management facility to maximize functionality of the space. As the Elgin Area Water Treatment Plant expands, more of South London can be serviced by the Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station in the future. Currently the City of London has an agreement to take 22.7 ML of water per day from this system.

The Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station (EMPS) is located north of Highway 3, east of the City of St. Thomas. Owned and operated by the EAWSS, its primary components are two 27.3 ML reservoir cells, booster pumping equipment and a surge suppression system. High lift pumps supply water to the City of London to the SERPS through a 1050 mm diameter concrete transmission main: The City of St. Thomas, Central Elgin, Malahide Township, Southwold Township and the Town of Aylmer are serviced through dedicated pumping systems, stations and transmission mains from the pump station also. This pump station pumps to the SERPS which will eventually serve all of south London once increased water supply from the Elgin Area Water Supply System is expanded to service future growth. The pumps at EMPS supply water only to the Southeast Reservoir, which in turn will provide system pressure and supply to south London. The EMPS also pumps directly into the City of London water system under emergency conditions.

A summary of the City's existing water storage is shown in **Table 5-1** below. Details are provided in the Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirement Report (August 2017) included in **Appendix B.1**.

**Table 5-1: Exiting Water Storage Summary** 

Description	Location	<b>Total Storage Capacity</b>	Useable Storage Capacity (1)	
Arva Reservoir	North west	109.0 ML	76.4 ML	
(operated as part of LHWSS)				
Springbank Total	Central	209.2 ML	132.9 ML	
	Springbank Reservoir 1	81.8 M	/IL/52.0 ML	
	Springbank Reservoir 2	45.6 ML/28.9 ML		
	Springbank Reservoir 3	81.8 ML/52.0 ML		
Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station	South east	113 ML	83.3 ML	
Elgin – Middlesex Reservoir	South east	27.0 ML	19.2 ML	
(operated as part of EAWSS)				
TOTAL (pre 2022) (includes Springbank 2)		458.2 ML	311.7 ML	
TOTAL (post 2022) (excludes Springbank 2)		412.6 ML	282.8 ML	

<sup>(1)</sup> Due to pumping capability, fee board at top of reservoir, percent full at the time of need, and the pump intake elevation at bottom of the reservoir.

The City's water system currently has a 91 ML storage deficit as outlined in **Table 6-2** in **Section 6.1.1**. This is projected to grow to 203 ML by 2054. Details are provided kin the Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements included in **Appendix B1**.

## 5.2 Land Use

The London Plan indicates 'robust' growth within the City over the next twenty years. Substantial growth is limited to within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and is anticipated to occur through intensification primarily in the Built-Areas which the London Plan describes as substantially built out areas (as of 2006) of the City within the UGB. Intensification of residential development will be achieved through adaptive re-use, infill, severance and redevelopment at higher densities. Intensification of non-residential development, such as mixed-use, commercial, industrial and institutional areas, will also be encouraged.

A summary of land uses adjacent to the existing reservoirs is provided in **Table 5-2** below. A summary of existing conditions for potential reservoir sites (non-existing reservoir sites) is included in **Section 7.3**.

Location	Adjacent Land Uses
Arva Reservoir and Pump Station	agriculture
Springbank Reservoirs	residential, open space
Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station	agriculture
Elgin – Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station	agriculture, industrial

**Table 5-2: Existing Land Uses** 

## 5.3 Natural Environment Features

The City of London enjoys an abundance of Green Space Places including Natural Heritage Features and Areas, Natural and Human-made Hazard Lands, Natural Resources and Public Parkland. These areas are governed by the policies of the London Plan as a means of protecting and enhancing the natural environment within the City.

A preliminary background review was conducted for the existing reservoir sites to identify existing natural heritage features and is included in **Appendix B.2**. Species at Risk (SAR), Species of Conservation Concern (SOCC) and relevant London Plan maps outlining natural heritage land use designations were utilized to inform the review. Additionally, previous reports undertaken by AECOM within the study areas were also used. These include the following:

- Southeast Reservoir Subject Land Status Report (Earth Tech Canada Inc., 2004); and,
- Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station Environmental Impact Study (Earth Tech Inc., 2005).

A summary of natural environment features within and adjacent to the existing reservoirs is provided in **Table 5-3** below. A summary of existing conditions for potential reservoir sites (non-existing reservoir sites) is included in **Section 7.3.** 

**Table 5-3: Existing Natural Environment Features** 

Location	Natural Heritage Features (within or adjacent to the area)	Potential SAR/SOCC
Arva Reservoir and Pump Station	Natural heritage feature (woodland) is approximately 14 ha with 1.3 ha within the study area with 0 ha impacted.	Potential suitable habitat for 11 SAR/SOCC in woodland.
Springbank Reservoirs	Natural heritage feature (Significant Woodland) is approximately 9.8 ha of which 0.7 ha may be impacted.  Potential impact to 35 - 80 trees.	Potential suitable habitat for 18 SAR/SOCC in woodland.
Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station	Natural heritage feature (Significant Woodland) is approximately 15 ha with 1.6 ha within the study area, 0 ha impacted.	Potential suitable habitat for 13 SAR/SOCC in woodland.

	A small portion of the Perl Drain is within the study area.
Elgin and Middlesex	EMPS is a feeder into SERPS, servicing southeast London. As a result the EMPS was not assessed
Pump Station	as part of the Natural Environment review.

# 5.4 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology

A preliminary background review was conducted to identify the potential for archaeological resources associated with each of the existing reservoirs. A review of the historical, environmental, and archaeological context of the land parcels has been provided below as well as a determination regarding the potential for the presence of archaeological resources for the proposed reservoir footprints. Data sources included recent historical maps, previous archaeological assessments, The Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport's and Ontario Heritage Trust Databases and the City of London's heritage register mapping.

Additionally, a preliminary background review was conducted to determine if built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes are located in close proximity to the existing water supply facilities. Data sources included the City of London's Inventory of Heritage Properties, Ontario Heritage Trust's online inventory, the Canadian Register of Historic Places and the Directory of Federal Heritage Designations.

A summary of the cultural and archaeological resources and potential can be found below. Further details are found in **Appendix B.3** and **Appendix B.4**. A summary of cultural and archaeological resources for potential reservoir sites (non-existing reservoir sites) is included in **Section 7.3**.

#### **Arva Reservoir and Pump Station**

- Portions of the study area were determined to retain archaeological potential, specifically the woodlot in the
  northeast corner of the property. Given the proximity to the existing reservoir, the potential for the presence of
  archaeological resources within the proposed reservoir footprint is low to moderate.
- No cultural heritage resources are located in proximity to the facility.

#### Springbank Reservoirs 1 & 2

- Land within the east half of the site retains high potential for the recovery of archaeological resources.
- The west half no longer retains archaeological potential due to previous disturbance associated with the construction of the existing Springbank Reservoir.

#### Springbank Reservoir 3

- The majority of the land parcel to the south of Commissioners Road West no longer retains archaeological
  potential. Only a small corridor of manicured lawn extending from Commissioners Road West between existing
  private properties retains high archaeological potential.
- One Part IV designated property is located in proximity to the Springbank Reservoir.

#### **Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station**

- This site has features of archaeological potential, based on the results of the archaeological assessment however archaeological potential has been removed as a result of construction of the reservoir.
- Two Listed properties are in close proximity to SERPS. However, no impacts are anticipated. Further study may be required to evaluate potential impacts.

#### **Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station**

No cultural heritage resources are located in proximity to the facility.

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# 5.5 Geotechnical and Hydrogeological

A background review was conducted to document the historical geotechnical and hydrogeological data obtained from various field investigations previously completed Reports completed in the vicinity of the proposed locations were referenced to establish location suitability. Further details are found in **Appendix B.5**. A summary of geotechnical and hydrogeological background information for potential reservoir sites (non-existing reservoir sites), is included in **Section 7** below.

#### **Arva Reservoir and Pump Station**

The subsurface condition at the Arva Reservoir and Pump Station generally consists of clayey silt till / clayey silt / silt. The hydraulic conductivity of the clayey silt till is considered to be relatively low. Groundwater elevations, as measured in open boreholes nearby this site, are in the range of 2.5 m to 4.2 meters below ground surface (mbgs) (281.6 to 279.6 meters Above Sea Level (mASL)). Based on change in soil colour and water content profile in the boreholes, the long-term groundwater elevation is estimated to be at approximately 281 mASL. The site is located to the northwest of Medway Creek. Ground surface topography slopes south-eastward toward Medway Creek, and thus, the groundwater flow direction is expected to be south-easterly toward Medway Creek, as well.

#### **Springbank Reservoir Complex**

The subsurface conditions at Springbank Reservoir Complex generally consist of sand and gravel. The hydraulic conductivity of the sand and gravel is considered to be relatively high. The only stabilized groundwater elevation was measured in borehole two (BH-2) at 7.6 mbgs. Ground surface elevation at the site is approximately 300 mASL, and thus the water table is at approximately 292 mASL. Historically, the groundwater elevation in the Byron Gravel Pit (to the west of the site) was approximately 240 mASL, and the North Thames River has a surface water elevation of approximately 228 mASL. Thus, the groundwater flow direction is toward the north and west of the site. No groundwater samples were collected for water quality analysis.

#### **Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station**

The subsurface at SERPS consists, in general, of silty clay till. The hydraulic conductivity of silty clayey till is considered to be relatively low. The stabilized groundwater elevation, as measured in Monitoring Wells, is in the range of 3.66 - 7.0 mbgs. From previous geotechnical investigations on the southern portion of the site, groundwater levels are near the existing ground surface at 0.0 - 3.9 mbgs. The site is located in the headwaters of Kettle Creek, which flows in a southerly direction toward Lake Erie. Thus, the groundwater flow direction is likely southward toward the Kettle Creek. No groundwater samples were collected for water quality analysis.

#### Elgin and Middlesex Reservoir and Pump Station

EMPS is a feeder into SERPS, servicing southeast London. As a result the EMPS was not assessed as part of the Geotechnical and Hydrogeological review.

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## **Future Servicing Requirements** 6.

A preliminary background review was conducted to determine system design criteria, such as minimum pressures under emergency supply conditions as well as storage sizing criteria, in general and for future growth. Available storage estimates for storage capacity requirements for each design year and potential storage locations and configurations were also identified.

Previous reports reviewed by AECOM within the study area were also used and include:

- 2002 Water Supply Reliability Assessment, Final Report (Dillon, 2002);
- 2008 City of London Water Master Plan Update (City of London, 2008);
- 2014 City of London Water Master Plan Update (City of London, 2014);
- Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System 2008 Water Master Plan Update (Delcan, 2014);
- Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System 2008 Water Master Plan Update (Delcan, 2014); and,
- City of London InfoWater hydraulic model (AECOM, 2014).

A summary of the background review is provided below. Further details are provided in the Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements Report (Appendix B.1).

#### 6.1 **Design Criteria**

In general, the City of London like other North America jurisdictions is required to meet minimum acceptable guidelines, policies and standards for potable water supply and water guality. In Ontario, a variety of level of service / design criteria are applied over discrete performance factors of the MECP, Ontario Fire Code (OFC), and Ontario Building Code (OBC).

Design Criteria for water storage was determined based on the following. Details of the criteria can be found in Appendix B.1.

- MECP requirements for fire storage, balancing storage and emergency storage;
  - Fire Storage the volume of water required to fight a fire within a pressure zone based on a set fire demand for a specified period of time.
  - Equalization Storage the volume of water required to meet peak demands that exceed the supply capacity of the water system.
  - Emergency Storage surplus storage in addition to fire and equalization storage that is required in the case of emergencies such as watermain breaks or mechanical breakdowns.
- City of London demands, determined by existing and future growth demand factors, peaking factors and nonrevenue water (peak demand occurs in the water system as the demand of various water users overlap in time);
- Emergency system supply;
- Available storage; and,
- Hydraulic Modelling.

## 6.1.1 London Demands

Existing and forecasted London demands used for the storage sizing calculations were reviewed, including existing and growth demand factors, peaking factors and non-revenue water (NRW). Table 6-1 shows the winter average day demand based on the Evaluation of Long Term Water Storage Requirements Report in Appendix B.1.

**Table 6-1: London Demand Forecasts for Storage Evaluation** 

Year	Winter Average					
	Residential	Commercial	Institutional	Industrial	NRW	Total
Existing	80.0	20.8	5.0	9.4	13.5	128.6
2014	82.7	20.8	5.2	9.5	11.7	129.8
2019	87.2	20.8	5.5	9.8	12.2	135.6
2014	92.0	20.8	5.6	10.2	12.7	141.3
2029	96.5	20.9	5.8	10.6	13.2	147.0
2034	100.9	21.0	6.1	11.0	13.8	152.9

Based on the storage criteria listed above, City of London water storage requirements were estimated to the year 2054 based on an emergency condition of the LHWSS water being off-line for one maximum day (maximum daily demand (MDD)) followed by one average day (average daily demand (ADD)), for a duration of 48 hours. This determined that 100 ML of storage is recommended for the short term (assumed by 2023), with a provision for an additional future 100 ML by 2054, for a total of 200 ML, as shown by **Table 6-2**. This assumes that the existing Springbank Reservoir No. 2 would be decommissioned (more on decommissioning can be found in **Section 8.3.3**).

Table 6-2: Required Storage Capacity – 48 Hour Emergency

Year		Demands (Mi	_/d) (1)	Emergency – MDD / ADD (2 days)					
		ADD winter	MDD	Required Storage (ML)	Elgin Supply Volume (ML)	Total Supply (ML)	Net Required Storage (ML)	Available Storage (ML)	Storage Surplus (deficit) (ML)
	Existing	133.2	267.3	482.7	80.0	80.0	403	312	-91
0	2014	134.4	269.8	486.9	115.0	115.0	372	312	-60
5	2019	140.1	281.5	507.1	115.0	115.0	392	312	-80
10	2024	145.9	293.3	527.4	115.0	115.0	412	283	-130
15	2029	151.6	304.9	547.4	170.0	170.0	377	283	-95
20	2034	157.4	316.9	568.0	170.0	170.0	398	283	-115
25	2039	163.3	328.9	588.7	170.0	170.0	419	283	-136
30	2044	169.4	341.4	610.2	170.0	170.0	440	283	-157
35	2049	175.8	354.4	632.5	170.0	170.0	462	283	-180
40	2054	182.4	367.8	655.7	170.0	170.0	486	283	-203

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# **6.2 Storage Configurations**

A high amount of water storage within a water system provides a higher level of service as there is more water readily available in the event of an emergency (i.e., a pipeline break). Two types of water storage configurations can be applied to address current conditions and future needs.

#### Elevated ground storage reservoirs

- This is a 'floating' storage reservoir operation on a gravity basis (i.e., No pumping).
- This type of storage requires a substantial land area, situated at an appropriate elevation to supply a water service area with satisfactory pressures.
- This type of storage would supply water on a gravity basis and would automatically fill and draw, depending on supply pumping and system demands.
- Little or no energy losses are required for filling or drawing down the storage, other than any storage supply piping, if required.
- This type of storage is expandable, so storage cells can be staged for future years.
- Floating storage can more readily sustain pressures during a pumping interruption and minimize transient impacts.

Within the City of London, site opportunities that meet this elevation criterion are generally limited to the area within the vicinity of the existing Springbank Reservoirs and the northeast portion of the City.

#### **Pumped Ground Storage**

- This type of storage consists of a ground reservoir and a re-pump station
- This type of storage is expandable, so storage cells can be staged for future years.
- This type of storage is fairly common in flatter service areas.

This type of storage configuration would have operational issues with respect to filling and draining a facility within the same pressure zone. This requires coordination during filling or pumping via the Arva Pump Station or SERPS during supply or filling.

# 7. Phase 2: Alternative Solutions

## 7.1 Identification of Alternative Solutions

To address the Problem and Opportunity Statement provided in **Section 4**, on-site reservoir expansion and off-site locations were identified. **Table 7-1** provides a description of the on-site and off-site siting options.

**Table 7-1: Water Storage Alternative Solutions** 

Water Storage Alternative Solutions	Description
On-Site Reservoir Expansion Options	Expand Arva Reservoir and Pump Station or Springbank Reservoir and/or Southeast Reservoir and pump station
Off-Site Reservoir Siting Options	Land that is currently vacant or open space.  Land that meets the storage size and configuration requirements  Site elevation (determines potential type of storage facility – pumped or floating)
Do Nothing	No improvements or changes would be undertaken to address current and future water storage requirements.  Under the provisions of the MCEA, 'Do Nothing' is evaluated for the purposes of comparison. In this scenario, no additional storage would be provided. This option could prevent future growth and/or would result in inadequate water servicing (storage and pressure) to the service area. The 'Do Nothing' option does not address the Problem and Opportunity Statement and was therefore not carried forward through evaluation.

# 7.2 Evaluation of Long List of Alternatives

City of London water storage requirements were estimated to the year 2054 based on an emergency condition of the LHWSS water being off-line for one maximum day followed by one average day, for a duration of 48 hours. This determined that approximately 200 ML of additional storage would be required by the year 2054. This assumes that the existing Springbank Reservoir No. 2 would be decommissioned (more on decommissioning can be found in **Section 8.3.3**).

Required storage was assessed using hydraulic modelling for the year 2034, for which approximately 50% of the required additional storage for 2054 would be required, or 100 ML. Two types of storage were considered: floating storage, and pumped storage (see **Section 6.2**).

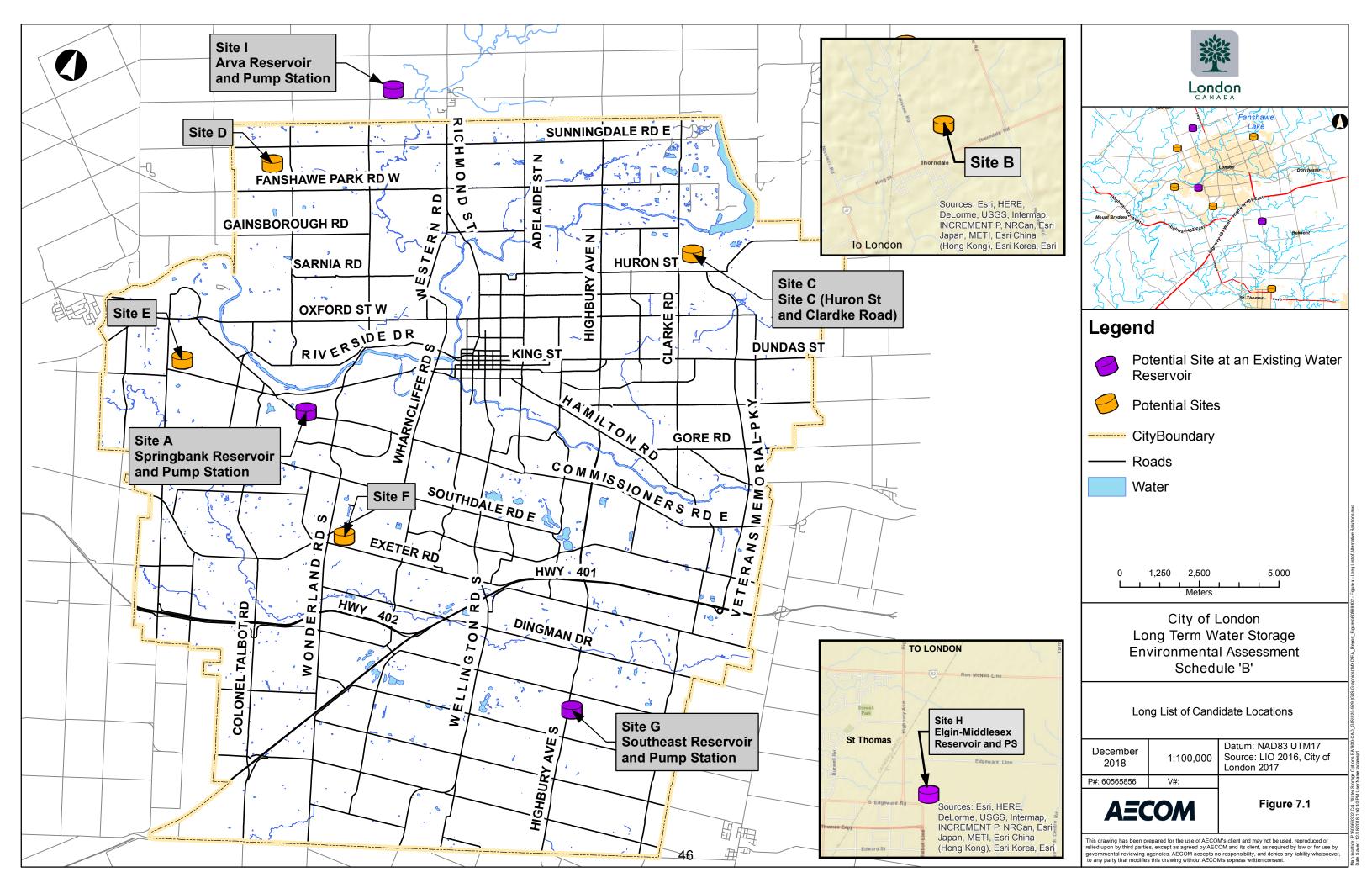
Feasible sites for floating storage would require operating elevations equivalent to the existing Springbank Reservoirs. There are limited opportunities for floating storage within the City's water system, primarily within the northeast portion of the City, outside of the municipal boundary.

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Nine potential storage locations were identified based on high-level screening criteria:

- Property that is currently vacant land or open space;
- Property that meets the storage size and configuration requirements; and,
- Site evaluation (determine potential type of storage facility pumped or floating).

Figure 7-1 shows the location of the nine long-listed candidate sites.



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The Long-List candidate sites were evaluated to determine their suitability based on the following criteria:

- **Socio-Economic:** property ownership, impacts to the existing and future use of the property, archaeology and cultural heritage;
- Natural Environment: aquatic, terrestrial, source water protection, climate change; and,
- **Technical Considerations:** hydraulics, energy, transients, operations, infrastructure requirements, ability to meet future growth needs.

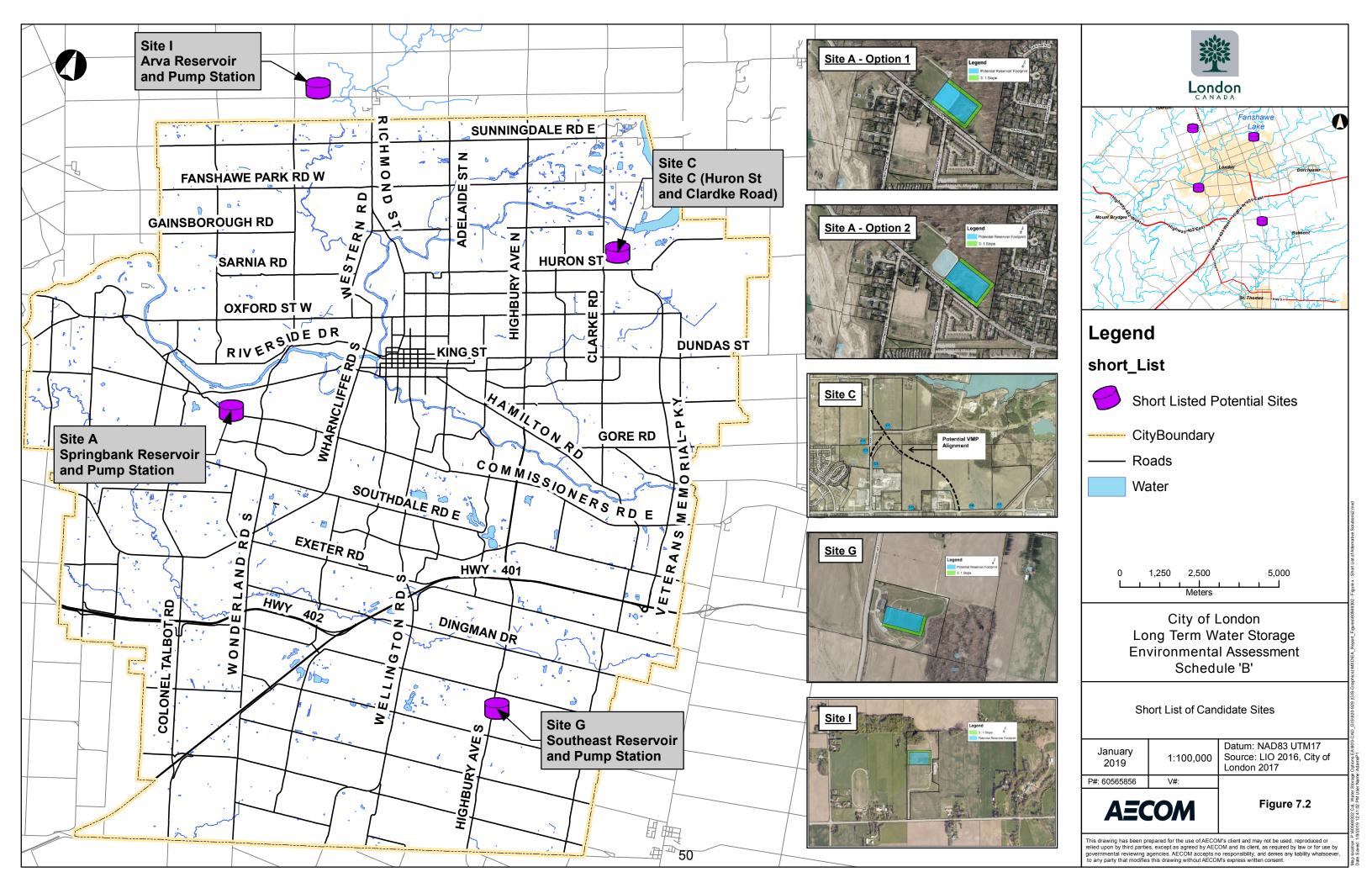
The evaluation of the nine sites is shown below in **Table 7-2**.

**Table 7-2: Evaluation of Long-List Candidate Locations** 

Criteria	Long-List Candidate Locations								
	Site A Site B Site C Site D Site E Site F Site G Site H S								Site I
Socio- Economic									
Natural Environment									
Technical Considerations									
Short Listed	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES

Legend	No Major Issues	Minor to Moderate Issues	Likely Significant Issues

Following this preliminary screening, four sites were short listed for review in refined detail to determine their suitability to be carried forward. Within two of these locations (Site A and Site C), multiple sites were identified (**Figure 7-2**).



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# 7.3 Site C Background Information

To fairly evaluate all short listed sites, background information was considered for Site C (Northeast System - Clarke Road and Huron Road Area) similar to that provided for the existing reservoir sites in **Section 5**. As part of this evaluation the North Huron Subject Land Status Report (AECOM, 2015) was considered. **Table 7-3** below provides a summary of the background information for the Site C options.

Further information is provided in associated Appendices B.1 to B.5.

**Table 7-3: Site C Background Information** 

Land Use Residential, agricultural, industrial, institutional, parkland/open

space

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Natural Environment	Candidate sites are primarily agricultural, however, unevaluated wetlands and woodlands are present	See Appendix B.2
	Potential impacts to ground and/or surface water.	
	Potential suitable habitat for 20 SAR/SOCC	
Cultural Heritage and Archaeology	This site has features of archaeological potential, based on the results of the archaeological assessment including:	See Appendix B.3 & Appendix B.4
	Proximity to 13 previously identified archaeological sites	
	Proximity to Thames River	
	Early Euro-Canadian settlement and industry and early transportation route	
	3 Listed properties are within or in proximity to a potential reservoir location.	
Geotechnical and Hydrogeological	Higher ground and/or surface water impacts subject to which of the 7 options is selected as the preferred.	See Appendix B.5
Technical	Best addresses systemic operation and peak/emergency response and hydraulic issues in north east London.	See Appendix B.1
	Decreased transient protection with increased energy needs (highest of all the alternatives).	
	Water system operation more complex with a 4th major reservoir and pump station.	
	Maintains water quality but increases water turnover necessitating Arva pump station operational changes.	
	pump station operational changes.	

# 7.4 Evaluation of Short Listed Storage Alternatives

A detailed qualitative assessment of each short listed alternative solution was completed based on the background information provided in **Sections 2 to 6**, using the evaluation criteria and indicators that address the broad definition of the environment as described in the *EAA* shown in **Table 7-4** below. The evaluation of approach used to consider the suitability and feasibility of alternative solutions for the study was a qualitative assessment. In this approach, trade-offs consider the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative to address the problem and opportunity

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statement with the least environmental effects and the most technical benefits for relative comparison between alternatives. This formed the rationale used to identify the preferred alternative.

A comprehensive evaluation in a matrix format was used to present the evaluation of alternative solutions as shown in **Table 7-5**.

**Table 7-4: : Evaluation Criteria** 

Category	Criteria	Indicator
Public Health	Long/short Term Impacts	<ul><li>Noise quality</li><li>Air quality</li></ul>
Social and Cultural Evaluation	Property impacts and Acquisition	Need for Land Purchase in part or in whole
	Residential Land Use	Potential long or short-term impacts to surrounding neighbourhoods/land use due to project and/or construction
	Built and Cultural Heritage Resources	Potential impacts to built and cultural heritage resources
Natural Environment	Terrestrial	<ul> <li>Potential Effects on flora, fauna and associated habitat</li> <li>Potential effects to SAR</li> </ul>
	Aquatic	Number and nature of water crossings, including upgrade requirements     Potential Effects on aquatic species and associated habitat
	Ground and Surface Water	Impacts to water quality
Technical	Hydraulics	Ability to service northeast London
	Energy Optimization	Optimizes Energy use and transient protection     Need for booster pumping and backup power
	Operations Improvement	Ease of normal system operation, water turnover and quality
	Infrastructure	Use of existing infrastructure     Distribution routing/ New Water System infrastructure
	Climate	Water supply source and system/ climate resilience
Economic and Financial	Operating Costs	Total project costs (design and construction)  Operating and Maintenance Costs  Land Costs

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**Table 7-5: Evaluation of Short Listed Storage Alternatives** 

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		Reservoir Location							
Impact Criteria	Indicators	Site A Vicinity of Existing Springbank Reservoir and PS		Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area  Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS		Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS			
		<b>A</b> 1	A2						
Public Health and Safety	Long/Short Term Impacts due to air and noise quality	-Little to no change from existing for long term. Some impacts due to construction given residential proximity	-Some change from existing for long term with impacts due to construction in closer proximity to residents.	-Some change from existing in long term and due to construction subject to which of 7 sites is chosenMore significant for those options closer to existing residences.	-No change from existing in long term or due to construction in short term due to remote location.	-No change from existing in long termSome impacts due to construction in short term given proximity to some nearby residences.			
Public Health and Safety Eva	aluation Summary								
Social and Cultural	Need for Land Purchase in part or in whole	City owned land for purpose, currently used as open space.	-City owned land for purpose, but currently used as open space.	-Some City owned land with some sites having to be purchasedLand Intended for industrial or residential development.	-City owned land ready for purpose.	-Outside of City boundary but is owned by the Regional Water System with London being the major user. (Potential to provide land at no or low cost if the decision is to have storage here to optimize the City's water supply)Currently used as open space.			
	Potential long or short term impacts to surrounding neighbourhoods/land use – due to project and/or construction.	Impact to existing due to: loss of open space that can be replaced in part; reservoir closer to residences and higher slopes; Infrastructure work across Commissioners Road impacts roadway and the work onsite is closer to existing residences.	space; reservoir much closer to residences; and even higher slopes; Infrastructure work across	-Impact to existing residents/businesses and land use (now and/or future), which could be mitigated to some extent based on which of 7 locations chosenImpacts to City's industrial land strategy by reducing available land New site requires extensive work on Clarke road for inlet/outlet, watermains, construction and permanent access.	-Minimal construction impact given all	-Minor impacts to existing area and/or land use with nearest residence being greater than 300 m away from a potential expansion, which is a more than adequate bufferMinimal impact due to construction to nearby residences. Available site with no road works other than increased construction traffic.			

Low Impact is considered preferred compared to moderate or high impact.

Legend	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred
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				Reservoir Location		
Impact Criteria	Indicators	Site A Vicinity of Existing Springbank Reservoir and PS		Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area	Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS	Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS
		A1	A2			
	Potential impact to archaeological / heritage resources. (2)	-Moderate impact – Stage 1 archaeological work completed, requires Stage 2 studyCHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	Moderate impact – Stage 1 urchaeological work completed, requires Stage 2 study. CHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	-Slight impact – Stage 1 archaeological work completed for the most part except for 2 sitesDepending on the site chosen, CHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	-No impact. Stage 1 /2 archaeological work completedCHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	-Low to Moderate impact, archaeological potential with Stage 1/2 requiredNo Cultural Heritage impacts.
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Social and Cultural Evaluation	on Summary					
Natural Environment (3)	Terrestrial – ecological impacts resulting from removal or damage to vegetation and trees (Species at Risk).	- Woodland is a total of 9.77 hectares of which ~0.70 ha will be potential affected by proposed works Approximately 35 trees may be affected to extend the reservoir to the east into existing open space area.	Woodland is a total of 9.77 hectares of which ~1.25 ha will be potential affected by proposed works.  - Approximately 80 trees may be affected to extend the reservoir to the east into existing open space area.  More green space and natural areas mpacted.	- Candidate sites primarily agricultural, however, unevaluated wetlands and woodlands are present. Any proposed facility should be kept away from wetlands/woodlots of significant value. If not, additional assessment and mitigation work is required Park impacts for 1 potential site.	- Natural Feature is approximately 15 hectares in size, with approximately 1.56 ha falling within the study area. Low amount of impact based on Natural Heritage review and that proposed works can be implemented without impacts to the wooded area already allowed for by previous assessments and work.	- Natural Feature is approximately 14 ha with 1.29 ha falling within the study area. Least amount of impact based on Natural Heritage review and that proposed work can be implemented without impacts to woodland areas; however, the boundary of the existing woodland would need to be confirmed through field investigations.
	Impacts to Wildlife (Species at Risk)	Threatened (THR)) are protected under	Potential impacts to 18 SAR Of these, 15 (10 END, 5 THR) are protected under the <i>Endangered</i> Species Act (2007). The other 3 species are listed as SCC and do not have any permitting implications.	- Potential impacts to 20 SAR Of these, 11 (5 END, 6 THR) are protected under the <i>Endangered</i> Species Act (2007); The other 9 species are considered SCC and do not have any permitting implications.	- Potential impacts to 13 SAR Of these, 8 (5 END, 3 THR) are protected under the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> (2007). The other 5 species are considered SCC and do not have any permitting implications Potential impacts are limited to 3 SAR cultural meadow species (3 THR) based on the proposed reservoir footprint Some impacts for 9 SAR were pre- assessed and mitigated during the Subject Land Status Report (Earth Tec, 2004).	- Potential impacts to 11 SAR Of these, 10 (5 END, 5 THR) are protected under the <i>Endangered</i> Species Act (2007). The other 1 species is considered SCC and does not have any permitting implications Potential impacts are limited to 5 SAR cultural meadow species (4 THR and 1 SCC) based on the proposed reservoir footprint.
Low Impact is considered preferred comp	ared to moderate or high impact.					
Legend	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred

				Reservoir Location		
Impact Criteria	Indicators		e A ngbank Reservoir and PS	Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area	Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS	Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS
		A1	A2			
	Agustia coological	There are no anticipated impacts to SAR; however, potential impacts cannot be determined without further	- No watercourses were observed within 100 m of the proposed reservoir. There are no anticipated impacts to SAR; however, potential impacts cannot be determined without further study.	- 1 SAR species (THR) was flagged by NHIC during the background review; however, suitable aquatic habitat was not identified during aquatic surveys in within the Site C study area (AECOM, 2015). The Thames River is located approximately 100 metres north of the study area and contains SAR.  - Impacts cannot be determined without further study. A moderate impact will be assumed until proposed reservoir footprints are established.	- A small portion of Perl Drain was identified in the southwest corner of the study area and therefore also falls within the KCCA's Regulation Limit. Aquatic SAR were not identified in the 2004 report (Earth Tec, 2004). There are no anticipated impacts to SAR.  - Impacts cannot be determined without further study, however they are less likely given the proposed location of the reservoir.	- 1 SAR species was identified during the NHIC background review; however, DFO mapping did not flag any aquatic SAR species. There are no anticipated impacts to SAR species.  - Impacts cannot be determined without further study; however, they are less likely given the proposed location of the reservoir.
		- Minimal ground or surface water impacts but should be confirmed given soil type / groundwater conditions in the area.	- Minimal ground or surface water mpacts but should be confirmed given soil type / groundwater conditions in the area.	-Higher ground and/or surface water impacts subject to the preferred site location of the 7 options.	-No groundwater/surface water quality impacts. Already addressed as part of initial facility construction and allowance for expansion.	-Minimal ground or surface water impacts anticipated. Subject to onsite confirmation at later project stages.  -Water ponds onsite/adjacent to site due to poor drainage currently being addressed by adjacent landowners.
Natural Environment Summary						

## Low Impact is considered preferred compared to moderate or high impact.

Legend Low Impact Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred
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				Reservoir Location				
Impact Criteria	Indicators	Site Vicinity of Existing Sprin	e A Igbank Reservoir and PS	Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area	Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS	Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS		
		A1	A2					
Technical Considerations (4)	Ability to service northeast London (Hydraulics)	Does not improve operation and pressure under peak/emergency esponse in NE London but maintains water supply above minimum MOEC pressures.	Does not improve operation and ressure under peak/emergency response in NE London but maintains rater supply above minimum MOEC pressures.	-Best addresses systemic operation and peak/emergency response and hydraulic issues in NE London.	1	-Addresses system operation and peak/emergency response hydraulics issues in NE London for the most part.		
	Optimizes Energy use and transient protection	No improvement or detriment to transient protection under beak/emergency conditions. Much educed energy costs due to gravity feed and somewhat improved operations with the Arva PS.	No improvement or detriment to ansient protection under peak/emergency conditions. Much educed energy costs due to gravity ed and somewhat improved operations with the Arva PS.	-Decreased transient protection with increased energy needs (highest of all the alternatives)	-No improvement or detriment to transient protection or increase in energy costs but pumping intensive.	-No improvements or detriment to transient protection but pumping intensive. Energy costs can be optimized at PS with storage in place.		
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	Operational Improvement (ease of normal system operation, water	No significant improvement or detriment to existing operations.  Longer water residence time necessitating operational changes at he Arva PS. Gravity based operation.	No significant improvement or etriment to existing operations.  Longer water residence time ecessitating operational changes at the Arva PS. Gravity based operation.	-Water system operation more complex with a 4 <sup>th</sup> major reservoir and PS. Maintains water quality but increases water turnover necessitating Arva PS operational changes.	-No significant improvement or detriment to existing operations. New storage not fully utilized and reliant on Elgin water supply expansion. Additional pumping capacity required.	t -No significant improvement or detriment to existing City water operations, with improved potential for Regional Water Supply for filling. Maximizes new reservoir volume use with pumping capacity optimized.		
	turnover and quality)							
	Use of existing infrastructure	Replaces existing 50ML being retired. An additional 50ML can be constructed on available land and connected to the existing reservoir with some height and slope issues.	n additional 50ML can be constructed n available land and connected to the	and revised land use for City owned.	-Existing infrastructure already in place as facility is designed for 113 ML expansion. Additional pumping capacity required.	-Connecting to existing reservoir on existing land for purpose.		
	Need for booster pumping and backup power.	No PS or backup power required (gravity system).	-No PS or backup power required gravity system).	-Yes, a new PS and backup power is required.	-No new PS or backup power is required but additional pumping capacity is needed.	-No new PS or pumping capacity is required, but emergency backup power is needed to access full reservoir capacity.		
_ow Impact is considered preferred compa	red to moderate or high impact.							
Legend	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred		

				Reservoir Location		
Impact Criteria	Indicators	Site A Vicinity of Existing Springbank Reservoir and PS		Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area	Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS	Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS
		A1	A2			
	Distribution routing /	-Interconnection to existing PS and Reservoirs only.	Interconnection to existing PS and Reservoirs only.	-New infrastructure and connections required to the Clarke Road watermain.	-No new infrastructure required.	-Interconnection to existing PS and Reservoir only.
	New Water System infrastructure					
	Water Supply Source and System/Climate Resilience	Lake Huron supply, gravity based servicing to all of London under all conditions. Lowest climate impacts.	Lake Huron supply, gravity based servicing to all of London under all conditions. Lowest climate impacts.	Lake Huron supply for NE London only.  New infrastructure and pumping required with backup power for emergency operations. Increased climate impacts.	Lake Erie supply for SE London, with infrastructure and backup power in place for pumped operations. Current storage necessitates additional supply from Lake Erie. Greatest impact to climate.	power required for improved emergency
Technical Considerations Ev	valuation Summary					
Economic and Financial	Capital and Land Costs	Lowest capital cost with no land cost.	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lowest capital cost but with no land cost.	-2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest capital and land costs of all alternatives.	-Lowest capital cost of all alternatives with no land costsHowever, necessitates Elgin Water system expansion at highest cost.	-2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest capital cost with no or low land cost and some potential capital cost that could be mitigated with Regional Water Supply.
		-Lowest operating cost.	Lowest operating cost.	-Highest operating cost.	-3 <sup>rd</sup> lowest operating cost.	-2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest operating.
	Operating Costs					
Economic and Financial Eva	luation Summary					
Overall Summary / Re	ecommendation		Ŏ		Ō	<b>O</b>

Low Impact is considered preferred compared to moderate or high impact.

Legend	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred

# 7.5 Preferred Water Storage Alternative Solution

Based on the comparative evaluation, the preferred water storage solution is **Site A1: Springbank Expansion**. Site A1 was selected as it results in the least amount of impacts overall and for Technical and Economic aspects and second lowest for Health and Safety and Social/Cultural aspects. Although natural environment aspects are greater, than 2 of the other alternatives, these can be mitigated for the terrestrial and wildlife aspects of significance. Refer to **Section 9** for further details on mitigation measures. Additionally, the preferred alternative has reasonable approvals certainty, straightforward construction, and capital/operating costs are lower than expanding the existing Arva Reservoir.



Figure 7-3 : Site A1 : Springbank Expansion

# 8. Project Description

# 8.1 Description of Recommended Solution

The proposed solution is to construct a 100 ML in-ground storage reservoir at the existing Springbank Reservoir Site (Option A1) by 2024 to replace the existing 45 ML of storage to be retired and meet storage deficit/growth projections at that point in time.

## 8.1.1 Conceptual Design Components (to be provided later)

## 8.1.2 Transmission upgrades (to be provided later)

## 8.2 Project Schedule

Environmental Impact Study (EIS): 2019

Preliminary Detailed Design: 2020/2021

Permits/Approvals: 2021 Construction: 2023-2024

It should be noted that the Municipality will implement the recommended solution pending completion of the EA study, further regulatory and/or budget approvals, and co-ordination with other planned infrastructure projects in the area.

## 8.2.1 Estimated Capital Costs (to be provided later)

**Table 8-1: Estimated Capital Costs** 

Component	Assumption
Reservoir	Two 50 ML cells
Approximate Cost: \$30 M	0.6 m cover (top soil and seed)
	Structural
	SCADA
	Electrical/ mechanical works
	Driveway and parking
	Site buffering/landscaping
Additional Construction Outside of Reservoir	Watermain
Approximate Cost: \$ 0.5 M	Restoration
Approximate Cost: \$4.5 M	Contingency \$2.0 - 2.5 M
	Design & Construction Administration \$2.0 – 2.5 M

Total Cost \$35 M	
Approximate Cost \$2.5 M	Arva Generator

# 8.3 Additional Project Components

## 8.3.1 Future Storage Requirements

A further 100 ML of additional storage capacity is to be implemented at the existing Arva Reservoir Site by 2044 to meet storage deficit/growth projections at to that point in time.

Additional Storage capacity to be implemented at the existing Southeast Reservoir Site <u>once the Elgin Water Supply System treatment and supply capacity is expanded</u> to meet future growth needs in addition to or as part of the further 100 ML of additional storage capacity recommended at the Arva Reservoir Site.

## 8.3.2 Backup Power at Arva Pump Station

Backup Power or standby power systems are needed to ensure pumping can maintain service in the event that primary power supplies fail.

Currently, no backup power supply exists for the Arva pump station. In the event of an emergency and/or to service under day to day or peak water need conditions, water supply and minimal pressure would be provided by the Lake Huron Water Supply System to the City of London water system by opening by pass valves at the Arva pump station. As part of this study AECOM assessed: (Results and recommendation to be provided later)

• The provision of a standby generator set in a new or existing structure to provide backup power to the Arva pump station.

This would allow the Arva PS to meet the City's day to day, peak or emergency needs.

O.Reg. 524/98 Environmental Compliance Approvals defines standby power systems as: "standby power system" means any apparatus, mechanism, equipment or other thing, and any related fuel tanks and piping, that include one or more generator units and that is intended to be used only for the provision of electrical power during power outages or involuntary power reductions".

The Arva pump station was constructed prior to the initiation of the *EAA*, however, the implementation of this project would have required approval under the Act. As such, it is determined that the installation of standby power equipment located in a new building or structure is considered a <u>Schedule A</u> Class EA undertaking. Should the standby power equipment be installed in an existing building the undertaking would be considered a <u>Schedule A+ Class EA</u>. Schedule A+ projects require that the public be notified of the work prior to construction or decommissioning occurring.

## 8.3.3 Water Reservoir/Facility Decommissioning

Water reservoir or facility decommissioning occurs when a facility is taken out of service or when an 'offline' facility is being physically removed.

As part of this study, the City is considering decommissioning three water facilities to better optimize the overall water system for the City. Each of these facilities have been or will be considered no longer necessary for operational purposes. See Table 8-2 and Figure 8-1 below.

**Table 8-2: Water Reservoir/Facility Decommissioning** 

Location	Date of Construction	Anticipated End of Service Life	Replacement
Springbank Reservoir #2	1920	2022	Replace capacity with new reservoir recommended
McCormick Reservoir	1959	Not in Service	No replacement necessary
White Oak Filter Plant	1959	Not in Service	No replacement of treatment or reservoir capacity is proposed.  Future bulk water facility and chamber for new pressure zone proposed here.

The Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA document defines decommissioning as: "taking out of operation, abandonment, removal, demolition or disposal of a road, sewage, stormwater management or water facility for which approval under the Environmental Assessment Act would have been necessary for its establishment and includes, sale, lease, or other transfer of the facility for purposes of taking out of operation, abandonment, removal, demolition or disposal".

Each of the above facilities were constructed prior to the initiation of the Environmental Assessment Act, however, the implementation of each of these projects would have required approval under the Act. As such, it is determined that the decommissioning of each of these facilities is considered a Schedule A+ Class EA undertaking.

Schedule A+ projects require that the public be notified of the work prior to construction or decommissioning occurring.

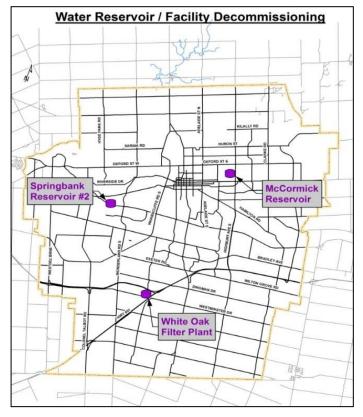


Figure 8-1: Water Reservoir/Facility Decommissioning

# **Permits and Approvals**

## 8.4.1 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Pre-**Application Consultation**

The MECP approvals may include an Amendment Alteration to the existing City of London Drinking Water Works Permit (DWWP), A Municipal Drinking Water Licence (MDWL) amendment, A Permit To Take Water (PTTW) may also be required should there be groundwater taking of more than 50,000 litres per day. Based on the anticipated scope of construction, the need for a PTTW is not anticipated but should be reviewed further at the time of detailed design to confirm exact requirements.

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# 8.4.2 Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks – Natural Environment

Approvals required under the Endangered Species Act will be confirmed with the MECP at detailed design. However, as input into this study, a SAR Screening was completed which identified the potential for 18 SAR within proximity of the study area. Through aerial interpretation, suitable habitat for 15 SAR was identified within the woodland and adjacent to the proposed location of the reservoir. Through application of appropriate mitigation measures, it is not anticipated for this species to be affected.

## 8.4.3 Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

A background study was undertaken to inform the evaluation of the alternatives. A Stage 1 Archaeological assessment was conducted for the recommended solution, and a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment for all lands determined to retain archaeological potential that will be used for construction or that will be subject to ground disturbance. The Stage 1 and Stage 2 archaeological assessments will be conducted to meet the requirements of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's (MTCS) *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (Ontario Government, 2011).

COTTFN monitors will be invited to participate in Stage 2 field activates if required. The cost of which will be the responsibility of the City.

## 8.4.4 City of London

Approvals and bylaw amendments will be required from various City of London departments prior to and during construction.

## (1) Parks Planning

The City will be undertaking an EIS in 2019. The EIS will be completed in accordance with the requirements of the City of London's Official Plan, the London Plan (2016), the City of London Environmental Management Guidelines (2007) and with the Provincial Policy Statement (2014). All relevant federal and provincial legislation and policies will be incorporated. Upon completion of the EIS, Parks Planning and UTRCA will provide review.

Adaptive management measures and three years of post-construction monitoring for the trees planted during the restoration phase will be required following construction. Tree replacement will be required in all cases where plantings fail to establish, or substantial vigor is lost. Species selection may change according to site conditions and the success of initial restoration plantings, following the guidance of the City of London Parks Planning.

## (2) Site Plan Approval

In accordance with Section 41 of the Planning Act, the City's Site Plan Approval process and the Site Plan Approval Reference Manual, Site Plan Approval will be required. Site Plan consultation will take place in conjunction with the preliminary design of the project being undertaken in 2019, which will identify the requirements to be met for Site Plan Application. The Site Plan Application should be completed during detailed design, currently anticipated to take place between 2021 and 2022.

## (3) Drinking Water Works Permit

Drinking Water Work Permit Amendments and Licence Amendments will be required to progress the project as per The Reservoir Guide for Applying Drinking Water Works Permit Amendments, Licence Amendments. In accordance with the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, the City of London issued Drinking Water Works Permits (DWWP) where works are required that alter the residential drinking water system. Under Section 5.3 of the City of London's DWWP, a generator can only be added for emergency use. The provision of a standby generator set in a new or existing structure to provide backup power to the Arva pump station is proposed to meet the City's emergency needs, in conjunction with this project. A DWWP alteration will be required during detailed design, currently anticipated to take place between 2021 and 2022. Abandonment of Springbank Reservoir 2 will require a DWWP alteration. Construction of a new reservoir will require a DWWP amendment.

# 8.5 Utilities

Circulations to utilities will be completed during detailed design. Any utility conflicts will be addressed during this phase of the project.

# 9. Recommended Mitigation Measures

## 9.1 Mitigation Measures

Impacts related to construction of the new reservoir and related watermain connection will be limited to the duration and location of construction. Based on the preferred reservoir siting option and proposed construction techniques, construction is expected to have minimal environmental effects. By incorporating proper best management practices and construction techniques, adverse construction related effects can be minimized. To address the effects, the following approach should be taken.

- **Avoidance:** The first priority is to prevent the occurrence of negative effects (i.e., adverse environmental effects) associated with the implementation of an alternative;
- Mitigation: Where adverse environmental effects cannot be avoided, it will be necessary to develop the
  appropriate mitigation measures to eliminate or reduce to some degree, the negative effects associated with
  implementing the alternative; and
- Enhancement/Compensation: In situations where appropriate mitigation measures are not available, or significant net adverse effects will remain following the application of mitigation, enhancement or compensation measures may be required to counterbalance the negative effect through replacement in kind, or provision of a substitute or reimbursement.

The following mitigation measures are recommended for the preferred alternative to ensure that any disturbances are managed by the best available methods. These measures will be further confirmed and developed during detailed design. **Table 9-1** provides detailed assessments of the potential impacts associated with the project and the recommended mitigative measures required to reduce these effects.

**Table 9-1: Proposed Mitigation Measures** 

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures
Socio-Economic	
Impacts to Residents/Adjacent Properties	Access to existing open space amenities, residential and businesses, are to be maintained (where possible) during construction.
	City/Contractor to provide advanced notice to affected property owners prior to construction, including estimated construction timing and duration and project contact information if additional information is needed.
Loss or disruption to archaeological resources.	If any archaeological and/or historical resources are discovered:
	Require contractor to halt work in the area of the discovery, until permitted to resume by the MTCS.  Province parts of administration to profit the MTCS.
	<ul> <li>Require contract administration to notify the MTCS (Archaeological Unit) of the discovery.</li> </ul>
	If human remains are identified all work will halt until the proper authorities have been notified.
Natural Environment	
Tree and Vegetation Removal	An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) be prepared that includes an Environmental Management Plan and Tree Preservation

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	Plan. Plans should be adhered to prior to and during construction.
	Trees to be retained shall be clearly marked.
	Restore disturbed areas/habitat to natural or better conditions.
	COTTFN monitors will be invited to participate in EIS field studies. The cost of which will be the responsibility of the City.
Breeding Birds and Vegetation Removals	Removal of vegetation within the Study Area can occur between the months of September to April, which is outside of the typical breeding bird period (April 1st to August 31st) within southern Ontario to avoid contravening the <i>Migratory Bird Convention Act</i> .
Construction Mitigation – Noise Disturbance to Resident Wildlife	Construction is restricted to periods before and after breeding period, subject to review.
	Limit construction activity to a period after 7 am and before 7 pm daily.
Wildlife Protection and Handling	<ul> <li>During the detailed design phase, a more detailed wildlife observation protocol is necessary to ensure that appropriate wildlife mitigation measures are adhered to. Standard protocols include:         <ul> <li>A qualified ecologist/biologist or ecologists should conduct a survey of the project work area and areas immediately adjacent to the work areas. Where SCC species are found, appropriate transplanting (for vegetation species) and relocation (for reptiles and amphibians) will be undertaken by a qualified professional. Should any of the species be observed within the construction area, a Transplant and Relocation Plan should be prepared and implemented prior to construction;</li> <li>Any required SCC relocation must be conducted by a qualified SCC Specialist who has obtained the appropriate approvals from the relevant regulator; and,</li> <li>Consideration should be given to the London Invasive Plant Species Strategy, including the Clean Equipment Protocol during construction activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Controlled Construction Vehicle Access	Construction vehicle access should be limited to areas outside of the drip-line of the tree being protected to prevent soil compaction and/or the initiation of soil erosion events.  Construction vehicle re-fueling stations should be centralized away from vegetation communities and watercourses. Vehicle washing should be prohibited in areas adjacent to vegetation communities and watercourses.  Construction vehicle access should be limited to existing roadways and construction paths, away from the identified vegetation communities.
Sediment and Erosion Control Fencing	Mitigation measures are recommended to be used for erosion and sediment control to prohibit sediment from entering the identified vegetation communities during construction. The primary principles associated with sedimentation and erosion

protection measures are to: minimize the duration of soil exposure; retain existing vegetation, where feasible; encourage re-vegetation; divert runoff away from exposed soils; keep runoff velocities low; and, trap sediment as close to the source as possible. Details of the type and placement of sediment and erosion control to be used will be outlined in an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to be drafted during detailed design. Damage to Rooting Zones during removals During grading and construction in areas immediately adjacent to identified vegetation communities and planted trees, roots may be damaged by machinery and soils may be compacted, thereby affecting the trees' ability to grow and absorb nutrients and water. To address root damage, it will be necessary to prune roots of adjacent trees during grading and excavation. To avoid compaction of soils, root zones around trees within natural heritage features will need to be fenced. Most areas will be avoided by restricting construction to areas outside the features. **Dust Suppressant Treatment** Dust suppressants during dry periods should be applied to those areas which generate large amounts of dust. Restrict earth movement immediately adjacent to woodlands during periods of high dust generation. Construction Vehicle Re-fueling Stations Re-fueling stations should be located within a centralized location on-site, a minimum of 30 m from vegetation communities, and watercourses. Re-fueling stations should be constructed in a manner to prevent soil and/or surface and groundwater contamination from any leaks or spills. An emergency response kit should be made available at each re-fueling station in case of a spill. All on-site crew members operating construction vehicles should be appropriately trained in handling a potential spill and have Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) training. All chemical transfer/maintenance should be conducted within the refueling station areas. All oils, lubricants, fuels and chemicals are to be stored in Potential inadvertent spill of hazardous materials during construction secure areas. **Climate Change** Loss of trees (reduced carbon storage) related to construction in built up areas- address by tree replacement (minimum 3:1 ratio (or City standard). A seed mix comprised of native species is recommended to be used (as per City standard), where feasible.

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the detailed design phase.

Post construction monitoring will be required to ensure that all
disturbances within the construction area, private property and
trees/vegetation, have been properly restored. Restoration
measures, including tree replacement, will be confirmed during

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## 9.2 Proposed Construction Monitoring

Contract tender documents will address mitigation in an explicit manner to ensure that compliance is maintained. The provision of an experienced field representative to review construction will ensure that the project follows contract specifications and does not unnecessarily impact vegetation, the community or aquatic environment.

Specific mitigation measures, timing windows, invasive species management including consideration of the London Invasive Plant Management Strategy and the Clean Equipment Protocol are required during the subsequent EIS phase of the project.

## 9.3 Post Construction Monitoring

Post construction monitoring will be required following construction to ensure that any disturbances have been properly restored (e.g. grading, seeding and planting).

Adaptive management measures and three years of post-construction monitoring for the trees planted during the restoration phase will be required following construction. Tree replacement will be required in all cases where plantings fail to establish, or substantial vigor is lost. Species selection may change according to site conditions and the success of initial restoration plantings, following the guidance of the City of London Parks Planning.

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# 10. Conclusions and Recommendations

This MCEA covers the process required to ensure the proposed study and recommended works meet the requirements of the EAA. This MCEA planning process requires initial screening for a project of this type and this initial screening has not identified any significant concerns that cannot be addressed by incorporating established mitigation measures during construction.

The preferred siting option (Site A1) as described in **Section 8**, illustrated on **Figure 8-1** resolves the problems identified in this report and indicates only minor and predictable impacts, which area addressed by the recommended mitigation measures presented in **Section 9**.

Considering the above, if is recommended that:

- 1. Following MCEA documentation filing and clearance, the preferred reservoir siting Option (Site A1) proceed to preliminary/detailed design including approvals as per **Section 8**; and,
- Mitigation measures identified in Section 9 be expanded upon during preliminary/detailed design and implemented as part of construction.

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# Appendix A Consultation & Communications

A.1 Notice of Commencement & PIC #1

A.2 Public Information Centre #2

**A.3 Notice of Completion** 

**A.4 Agency Correspondence** 

**A.5 Indigenous Consultation** 



## **Appendix A.1**

Notice of Commencement & PIC #1



## City of London Long Term Water Storage Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

### NOTICE OF PROJECT COMMENCEMENT & PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

The City of London is supplied with water from two lake based sources, the Lake Huron Regional Water Supply System and the Elgin Area Water Supply System (Lake Erie). In the event of a disruption or reduction in water supply, and to supply adequate water pressure, the City has reservoirs to maintain uninterrupted service. These reservoirs are shown in Figure 1 and include the Arva Reservoir and Pump Station, the Springbank Reservoirs and Pump Station, and the Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station. To address future water storage needs, the City is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to determine a preferred site (or sites) for additional water storage to meet future growth and ongoing emergency supply and distribution needs. Additionally, this project will consider the feasibility of retiring the existing Springbank Reservoir #2 and the McCormick Reservoir disconnected previously, as well as options for standby power for the water distribution pumps at the existing Arva Pump Station.

#### Public Information Centre

Public involvement is an important part of the Class EA process. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the project team in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. Residents and community organizations are encouraged to participate by providing input and attending the Public Information Centres (PICs). The first of two PICs will be held to present background information and the issues to be addressed through the Class EA process. Project team members will be available to discuss the project and to receive your input. This PIC will be a drop-in event with no formal presentation.

You are invited to attend the PIC to be held:

Date: Wednesday June 20, 2018

**Time:** 5pm to 7pm

Location: City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London (Committee Room #1, Second Floor)

Display materials will be available on the City of London website.

To provide comments, receive additional information or be added to the study mailing list, please visit http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/default.aspx or contact either of the following team members below:

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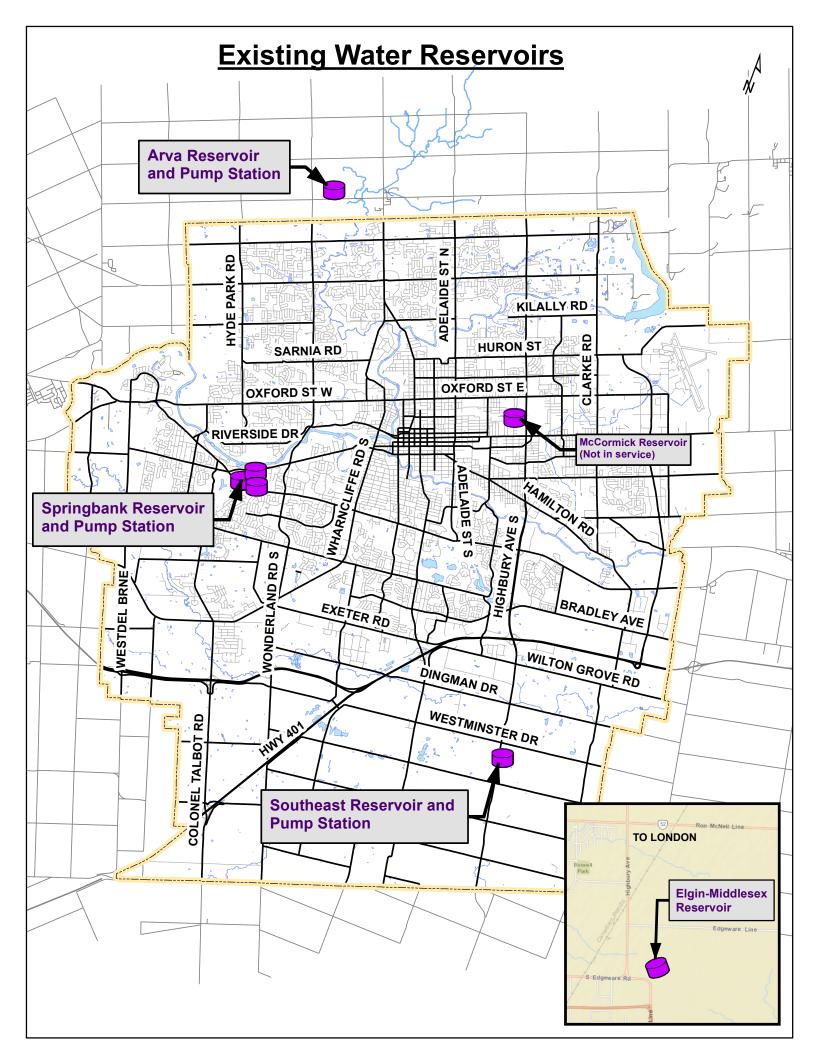
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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.



## Welcome City of London Long Term Water Storage

## Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Public Information Centre #1

June 20, 2018



#### The purpose of this Public Information Centre (PIC) is to:

- Introduce the project;
- Communicate the need for a long term water storage strategy to service the City;
- Provide an overview of the Class Environmental Assessment process;
- Describe existing and future conditions;
- Present the alternative reservoir locations to be considered; and
- Meet the project team and get your feedback.

Please take a comment form and a pen. As you review the information presented today, we encourage you to ask questions and provide feedback.



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#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

#### What is a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment?

- A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is a process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.
- It enables municipal infrastructure projects to be planned with a proven process for protecting the environment.
- This project is following the Municipal Class EA process for Schedule 'B' projects.
- Schedule 'B' projects must follow Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA process.
- At the end of the EA process, a Project File report will be prepared for public review and comment.



#### What is the Purpose of this Class EA?

To select a preferred storage location through a comprehensive, environmentally sound planning process that is open to public participation.

#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process**

Phase 1 Identify the Problem and Opportunity Statement

See Board 4

Phase 2 Identify Alternative Solutions to address the Problem and Opportunity Statement See Boards 5-8

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Phase 5 Implement the Solution

See Board 10

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- The City of London is supplied with water from two lake based sources:
  - o Lake Huron Regional Water Supply System,
  - o Elgin Area Water Supply System (Lake Erie).
- Lake water travels through a network of treatment plants, reservoirs, pumping stations and pipes before ending up in our homes.

# Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant Southwestern Ontario North Lake Buron Water LONDON LONDON LAKE ERIE

**Background** 

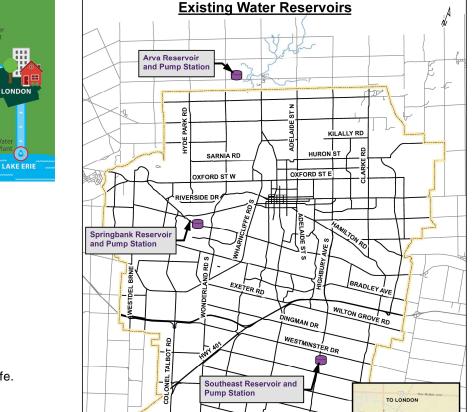
#### **Water Reservoirs**

- The City has water reservoirs in four locations:
  - o Arva Reservoir and Pumping Station,
  - o Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir and Pumping Station,
  - o Southeast Reservoir and Pumping Station,
  - o Springbank Reservoir Complex.

#### **Springbank Reservoir Complex**

- Springbank has three reservoirs (1, 2 and 3),
- Reservoir 2 was built in 1920 and is nearing the end of its service life.

More information on the City of London water system can be found at: http://www.london.ca/residents/Water/ Water-System/Pages/Water-System.aspx



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Elgin-Middlesex

#### **Problem and Opportunity Statement**

#### **Problems and Opportunities**

- The City of London's water system provides safe drinking water to residents, businesses and industries within the City limits.
- Springbank Reservoir #2 requires continued maintenance and repair and is reaching the end of its service life. The City would like to consider retiring the facility when it reaches the end of its life expectancy anticipated in 2022. As a result, comparable reservoir capacity (45ML) will need to be replaced or better located within the City's water system.
- The Arva Reservoir and Pumping Station can pump water from the Lake Huron Water Supply System to the entire City during a power outage. However, the water supply rate and pressure is reduced compared to normal operating conditions and emergency needs.
- The City needs to have adequate standby power to operate the Arva distribution pumps to the City and be able to utilize the volume of water in storage at the Arva Reservoir.
- Additional water storage is necessary to meet future growth demands to 2054 and beyond.
- The City must also consider the potential of a disruption or reduction in water supply during emergency situations in planning for the storage needs of the City's water system, as well as Ministry of Environment and Climate Change fire balancing and daily peak demand needs.

#### **Problem and Opportunity Statement**

The City of London provides water storage and distribution from the Arva, Elgin-Middlesex, Southeast and Springbank reservoirs. From these sources, water is provided for drinking water, daily household use, business and industrial needs and fire protection. Water can also be provided during water disruptions or if pressures within the City's water system are reduced. However, the existing water system is not able to provide flows at a supply rate and pressure necessary to meet peak demand, fire and/or emergency needs based on future growth. Additionally, Reservoir #2 at Springbank is subject to ongoing maintenance associated with this aging facility and is nearing the end of its service life.

This Class EA study will examine opportunities to address these issues and determine a preferred solution for future water storage that will contribute to the overall City water system daily operation and emergency needs, and meet future growth.

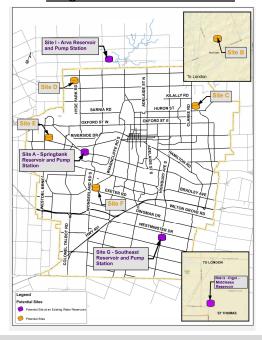
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#### **Step 1: Long-List Candidate Location Identification Criteria**

To address the Problem and Opportunity Statement (Board 4), a Long List of potential general locations for water reservoir storage were identified based on high-level screening criteria:

- Property that is currently vacant land or open space,
- · Meets storage size and configuration requirements,
- Site elevation (determines potential type of storage facility pumped or floating).

Nine locations were selected and evaluated as potential Long-List Candidate Locations.



#### **Long-List Candidate Locations and Evaluation**

#### **Step 2: Long-List Candidate Location Evaluation (see Board 6)**

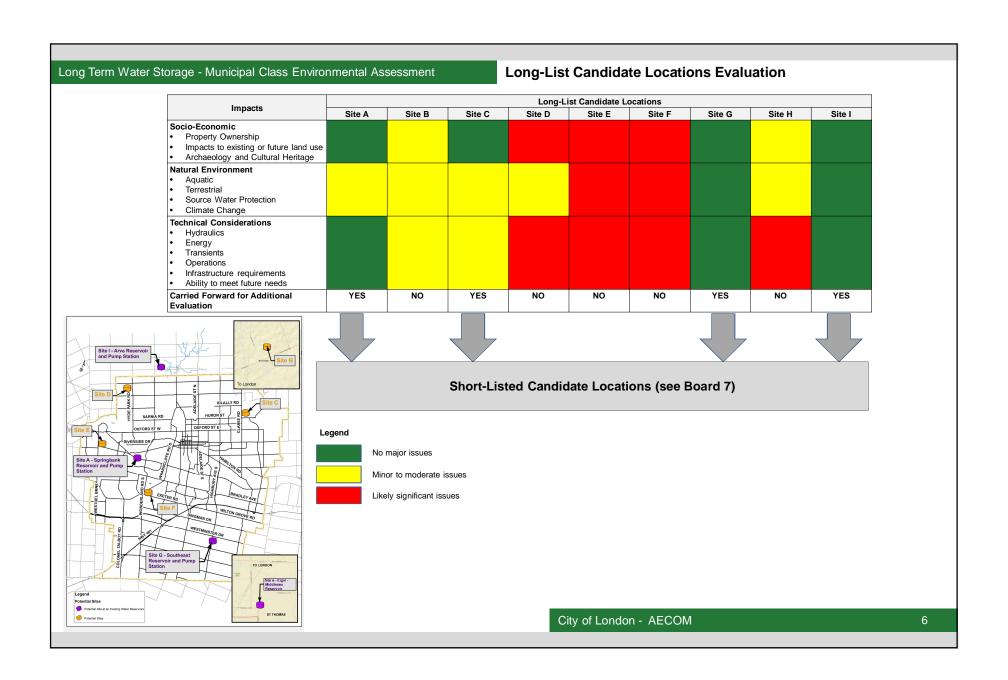
The Long-List Candidate Locations were then evaluated to determine their suitability based on:

- **Socio-Economic:** property ownership, impacts to the existing and future use of the property, archaeology and cultural heritage,
- Natural Environment: aquatic, terrestrial, source water protection, climate change,
- Technical Considerations: hydraulics, energy, transients, operations, infrastructure requirements, ability to meet future growth needs.

#### A Note About the **Do Nothing** Alternative:

- Do Nothing is an alternative always considered in the Class EA process.
- No improvements or changes would be undertaken to address current and future water storage requirements.
- Do Nothing represents what would likely occur if none of the alternative solutions were implemented.
- Do Nothing does not address the Problem and Opportunity Statement (Board 4) and is evaluated <u>but not considered</u> for the preferred solution or implementation.

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#### **Short-Listed Candidate Sites**

These are the 4 Short-Listed Candidate Locations. Within 2 of these locations, multiple sites were identified for further assessment.

#### Site A: Springbank Reservoir (2 potential options)

Site A: Option 1 - Reservoir on Reservoir #2 footprint



Site A: Option 2 - Reservoir adjacent to Reservoir #2 footprint



Site C: City Northeast (7 potential sites)



Site G: Southeast Reservoir (1 potential site)



Site I: Arva Reservoir (1 potential site)



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#### **Short-Listed Candidate Sites Evaluation**

#### **Step 3: Short-Listed Candidate Sites Evaluation Criteria**

The **Short-Listed Candidate Sites** (Board 7) will be further evaluated to determine a recommended site.

Criteria for evaluating the sites will include the following:

- **Social-Economic Environment**: impacts to residents, businesses and the community, impacts to archaeological and built heritage resources,
- Natural Environment: impacts to terrestrial and aquatic resources and species, Species at Risk, Source Water Protection and Climate Change,
- **Technical Environment:** technical suitability and constructability, impacts to existing infrastructure and utilities,
- Economic: capital and operating costs.



Additional studies will be undertaken that will provide information necessary for the evaluations. This information will be presented at the next PIC, tentatively scheduled for the Fall 2018.

#### Studies include:

- Natural Environment,
- Archaeological & Cultural Heritage,
- · Geotechnical,
- Hydrogeological.









**Step 4: Short-Listed Candidate Sites Evaluation Matrix** 

The Short-List Candidate Sites will be presented in an evaluation matrix to determine the recommended reservoir location.

Component	Criteria	Alternative 1: On Site Reservoir Expansion Options	Alternative 2: New Off Site Reservoir Siting Options	Atternative 3: Do Nothing
	Traffic management during construction phase	<ul> <li>Mnor impacts to Park Road at reservoir site entrance related to truck furning inoversems.</li> </ul>	Temporary lane documes on Park Road during construction of SQDmm watermain to new receival; (cell used to be ned)	No construction
	TECHNICAL SCORING			
	Archaeological (sites that exhibit high potential for impacts on archaeological resources)	Potential to impact archaeological resources	Potential to impact and aeological resources	No impact
Social/Cultural	Bull Heritage Cultural Heritage Landscape (e.g., visual impact)	<ul> <li>Does not impact any built heritage features.</li> <li>Patential for significant engineered structure that results in visual impact (e.g., may be visible from Brace Trail)</li> </ul>	Does not impact any built bertiage features     Introduces significant rain agricultural land use that results in visual impact     IIII be easily seen from Park Road and surrounding area insensity in too-freed area.	<ul> <li>No impacts to built heritage/outbuild landscape features</li> </ul>
	SOCIAL/CULTURAL SCORING			
	Daniption to businesses (e.g., agricultural operations)	None identified	<ul> <li>Likely daughton to agridus/messes due to displacement of agricultural land (good tegrier fruit and grape) and reduced wishility</li> </ul>	No damption to businesses
Socia-Francesia	Disturbance to private wells	Avoids impacts to private wells	Potential disruptions possible wells	No disturbance to private wells
Socio-Economic	Temporary disruption during construction (i.e., dust, noise, vibration, traffic management, detours, access to property and ability to maintain existing services)	Construction impacts confined to site     Temporary typical construction noise and vibrating     Existing services will be maintained.	rys finn impact will include temporary Park Risad/Elin e Filip (also plot) and to waternain installation Tempor and construction noise and vibration impacts Distring services will be maintained.	No construction
	SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCORING	CAIT		
	Provincial Plan Conformity  a) Nagara Scargment Plan	Officially in meeting distinct. 32 all serving Size into experience (2.5.444) and of a size interpretability to be important to 1.5.444 and of a size in the building in social the first in biscars in beginning to social to the building in social the first in biscars beginning to desired, social serving the presental is continued the Biscarphere filters. Area disjutant, Officially in meeting select MEP That II Development Criteria Primetals to be distinguished on segment of other all standardation and utility based on systematic that all admirations based on considered without the EAT process.	Protected to section NPT planning area and associated policy compliance with the section of the similarity of the installation for the value of the section of the concidence of permitted use in the NEP Excaptional Russi Area. <sup>37</sup>	Complies with NEP policies
and the Impacts	b) Greenbeit Plan	Protected Countryside     Does not apply, NEP overrides Oreenbelt Plan	Protected Countryside Specialty Crop Area     Permitted within Specialty Crop Areas	Complies with Greenbelt Plan policies
aro use impaco	Regional Policy Plan Conformity	<ul> <li>Within Environmental Conservation Area and Potential Natural Heritage System Comitor – compliance subject to completion of an Environmental Impact Study</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Anticipate compliance – new reservoir is a permitted use (part of a linear facility) and can be sited and designed to minimize impacts</li> </ul>	Compiles with Regional Policy Plan
	Grineby Official Plan Conformity	Grinsby Official Plan Section 2.1, Natural Environment states that one of the goals is to maintain the Escarpment Natural Areas in conformity with the Nagara Escarpment Plan	<ul> <li>Articipate compliance - new recentor is a permitted use (part of a linear facility) and can be sited and designed to minimize impacts</li> </ul>	Complies with Grinnsby Official Plan
	Orimaby Zoning By Law Conformity	<ul> <li>The Town of Orimsby Zoning By-law does not apply to land- within the Nagara Sciantered Development Control Area as they are under the development control of the Nagara Examplest Commission</li> <li>Land use regulated by Nagara Siscapment Development Permit</li> </ul>	The Town of Oriently Zoning By-law does not apply to lands within the Nagara Ecosysteet Development Control Area as they are under the development control of the Nagara Ecosysteet Commission     Land use negulated by Nagara Ecosymment Development Pennix	Complies with Orimsby Zoning By Law

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#### Water Reservoir/Facility Decommissioning

Water reservoir or facility **decommissioning** occurs when a facility is taken out of service or when an 'offline' facility is being physically removed.

As part of this study, the City is considering decommissioning three water facilities to better optimize the overall water system for the City. Each of these facilities have been or will be considered no longer necessary for operational purposes.

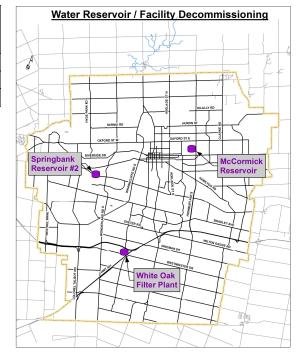
Location	Date of Construction	Anticipated End of Service Life	Replacement
Springbank Reservoir #2	1920	2022	Replace capacity at new reservoir (TBD)
McCormick Reservoir	1935	Not in service	No replacement necessary
White Oak Filter Plant	lant 1959 Not in se		New Southeast Pressure Zone

The Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA document defines decommissioning as:

'taking out of operation, abandonment, removal, demolition or disposal of a road, sewage, stormwater management or water facility for which approval under the Environmental Assessment Act would have been necessary for its establishment and includes, sale, lease, or other transfer of the facility for purposes of taking out of operation, abandonment, removal, demolition or disposal'.

Each of the above facilities were constructed prior to the initiation of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, however, the implementation of each of these projects would have required approval under the Act. As such, it is determined that the decommissioning of each of these facilities is considered an Schedule A+ Class EA undertaking.

Schedule A+ projects require that the public be notified of the work prior to construction or decommissioning occurring.



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#### **Next Steps**

#### **Next Steps**

- Comments received from the general public, stakeholders, the City and Approval Agencies will be considered.
- Candidate Sites will be further evaluated to determine a recommended reservoir location.
- The second public meeting will be held to present the results to the public.
- A report will be prepared and made available for public review for 30 days.
- If no issues are raised within the 30 days review period, the City will proceed to detailed design, approvals and construction.



Please remember to drop off your completed comment form before you leave or send it to us before **July 6, 2018**.

#### **Thank You for Attending**

- We appreciate the time you have taken to learn more about the Project.
- · We value your input to this study and encourage you to stay connected.
- Please visit the City's website: <a href="http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWater">http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWater</a> StorageOptions.aspx
- Join our mailing list: leave us an email or mailing address so we can keep you up-to-date as the project progresses.
- Contact us with additional comments or questions at any time.

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July 2, 2018

Bruce Johnson Owner, Thamesdale Farms 1511 Clarke Road London, Ontario NSV 5B4



Ms. Martin,

Thank you for sharing the information about the long-term water storage needs for the City of London at the public information centre held June 18, 2018. I have the following comments and concerns about the proposed location of a water reservoir.

I am the owner of the licensed dairy farm located at 1511 Clarke Road. If the reservoir was to be located were proposed there would be a negative impact to our current dairy operation. We would have insufficient land to pasture cows, grow feed and grow sweet corn for our established trade. Manure would be spread on the land adjacent to the proposed reservoir and we question if you would be able to meet the minimum distance separation requirements. We are not keen on selling all or part of our land as it has been in our family for over a century.

As a city of London taxpayer, I urge the city to consider placing the reservoir on city owned land along Huron Street as there would not be the capital cost of acquisition incurred. Failing that, consider the east side of Clarke Road which is already owned by speculators. Please also consider the existing Arva pumping station where the city would not have to acquire lands or pumps. Selecting the Arva pumping location for the proposed reservoir would also prevent the city from installing a water reservoir near the ABB plant that had PCB contamination.

Bruce a Johnson

## **COMMENT SHEET**

We want to hear from you! Thank you for attending the Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Long Term Water Storage Class Environmental Assessment (EA). We value your feedback. By filling out this comment sheet your feedback about the project will be documented and considered.

Please Print Your Name and Contact Information Below:
First Name: ROB Last Name: KOLDENHOF  Address: 40-800 Commissioners Rd W City: London.  Postal Code: NGK 1CZ, Email:
1. Would you like to receive information in the future?
Regular mail  I do not wish to receive further information  E-mail  I am already on the mailing list
2. Do you have any comments regarding the information presented today?
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that would negatively affect me or the conda
development I live in
Patricia who presented into to me, did a
greet js.

Please submit your written comments before leaving the meeting or mail / email them by July 6, 2018

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Additional Project information is available on the Project website: <a href="https://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWaterStorageOptions.aspx">www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWaterStorageOptions.aspx</a>

We use this information for record purposes only. Your personal information will remain confidential in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.* 



## **Appendix A.2**

**Public Information Centre #2** 



#### **City of London Long Term Water Storage Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2**

The City of London is supplied with water from the Lake Huron Regional Water Supply System and the Elgin Area Water Supply System. In the event of a disruption or reduction in water supply, and to supply adequate water pressure, the City has reservoirs to maintain uninterrupted service. These reservoirs include the Arva Reservoir and Pump Station, the Springbank Reservoirs and Pump Station, and the Southeast Reservoir and Pump Station. To address future water storage needs, the City is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to determine a preferred site (or sites) for additional water storage to meet future growth and ongoing emergency supply and distribution needs. Additionally, this project will consider the feasibility of retiring the existing Springbank Reservoir #2, the McCormick Reservoir, which was disconnected previously. and the White Oak Filter Plant. The City is also considering standby power options for the water distribution pumps at the existing Arva Pump Station as part of this process.

#### **Public Information Centre**

Public involvement is an important part of the Class EA process. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the project team in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. Residents and community organizations are encouraged to participate by providing input and attending the Public Information Centres (PICs). The second of two PICs will be held to present the recommended servicing strategy. Project team members will be available to discuss the project and to receive your input. This PIC will be a drop-in event with no formal presentation.

You are invited to attend the PIC to be held:

Date: Wednesday November 28, 2018

Time: 5pm to 7pm

**Location:** City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London (Committee Room #1, Second Floor)

Display materials will be available on the City of London website.

To provide comments, receive additional information or be added to the study mailing list, please visit http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWaterStorageOptions.aspx or contact either of the following team members below:

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.

# Welcome City of London Long Term Water Storage

## Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Public Information Centre #2

**November 28, 2018** 



#### The purpose of this Public Information Centre (PIC) is to:

- Present an overview of the results from PIC #1 (June 2018);
- Summarize the work undertaken since June;
- Present the evaluation of reservoir locations;
- Present the preferred alternatives; and,
- Meet the project team and get your feedback.

Please take a comment form and a pen. As you review the information presented today, we encourage you to ask questions and provide feedback.

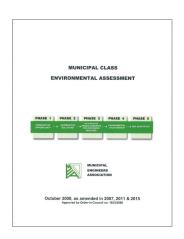


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#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

#### What is a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment?

- A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is a process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.
- It enables municipal infrastructure projects to be planned with a proven process for protecting the environment.
- This project is following the Municipal Class EA process for Schedule 'B' projects.
- Schedule 'B' projects must follow Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA process.
- At the end of the EA process, a Project File report will be prepared for public review and comment.



#### What is the Purpose of this Class EA?

To select a preferred storage location through a comprehensive, environmentally sound planning process that is open to public participation.

#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process**

Phase 1 Identify the Problem and **Opportunity Statement** 

See Board 3

Phase 2 **Identify Alternative** Solutions to address the **Problem and Opportunity** Statement See Boards 4-12

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Phase 5 Implement the Solution

See Board 13

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#### **Problems and Opportunities**

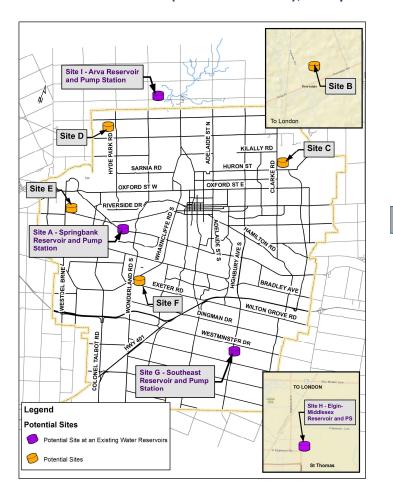
- The City of London's water system provides safe drinking water to residents, businesses and industries within the City limits.
- Springbank Reservoir #2 requires continued maintenance and repair and is reaching the end of its service life. The City would like to consider retiring the facility when it reaches the end of its life expectancy anticipated in 2022. As a result, comparable reservoir capacity (45ML) will need to be replaced or better located within the City's water system.
- The Arva Reservoir and Pumping Station can provide water via the Lake Huron Water Supply System to the entire City during a power outage. However, the water supply rate and pressure is reduced compared to normal operating conditions and emergency needs. The City needs to have adequate standby power to operate the Arva distribution pumps to the City and be able to utilize the volume of water in storage at the Arva Reservoir.
- Additional water storage is necessary to meet future growth demands to 2054 and beyond.
- The City must also consider the potential of a disruption or reduction in water supply during emergency situations in planning for the storage needs of the City's water system, as well as Ministry of Environment and Climate Change fire balancing and daily peak demand needs.

#### **Problem and Opportunity Statement**

The City of London provides water storage and distribution from the Arva, Elgin-Middlesex, Southeast and Springbank reservoirs. From these sources, water is provided for drinking water, daily household use, business and industrial needs and fire protection. Water can also be provided during water disruptions or if pressures within the City's water system are reduced. However, the existing water system is not able to provide flows at a supply rate and pressure necessary to meet peak demand, fire and/or emergency needs based on future growth. Additionally, Reservoir #2 at Springbank is subject to ongoing maintenance associated with this aging facility and is nearing the end of its service life.

This Class EA study will examine opportunities to address these issues and determine a preferred solution for future water storage that will contribute to the overall City water system to meet daily operation and emergency needs, to meet future growth. The Long List of Candidate Reservoir Locations (9) were evaluated and reduced to a Short List of Candidate Reservoir Locations (4).

Within 2 of these locations (Site A and Site C), multiple sites were identified.





Site A: Option 1 – Reservoir on top of and adjacent to the Reservoir #2 footprint



Site A: Option 2 - Reservoir adjacent to the Reservoir #2 footprint



Site C: City Northeast (7 potential sites)



Site G: Southeast Reservoir (1 potential site)



Site I: Arva Reservoir (1 potential site)

#### Natural Heritage, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

#### **Natural Heritage**

- A preliminary background review was conducted to identify existing natural heritage features at the four candidate sites. Species at Risk (SAR), Species of Conservation Concern (SOCC) and relevant Official Plan Schedules outlining natural heritage land use designations were utilized to inform the review. (See boards 8-9 for results and rankings)
- Previous reports undertaken by AECOM within the study area were also used and include:
  - North Huron Subject Land Status Report (AECOM, 2015)
  - Southeast Reservoir Subject Lands Status Report (Earth Tech Canada Inc., 2004)
  - Southeast Reservoir & Pumping Station Environmental Impact Study (Earth Tech Canada Inc, 2005)



#### **Archeology**

 A preliminary background review was conducted to document the archaeological and land use history as well as the existing conditions at the four candidate sites. Data sources included recent historical maps, previous archaeological assessments, The Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport's and Ontario Heritage Trust Databases and the City of London's heritage register mapping. (See board 8 for results and rankings)



#### **Cultural Heritage**

A preliminary background review was conducted to determine whether the four candidate sites have the
potential to impact cultural heritage resources. Data sources included the City of London's Inventory of
Heritage Properties, Ontario Heritage Trust's online inventory, the Canadian Register of Historic Places
and the Directory of Federal Heritage Designations. (See board 8 for results and rankings)



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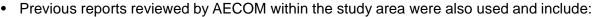
#### **Geotechnical**

 A background review was conducted to document the historical geotechnical and hydrogeological data obtained during various field investigations completed. Reports completed in the vicinity of the proposed locations were referenced to establish location suitability. (See boards 9 for results and rankings)



#### **Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements**

 A preliminary background review was conducted to review and confirm system design criteria, such as minimum pressures under emergency supply conditions as well as storage sizing criteria, in general and for future growth. Available storage, estimates for storage capacity requirements for each design year and potential storage locations and configurations were also identified. An analysis of the results for each alternative storage site was completed. (Boards 10-11 outline the results and rankings)



- 2002 Water Supply Reliability Assessment, Final Report (Dillon, 2002)
- 2008 City of London Water Master Plan Update (City of London, 2008)
- 2014 City of London Water Master Plan Update (City of London, 2014)
- Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System 2008 Water Master Plan Update (Delcan, 2010)
- Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System 2008 Water Master Plan Update (Delcan, 2010)
- City of London InfoWater hydraulic model (AECOM, 2014)





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A qualitative evaluation was undertaken for the evaluation of alternatives based on the reports presented on Boards 5 and 6. Table 1 summarizes the criteria and measures including environmental components that address the broad definition of the environment as described in the Environmental Assessment Act, used for evaluation purposes, to assist in determining the best possible solution.



#### **Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements**

- A detailed assessment of each short listed alternative solution was completed based on the previously described evaluation components and criteria. The evaluation approach used to consider the suitability and feasibility of alternative solutions for the study was a qualitative assessment. In this evaluation approach, trade-offs consider the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative to address the problem and opportunity statement with the least environmental effects and the most technical benefits for relative comparison between alternatives. This formed the rationale for identification of the preferred alternative.
- A comprehensive evaluation in a matrix format was prepared and used to present the evaluation of alternative solutions as shown in Boards 8 - 12.

#### **Evaluation Framework and Criteria**

#### Table 1 – Evaluation Framework

Category	Criteria	Indicator
Public Health	Long/short Term Impacts	Noise quality     Air quality
Social and	Property Impacts and Acquisition	Need for Land Purchase in part or in whole
Cultural Evaluation	Residential Land Use	Potential long or short-term impacts to surrounding neighbourhoods/land use - due to project and/or construction
	Built and Cultural Heritage Resources	Potential impacts to built and cultural heritage resources
Natural Environment	Terrestrial	Potential Effects on flora, fauna and associated habitat.     Potential Effects to Species at Risk (SAR).
	Aquatic	Number and nature of water crossings, including upgrade requirements.     Potential Effects on aquatic species and associated habitat.     Potential Effects to Aquatic SAR.
	Ground and Surface Water	Impacts to water quality
Engineering	Hydraulics	Ability to service northeast London
	Energy Optimization	Optimizes Energy use and transient protection     Need for booster pumping and backup power
	Operations Improvement	Ease of normal system operation, water turnover and quality.
	Infrastructure	Use of existing infrastructure     Distribution routing/ New Water System infrastructure
	Climate	Water supply source and system/ climate resilience
Economic and Financial	Operating Costs	Total project costs (design and construction) Operating and Maintenance Costs Land Costs

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				Reservoir Location			
Impact Criteria	Indicators	Site A Vicinity of Existing Springbank Reservoir and PS		Site C Site G North East System: Existing Southeast Clarke Road and Huron Road Area  Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS		Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS	
		A1	A2				
Public Health and Safety	Long/Short Term Impacts due to air and noise quality	-Little to no change from existing for long term. Some impacts due to construction given residential proximity	-Some change from existing for long term with impacts due to construction in closer proximity to residents.	-Some change from existing in long term and due to construction subject to which of 7 sites is chosenMore significant for those options closer to existing residences.	due to construction in short term due to remote location.	-No change from existing in long termSome impacts due to construction in short term given proximity to some nearby residences.	
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Public Health and Safety Ev	aluation Summary						
Social and Cultural	Need for Land Purchase in part or in whole	-City owned land for purpose, currently used as open space.	-City owned land for purpose, but currently used as open space.	-Some City owned land with some sites having to be purchasedLand Intended for industrial or residential development.	-City owned land ready for purpose.	-Outside of City boundary but is owned by the Regional Water System with London being the major user. (Potential to provide land at no low cost if the decision is to have storage here to optimize the City's water supply). -Currently used as open space.	
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	Potential long or short term impacts to surrounding neighbourhoods/land use – due to project and/or construction.	Impact to existing due to: loss of open' space that can be replaced in part; reservoir closer to residences and higher slopes; Infrastructure work across Commissioners Road impacts roadway and the work onsite is closer to existing residences.	-Impact to existing due to: loss of open space; reservoir much closer to residences; and even higher slopes; Infrastructure work across Commissioners Road impacts roadway and the work onsite is much closer to existing residences.	-Impact to existing residents/businesses and land use (now and/or future), which could be mitigated to some extent based on which of 7 locations chosenImpacts to City's industrial land strategy by reducing available land New site requires extensive work on Clarke road for inlet/outlet, watermains, construction and permanent access.	-No impacts to surrounding land usesNo impacts to existing residences/businessesMinimal construction impact given all works are setup for the site and it is well away from existing residents.	-Minor impacts to existing area and/or land use with nearest residence being greater than 300m away from a potential expansion, which is a more than adequate bufferMinimal impact due to construction to nearby residences. Available site with no road works other than increased construction traffic.	
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	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred
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				Reservoir Location		
Impact Criteria	Indicators		e A ngbank Reservoir and PS	Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area	Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS	Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS
		A1	A2			
	Potential impact to archaeological / heritage resources. (2)	-Moderate impact – Stage 1 archaeological work completed, requires Stage 2 study. -CHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	-Moderate impact – Stage 1 archaeological work completed, requires Stage 2 study. -CHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	-Slight impact – Stage 1 archaeological work completed for the most part except for 2 sitesDepending on the site chosen, CHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	-No impact. Stage1 /2 archaeological work completedCHER or HIA may be required to fully evaluate cultural heritage impacts.	-Low to Moderate impact, archaeological potential with Stage 1/2 requiredNo Cultural Heritage impacts.
Social and Cultural Evaluatio	n Summary					
	Terrestrial – ecological impacts resulting from removal or damage to vegetation and trees (Species at Risk).	affected by proposed works Approximately 35 trees may be	· Woodland is a total of 9.77 hectares of which ~1.25 ha will be potential affected by proposed works.  Approximately 80 trees may be affected to extend the reservoir to the east into existing open space area.  - More green space and natural areas mpacted.	- Candidate sites primarily agricultural, however, unevaluated wetlands and woodlands are present. Any proposed facility should be kept away from wetlands/woodlots of significant value. If not, additional assessment and mitigation work is required.  - Park impacts for 1 potential site.	- Natural Feature is approximately 15 hectares in size, with approximately 1.56 ha falling within the study area. Low amount of impact based on Natural Heritage review and that proposed works can be implemented without impacts to the wooded area already allowed for by previous assessments and work.	- Natural Feature is approximately 14 ha with 1.29 ha falling within the study area. Least amount of impact based on Natural Heritage review and that proposed work can be implemented without impacts to woodland areas; however, the boundary of the existing woodland would need to be confirmed through field investigations.
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	Impacts to Wildlife (Species at Risk)	Threatened (THR)) are protected under	Potential impacts to 18 SAR     Of these, 15 (10 END, 5 THR) are     protected under the <i>Endangered</i> Species Act (2007). The other 3     species are listed as SCC and do not     nave any permitting implications.	- Potential impacts to 20 SAR Of these, 11 (5 END, 6 THR) are protected under the <i>Endangered</i> Species Act (2007); The other 9 species are considered SCC and do not have any permitting implications.	- Potential impacts to 13 SAR Of these, 8 (5 END, 3 THR) are protected under the Endangered Species Act (2007). The other 5 species are considered SCC and do not have any permitting implications Potential impacts are limited to 3 SAR cultural meadow species (3 THR) based on the proposed reservoir footprint Some impacts for 9 SAR were pre- assessed and mitigated during the Subject Land Status Report (Earth Tec, 2004).	Potential impacts to 11 SAR Of these, 10 (5 END, 5 THR) are protected under the Endangered Species Act (2007). The other 1 species is considered SCC and does not have any permitting implications.      Potential impacts are limited to 5 SAR cultural meadow species (4 THR and 1 SCC) based on the proposed reservoir footprint.
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	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred
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				Reservoir Location			
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		A1	A2				
	Aquatic – ecological impacts resulting from construction in or near water with potential to harm aquatic species (watermain crossings, Species at Risk).	There are no anticipated impacts to SAR; however, potential impacts cannot be determined without further	- No watercourses were observed within 100 m of the proposed reservoir. There are no anticipated impacts to SAR; however, potential impacts cannot be determined without further study.	- 1 SAR species (THR) was flagged by NHIC during the background review; however, suitable aquatic habitat was not identified during aquatic surveys in within the Site C study area (AECOM, 2015). The Thames River is located approximately 100 metres north of the study area and contains SAR.  - Impacts cannot be determined without further study. A moderate impact will be assumed until proposed reservoir footprints are established.	- A small portion of Perl Drain was identified in the southwest corner of the study area and therefore also falls within the KCCA's Regulation Limit. Aquatic SAR were not identified in the 2004 report (Earth Tec, 2004). There are no anticipated impacts to SAR Impacts cannot be determined without further study, however they are less likely given the proposed location of the reservoir.	- 1 SAR species was identified during the NHIC background review; however DFO mapping did not flag any aquatic SAR species. There are no anticipated impacts to SAR species.  - Impacts cannot be determined without further study; however, they are less likely given the proposed location of the reservoir.	
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	Impacts to ground/surface water quality (1)	Minimal ground or surface water impacts but should be confirmed given soil type / groundwater conditions in the area.	- Minimal ground or surface water impacts but should be confirmed given soil type / groundwater conditions in the area.	-Higher ground and/or surface water impacts subject to the preferred site location of the 7 options.	<ul> <li>-No groundwater/surface water quality impacts. Already addressed as part of initial facility construction and allowance for expansion.</li> </ul>	-Minimal ground or surface water impacts anticipated. Subject to onsite confirmation at later project stages.  -Water ponds onsite/adjacent to site due to poor drainage currently being addressed by adjacent landowners.	
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Natural Environment Summary						Ŏ	
Technical Considerations (4)	Ability to service northeast London (Hydraulics)	-Does not improve operation and pressure under peak/emergency response in NE London, but maintains water supply above minimum MOEC pressures.	-Does not improve operation and pressure under peak/emergency response in NE London, but maintains water supply above minimum MOEC pressures.	-Best addresses systemic operation and peak/emergency response and hydraulic issues in NE London.		-Addresses system operation and peak/emergency response hydraulics issues in NE London for the most part.	
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	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred
Legend						

				Reservoir Location			
Impact Criteria	Indicators		e A ngbank Reservoir and PS	Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area	Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS	Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS	
		A1	A2				
	Optimizes Energy use and transient protection	-No improvement or detriment to transient protection under peak/emergency conditions. Much reduced energy costs due to gravity feed and somewhat improved operations with the Arva PS.	No improvement or detriment to ransient protection under peak/emergency conditions. Much educed energy costs due to gravity leed and somewhat improved operations with the Arva PS.	-Decreased transient protection with increased energy needs (highest of all the alternatives)	-No improvement or detriment to transient protection or increase in energy costs but pumping intensive.	-No improvements or detriment to transient protection but pumping intensive. Energy costs can be optimized at PS with storage in place.	
	Operational Improvement (ease of normal system operation, water turnover and quality)	-No significant improvement or detriment to existing operations. Longer water residence time necessitating operational changes at the Arva PS. Gravity based operation.	-No significant improvement or letriment to existing operations. longer water residence time necessitating operational changes at ne Arva PS. Gravity based operation.	-Water system operation more complex with a 4 <sup>th</sup> major reservoir and PS. Maintains water quality but increases water turnover necessitating Arva PS operational changes.	<ul> <li>-No significant improvement or detriment to existing operations. New storage not fully utilized and reliant on Elgin water supply expansion. Additional pumping capacity required.</li> </ul>	-No significant improvement or detriment to existing City water operations, with improved potential for Regional Water Supply for filling. Maximizes new reservoir volume use with pumping capacity optimized.	
	Use of existing infrastructure	on available land and connected to the	Replaces existing 50ML being retired. An additional 50ML can be constructed in available land and connected to the existing reservoir with greater height, roximity and slope issues.	-New greenfield, land to be purchased and revised land use for City ownedDoes not maximize use of existing infrastructure.	-Existing infrastructure already in place as facility is designed for 113 ML expansion. Additional pumping capacity required.	-Connecting to existing reservoir on existing land for purpose.	
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	Need for booster pumping and backup	-No PS or backup power required (gravity system).	No PS or backup power required gravity system).	-Yes, a new PS and backup power is required.	-No new PS or backup power is required but additional pumping capacity is needed.	-No new PS or pumping capacity is required, but emergency backup power is needed to access full reservoir capacity.	
	power.						
N	Distribution routing / New Water System	-Interconnection to existing PS and Reservoirs only.	Interconnection to existing PS and Reservoirs only.	-New infrastructure and connections required to the Clarke Road watermain.	-No new infrastructure required.	-Interconnection to existing PS and Reservoir only.	
	infrastructure						

	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred
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		Reservoir Location						
Impact Criteria	Indicators	Site A Vicinity of Existing Springbank Reservoir and PS		Site C North East System: Clarke Road and Huron Road Area	Site G Existing Southeast Reservoir and PS	Site I Existing Arva Reservoir and PS		
		A1	A2					
	Water Supply Source and System/Climate Resilience	Lake Huron supply, gravity based servicing to all of London under all conditions. Lowest climate impacts.	Lake Huron supply, gravity based servicing to all of London under all conditions. Lowest climate impacts.	Lake Huron supply for NE London only. New infrastructure and pumping required with backup power for emergency operations. Increased climate impacts.	Lake Erie supply for SE London, with infrastructure and backup power in place for pumped operations. Current storage necessitates additional supply from Lake Erie. Greatest impact to climate.	power required for improved emergency		
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Technical Considerations Evaluation Summary								
Economic and Financial	Capital and Land Costs	- Lowest capital cost with no land cost.	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lowest capital cost but with no land cost.	-2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest capital and land costs of all alternatives.	-Lowest capital cost of all alternatives with no land costsHowever necessitates Elgin Water system expansion at highest cost.	-2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest capital cost with no land cost and some potential capital cost that could be mitigated with Regional Water Supply.		
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	Operating Costs	-Lowest operating cost.	-Lowest operating cost.	-Highest operating cost.	-3 <sup>rd</sup> lowest operating cost.	-2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest operating.		
Economic and Financial Evaluation Summary			•	Ō	Ŏ	Ō		
Overall Summary / Re	ecommendation			Č	Ō	•		

- (1) Geotechnical and Hydrogeotechnical Summary (October 2018)
   (2) Water Storage Options EA Draft Preliminary Background Review Archaeology /Cultural Heritage (October 2018)
   (3) Water Storage Options EA Draft Preliminary Background Review Natural Heritage Background Review (October 2018)
- (4) Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements (October 2017)

Low Impact is considered preferred compared to moderate or high impact.

	Low Impact	Low to Moderate Impact	Moderate Impact	Moderate to High Impact	High Impact	Most Preferred
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### Springbank Reservoir: Site A1

 100ML of additional storage capacity be implemented at the existing Springbank Reservoir Site (Option A1) by 2024 to replace the existing 45 ML of storage to be retired, and meet storage deficit/growth projections to that point in time as per table 4.1 from the Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements Study.

### **Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements Table 4.1 – Required Storage Capacity – 48 hour Emergency**

Year Demands (ML/d) (1)		Emergency - MDD / ADD (2 days)							
		ADDw	MDD	Required	Elgin Supply	Total Supply	Net	Available	Storage
				Storage	Volume	(ML)	Required	Storage	Surplus
				(ML)	(ML)		Storage	(ML)	(defecit)
							(ML)		(ML)
	Existing	133.2	267.3	482.7	80.0	80.0	403	312	-91
0	2014	134.4	269.8	486.9	115.0	115.0	372	312	-60
5	2019	140.1	281.5	507.1	115.0	115.0	392	312	-80
10	2024	145.9	293.3	527.4	115.0	115.0	412	283	-130
15	2029	151.6	304.9	547.4	170.0	170.0	377	283	-95
20	2034	157.4	316.9	568.0	170.0	170.0	398	283	-115
25	2039	163.3	328.9	588.7	170.0	170.0	419	283	-136
30	2044	169.4	341.4	610.2	170.0	170.0	440	283	-157
35	2049	175.8	354.4	632.5	170.0	170.0	462	283	-180
40	2054	182.4	367.8	655.7	170.0	170.0	486	283	-203

### **Future Storage**

- A further 100ML of additional storage capacity to be implemented at the existing Arva Reservoir Site (Option I) by 2044 to meet storage deficit/growth projections to that point in time as per Table 4.1 from the Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements Study dated October 2017.
- Additional Storage capacity to be implemented at the existing Southeast Reservoir Site (Option G) once the Elgin Water Supply System treatment and supply capacity is expanded to meet future growth needs in addition to or as part of the further 100ML of additional storage capacity recommended at the Arva Reservoir Site (Option I).

### **Natural Environment**

- Work with the UTRCA/MNRF/DFO/City of London to address potential impacts to natural features.
- Ensure all regulatory requirements to protect the environment are followed.
- · Ensure construction occurs outside of the nesting bird window.
- Ensure opportunities to provide a net benefit to ecosystem function be explored.
- Consideration of the London Invasive Plant Management Strategy (Clean Equipment Protocol).

#### **Social Environment**

- Access to existing park amenities, businesses, institutions and commercial areas are maintained (where possible) during and after construction.
- Meet with affected property owners during detailed design to explain how and when construction is expected to take place.
- Comply with City of London noise by-law (day time works)
- Provide advanced notification to affected property owners prior to construction, including estimated timing/durations and project contact information for asking questions and requesting information.

### **Archeological**

 A Stage 2 archaeological assessment must be conducted for all lands determined to retain archaeological potential that will be used for construction or that will be subject to ground disturbance.

### **Economic**

Ensure UTRCA and City resources are allocated effectively.

#### Restoration

All disturbed areas will be restored to equal or greater than existing condition.

### **Monitoring**

- Monitor post construction performance to ensure effectiveness.
- Take corrective actions as required.









### Water Reservoir/Facility Decommissioning

Water reservoir or facility **decommissioning** occurs when a facility is taken out of service or when an 'offline' facility is being physically removed.

As part of this study, the City is considering decommissioning three water facilities to better optimize the overall water system for the City. Each of these facilities have been or will be considered no longer necessary for operational purposes.

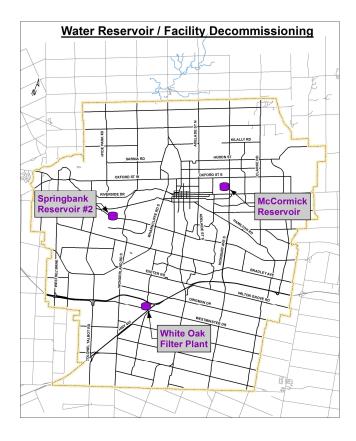
Location	Date of Construction	Anticipated End of Service Life	Replacement
Springbank Reservoir #2	1920	2022	Replace capacity at new reservoir (TBD)
McCormick Reservoir	1959	Not in service	No replacement necessary
White Oak Filter Plant	1959	Not in service	No replacement of treatment or reservoir capacities is proposed. Future bulk water facility and chamber for the new Pressure Zone.

The Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA document defines decommissioning as:

'taking out of operation, abandonment, removal, demolition or disposal of a road, sewage, stormwater management or water facility for which approval under the Environmental Assessment Act would have been necessary for its establishment and includes, sale, lease, or other transfer of the facility for purposes of taking out of operation, abandonment, removal, demolition or disposal'.

Each of the above facilities were constructed prior to the initiation of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, however, the implementation of each of these projects would have required approval under the Act. As such, it is determined that the decommissioning of each of these facilities is considered an Schedule A+ Class EA undertaking.

Schedule A+ projects require that the public be notified of the work prior to construction or decommissioning occurring.



### **Backup Power - Standby Power Systems**

Backup Power or standby power systems are needed to ensure pumping can maintain service in the event that primary power supplies fail.

Currently, no backup power supply exists for the Arva PS. In the event of an emergency and/or to service under day to day or peak water need conditions, water supply and minimal pressure would be provided by the Lake Huron Water Supply System to the City of London water system by opening by pass valves at the Arva PS. As part of this study AECOM assessed:

- Dual power supplies from London Hydro and/or Hydro One from separate feeds, complete with the required transmission and/or switchgear infrastructure needed to provide backup power to the Arva PS.
- The provision of a standby generator set in a new or existing structure to provide backup power to the Arva PS.

Both alternatives would allow the Arva PS to meet the City's day to day, peak or emergency needs.

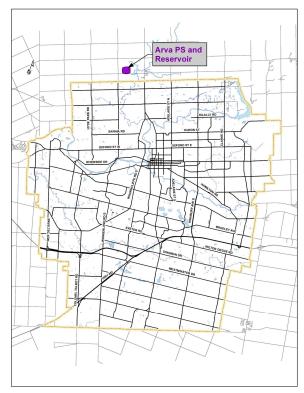
O.Reg. 524/98 Environmental Compliance Approvals defines standby power systems as:

"standby power system" means any apparatus, mechanism, equipment or other thing, and any related fuel tanks and piping, that includes one or more generator units and that is intended to be used only for the provision of electrical power during power outages or involuntary power reductions:

The Arva PS was constructed prior to the initiation of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, however, the implementation of this project would have required approval under the Act. As such, it is determined that the installation of standby power equipment located in a new building or structure is considered an <u>Schedule A Class EA undertaking</u>. Should the standby power equipment be installed in an existing building the undertaking would be considered a <u>Schedule A+ Class EA</u>.

Schedule A+ projects require that the public be notified of the work prior to construction or decommissioning occurring.

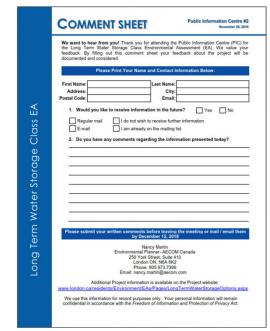
Schedule A projects are preapproved activities whereby the proponent may proceed without following the procedures set out in this Class EA.

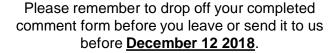


### **Next Steps**

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- Comments received from the general public, stakeholders, the City and Approval Agencies will be considered.
- The preferred servicing strategy will be confirmed.
- A report will be prepared and made available for public review for 30 days.
- If no issues are raised within the 30 days review period, the City can proceed to detailed design, approvals and construction.





### **Thank You for Attending**

- We appreciate the time you have taken to learn more about the Project.
- We value your input to this study and encourage you to stay connected.
- Please visit the City's website: <a href="http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWater">http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWater</a> StorageOptions.aspx
- Join our mailing list: leave us an email or mailing address so we can keep you up-to-date as the project progresses.
- Contact us with additional comments or questions at any time.

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Long Term Water Storage Class Environmental Assessment

Public Information Centre #2

November 28, 2018

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### **Appendix A.3**

**Notice of Completion** 



### **Appendix A.4**

**Agency Correspondence** 

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Ministère de l'Environnement et de l'Action en matière de changement climatique



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June 8th, 2018

Corporation of the City of London 300 Dufferin Avenue London, Ontario N6A 4L9

Attention: Ms. Patricia Lupton, Project Engineer

Re: MOECC Response To Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #1, Long Term Water Storage, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Patricia Lupton:

This letter acknowledges this ministry's receipt of the Notice of Commencement and Notice of Public Information Centre #1, for the City of London's Long Term Water Storage Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

It is this ministry's understanding that the City of London is undertaking this Municipal Class EA to determine a preferred site (or sites) for additional water storage to meet future growth and ongoing emergency supply and distribution needs. Additionally, this project will reportedly consider the feasibility of retiring the existing Springbank Reservoir #2 and the McCormick Reservoir disconnected previously, as well as options for standby power for the water distribution pumps a the existing Arva Pump Station.

#### Source Water Protection

As per the recent amendments to the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class Environmental Assessment parent document approved October 2015, proponents undertaking a Municipal Class EA project must identify early in the process whether a project is occurring within a source water protection vulnerable area. This must be clearly documented in a Project File report or ESR. If the project is occurring in a vulnerable area, then there may be policies in the local Source Protection Plan (SPP) that need to be addressed (requirements under the Clean Water Act). The proponent should contact and consult with the appropriate Conservation Authority/Source Protection Authority (CA/SPA) to discuss potential considerations and policies in the SPP that apply to the project.

Please include a section in the report on Source Water Protection. Specifically, it should discuss whether or not the project is located in a vulnerable area or changes or creates new vulnerable areas, and provide applicable details about the area. If located in a vulnerable area, proponents should document whether any project activities are a prescribed drinking water threat and thus pose a risk to drinking water (this should be consulted on with the appropriate CA/SPA). Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, the proponent must document and discuss in the Project File Report/ESR how the project adheres to or has regard to applicable policies in the local SPP. If creating or changing a vulnerable area, proponents should document whether any

existing uses or activities may potentially be affected by the implementation of source protection policies. This section should then be used to inform and should be reflected in other sections of the report, such as the identification of net positive/ negative effects of alternatives, mitigation measures, evaluation of alternatives etc. As a note, even if the project activities in a vulnerable area are deemed not to be a drinking water risk, there may be other policies that apply and so consultation with the local CA/SPA is important.

### Climate Change

The Municipality is strongly encouraged to include climate change in this EA. Climate change should be considered in the context of mitigation and the context of adaptation. The Ministry has recently released a guidance document to support proponents in including climate change in environmental assessments. The guide can be found online:

https://www.ontario.ca/page/considering-climate-change-environmental-assessment-process

It should be noted that Climatic Features are identified in Appendix 2 of the Municipal Class EA page 2-7 (2015).

### Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please keep this office fully informed of the status of this project as it proceeds through the Class EA process.

Please send all future correspondence with respect to this project to my attention, as I am this ministry's one window contact for this project: Craig Newton, Regional Environmental Planner / Regional EA Coordinator at the address below; email address: <a href="mailto:craig.newton@ontario.ca">craig.newton@ontario.ca</a>; telephone number: 519-873-5014.

A draft copy of the Environmental Study Report should be forwarded to my attention prior to the filing of the final report, allowing a minimum of 30 days for the ministry's technical reviewers to provide comments. Please also forward the Notice of Completion and final ESR to me when completed. Thank you in advance.

Yours truly.

Craig Newton

Regional Environmental Planner / Regional EA Coordinator

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change

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Copy: Ms. Nancy Martin, Environmental Planner, AECOM Canada, London.

Mr. Rob Wrigley, District Manager, MOECC London District

Mr. Adam Grant, Acting Supervisor, Safe Drinking Water Branch, MOECC London

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Mr. Neville Rising, Drinking Water Inspector, Safe Drinking Water Branch, MOECC

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### Martin, Nancy

From: Lupton, Patricia <PLUPTON@London.ca> Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 2:32 PM

To: Henderson, Mark; Warner, Bill; McIntosh, Chris

Cc: Baar, Bryan; Rozentals, Aaron; Haasen, John; Martin, Nancy; Awde, Neil; Morris,

Michelle; Koshowski, Scott; Simon, John

Subject: RE: PIC#1 Final

### Mark,

Thank you for the information you provided regarding the City's Industrial Land Development Strategy (ILDS) and land use zoning in the Clarke Road/Huron Street/VMP area, and expressing your concerns regarding the supply availability and marketability of these lands.

Whether Area C (the Clarke Road/Huron Street/VMP area) is a viable alternative (or not) for the 100ML of storage capacity required by 2025, or for a further 100ML required by 2054, will be determined as part of the next step of the Class EA process as we complete the socio-economic, natural environment and technical review aspects for each area and assess each comparatively to identify a preferred (or number of preferred), alternatives. Your comments will be considered as part of this assessment.

If Area C is a viable alternative moving forward, then one of the sites within Area C would be identified based on a comparative assessment of socio-economic, natural environment and technical considerations including land use and market availability concerns. We would point out the need for the additional storage is three fold:

- 1. Replace storage to be decommissioned at the Springbank Reservoirs (45ML)
- 2. Provide additional storage for short term growth needs (100ML by 2025), and long term growth needs by 2054 (another 100ML) for flow balancing, fire protection and emergency response conditions (48 hr. supply impact from Lake Huron); and
- 3. Area C is being considered because of historical pressure and volume issues in the North east London area.

It is appropriate to consider all potential sites in the area. As a result of our last discussion we revised the sites to be considered to include private properties in the area, including 1588 and 1511 Clarke Road as well as a property owned by Brantam Excavating Inc., and the Ted Early Sports Complex. At this time it is appropriate to consider all possible sites, and have options in the event that negotiations with individual land owners are necessary. It is very difficult to have a negotiation with a private land owner if City owned lands are not considered.

As a result, the City owned industrial land site alternatives should not be taken out of consideration at this time until our Class EA work progresses.

We would be more than happy to meet with you during this next stage of the process and in advance of determining preferred alternatives in the area (f a preferred location), in the fall before further public review if of ongoing concern to you and the ILDS.

From: Henderson, Mark

Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 10:29 AM

To: Lupton, Patricia <PLUPTON@London.ca>; Rozentals, Aaron <arozenta@london.ca> Cc: Baar, Bryan <br/>bbaar@london.ca>; McIntosh, Chris <cmcintosh@london.ca>; Warner, Bill

<biwarner@london.ca>
Subject: RE: PIC#1 Final

Pat and Aaron,

As noted at our meeting June 13/18, the Industrial Land Development (ILD) team does not support the reservoir being located on City owned industrial lands anywhere in the City.

In particular we do not support the reservoir being located in the Huron/VMP area as noted on Board 7, Site C.

As you are aware Council has directed the ILD to implement the Industrial Land Development Strategy which is supported by the Official Plan, Strategic Plan, Economic Road Map... which means we must have an adequate supply of pre-zoned and serviceable land that is zoned Light/Heavy and General Industrial.

The Huron/VMP lands are zoned Heavy and General Industrial and are very marketable and in high demand - we simply can't take them off the market.

It is the ILD teams preference that these lands not be included in the PIC.

### Regards,



### **Mark Henderson**

Director, Business Liaison Industrial Land Development Strategy Development and Compliance City of London

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From: Lupton, Patricia

Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 9:52 AM

To: Henderson, Mark <mhenders@London.ca>; Warner, Bill <biwarner@london.ca>; McIntosh, Chris

<cmcintosh@london.ca>

Cc: Baar, Bryan <bar@london.ca>

Subject: FW: PIC#1 Final

This information will be posted shortly to the City of London Website, but please find attached for your information the display boards and comments sheets for the City of London Long Term Water Storage Options Environmental Assessment.

Board 7 which which displays the Short-Listed Candidate Sites, and Site C:city Northeast may be of particular interest.

Bryan – fyi only– notices were provided to property owners wrt Site C. Which is also in the vicinity of the Clark Road and VMP Road works projects.

From: Martin, Nancy [mailto:Nancy.Martin@aecom.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 9:28 AM To: Lupton, Patricia < PLUPTON@London.ca >

Subject: PIC#1 Final

Hi Pat

Here is the material from our meeting last night to be added to the project website.

**Thanks** 

#### **Nancy Martin**

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June 27, 2018

G. Kotsifas

Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official

M. Corby Senior Planner

P. Lupton

**Environmental Service Engineer** 

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on June 26, 2018 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 7th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage from its meeting held on June 13, 2018:

- a) on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning & City Planner, with the advice of the Heritage Planner, the following actions be taken with respect to the request for demolition of the heritage listed property located at 2154 Richmond Street:
- i) the Chief Building Official BE ADVISED that Municipal Council consents to the demolition of this property;
- ii) 2154 Richmond Street BE REMOVED from the Register (Inventory of Heritage Resources);
- iii) the property owner BE REQUESTED to commemorate the historic contributions of the McCormick-Brickenden-Greenway family in the future development of this property; and,
- iv) the property owner BE REQUESTED to salvage any materials that have architectural value during the demolition process;

it being noted that the presentation appended to the 7th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage from K. Gonyou, Heritage Planner, as well as the verbal delegation from P. Hinde, Tridon Group, with respect to this matter, were received;

- b) M. Corby, Senior Planner, BE ADVISED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage does not support the conclusions of the Heritage Impact Statement, dated April 2018, with respect to the property located at 147 Wellington Street, for the following reasons:
- the lack of compatibility and sympathy with the adjacent heritage listed and designated properties with respect to setback, material and design, particularly as it relates to the property located at 143 Wellington Street;
- it does not encourage active commercial uses at grade in order to continue to support the historically commercial streetscape; and,
- it does not properly consider the potential cultural heritage value of the on-site building at 147-149 Wellington Street;

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- c) P. Lupton, Environmental Service Engineer, City of London and N. Martin, AECOM Canada, BE ADVISED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage requests the assurance that Cultural Heritage Resources are considered as part of the Environmental Assessment process as it relates to the City of London Long Term Water Storage Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which should include Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and a Cultural Heritage Screening Report; and,
- d) clauses 1.1, 2.2 to 2.4, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 5.1 and 5.2, BE RECEIVED. (5.1/11/PEC)

C. Saunders City Clerk /lm

> cc. J. Fleming, Managing Director, Planning and City Planner Chair and Members, London Advisory Committee on Heritage

K. Gonyou, Heritage Planner L. Dent, Heritage Planner

External cc list in the City Clerk's Office



### **Appendix A.5**

**Indigenous Consultation** 

### Martin, Nancy

From: Lupton, Patricia < PLUPTON@London.ca>

Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 3:35 PM

To: Martin, Nancy Cc: Morris, Michelle

Subject: RE: Long Term Water Storage-Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Attachments: doc03558120180607144348.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

Categories: London Storage

From: Peggy Pyke-Thompson [mailto:peggy.pyke@akwesasne.ca]

Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 3:32 PM
To: Lupton, Patricia <PLUPTON@London.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Long Term Water Storage-Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

### Good afternoon,

Your project falls outside of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's area of interest. The location indicated on the maps is much closer to the Oneida of the Thames, Six Nations of the Grand River and to the Chippewa of the Thames. There may be others that I have missed, we are found at the easternmost point of Ontario.

### Peggy

From: "Rosemary Square" < rosemary.square@akwesasne.ca>

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### Dear Pat & Nancy;

Thank you for your letter re: London Canada – City of London – Long Term Water Storage – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Project Commencement and Public Information Centre 1.

Please be advised that we reviewed your letter. I have shared it with Council and we've forwarded the information to Karry Sandy McKenzie, Williams Treaties First Nation Process Co-ordinator/Negotiator. Ms. McKenzie will review your letter and take the necessary action if required. In the interim, should you wish to contact Ms. McKenzie directly, please do so at k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com

Thank you,

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### Thank you for your comments.

We have also contacted First Nations Communities in the area.

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Subject: Long Term Water Storage

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Thank you for contacting the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. I am sending this email in regards to a notice we received from you about long term water storage for the City of London. This area is outside our traditional territory and at this time we have no comments regarding this project. I suggest you contact First Nations communities closer to your location for their input.

Thank you,

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### CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION

July 5, 2018

Patrcia Lupton, P.Eng. Water Engineering Division City of London 300 Dufferin Avenue London, ON N6A 4L9

RE: Long Term Water Storage

**MCEA Notice of Commencement & PIC** 

Ms. Lupton,

On June 1, 2018, we have received information concerning the abovementioned project. The proposed work will be conducted within the London Township Treaty (1796) area to which Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) is a signatory. The proposed work is also located within the Big Bear Creek Additions to Reserve (ATR) land selection area, as well as COTTFN Traditional territory.

After screening this project, we have identified it to be of moderate concern. At this time, I am requesting further information to the project. Please contact myself at 519-289-5555 ext. 252 or email at <a href="mailto:rsmith@cottfn.com">rsmith@cottfn.com</a>.

We look forward to continuing this open line of communication. To implement meaningful consultation, COTTFN has developed its own protocols — a document and a process that will guide positive working relationships. We would be happy to meet with you to review COTTFN's Consultation Protocols.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification of this letter.

Sincerely.

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A/Consultation Coordinator

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Subject: Long Term Water Storage Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Attachments: PIC 1 Final Boards.pdf

### Rochelle Smith by email

Thank you for your response.

For your information please find attached the information boards presented at the Public meeting held on June 20, 2018. These can also be found on the City of London Website with the following link <a href="http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWaterStorageOptions.aspx">http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/LongTermWaterStorageOptions.aspx</a>.

The information boards from PIC 1 provide further information relating to:

- the Problem and Opportunity statement for the project,
- identify the Long-List Candidate Locations and Evaluation and screen these sites,
- identify the Short-Listed Candidate Sites which are at this time being considered further, and Identify the Water Reservoir/Facility Decommissioning proposed.

If you have any questions about this information, I would be pleased to discuss with you further. Your further comments and input are welcomed.

At this time, the City and it's consultant Aecom are conducting background studies with respect to the Short-Listed Candidate sites. It is anticipated that further information will be available late summer or early fall.

The City would also appreciate the opportunity to receive a copy of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Consultation Protocols document indicated in your letter dated July 5, 2018.



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I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on June 26, 2018 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 7th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage from its meeting held on June 13, 2018:

- a) on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning & City Planner, with the advice of the Heritage Planner, the following actions be taken with respect to the request for demolition of the heritage listed property located at 2154 Richmond Street:
- i) the Chief Building Official BE ADVISED that Municipal Council consents to the demolition of this property;
- ii) 2154 Richmond Street BE REMOVED from the Register (Inventory of Heritage Resources);
- iii) the property owner BE REQUESTED to commemorate the historic contributions of the McCormick-Brickenden-Greenway family in the future development of this property; and,
- iv) the property owner BE REQUESTED to salvage any materials that have architectural value during the demolition process;

it being noted that the presentation appended to the 7th Report of the London Advisory Committee on Heritage from K. Gonyou, Heritage Planner, as well as the verbal delegation from P. Hinde, Tridon Group, with respect to this matter, were received;

- b) M. Corby, Senior Planner, BE ADVISED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage does not support the conclusions of the Heritage Impact Statement, dated April 2018, with respect to the property located at 147 Wellington Street, for the following reasons:
- the lack of compatibility and sympathy with the adjacent heritage listed and designated properties with respect to setback, material and design, particularly as it relates to the property located at 143 Wellington Street;
- it does not encourage active commercial uses at grade in order to continue to support the historically commercial streetscape; and,
- it does not properly consider the potential cultural heritage value of the on-site building at 147-149 Wellington Street;

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- c) P. Lupton, Environmental Service Engineer, City of London and N. Martin, AECOM Canada, BE ADVISED that the London Advisory Committee on Heritage requests the assurance that Cultural Heritage Resources are considered as part of the Environmental Assessment process as it relates to the City of London Long Term Water Storage Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which should include Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and a Cultural Heritage Screening Report; and,
- d) clauses 1.1, 2.2 to 2.4, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 5.1 and 5.2, BE RECEIVED. (5.1/11/PEC)

C. Saunders City Clerk /lm

> cc. J. Fleming, Managing Director, Planning and City Planner Chair and Members, London Advisory Committee on Heritage

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### **Appendix B.1**

**Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements** 



### City of London

## **Evaluation of Long Term Storage Requirements**

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### 1. Introduction

The City of London relies on terminal and distribution storage at the Arva, Southeast, Elgin-Middlesex and Springbank Reservoirs. The City requested an evaluation of long term water system storage requirements to satisfy both MOE fire and balancing as well as under an emergency Regional Water Supply interruption. Also, the City is concerned that the existing storage site at Springbank Reservoirs may not effectively supply all portions of the distribution system under an emergency due to its location. Also, we understand that Cell 2 of the Springbank Reservoir is not consistently available and should be assumed to be taken off-line for the analysis. The City's intent is to replace this reservoir by 2023 due to reliability and safety concerns. This cell has a storage volume of 45 ML.

In order to assess the supply hydraulic capability of alternative storage sites, extended period simulations (EPS) of emergency supply scenarios were conducted using the hydraulic model. The hydraulic analysis reviewed emergency supply scenarios to determine the effectiveness of existing and new storage facilities in providing an effective and reliable supply to the system, including critical customers such as hospitals, major industries and dialysis locations.

Previous reports related to storage requirements were reviewed. This included the most recent Water Master Plan Update (WMP), as well as the 2002 Dillon Reliability report [1]. Also, AECOM previously completed an analysis of emergency supply with existing storage and well supply previously. This report was reviewed and updated as part of this work.

The following tasks were conducted:

- Background information review.
- Review and confirm system design criteria, such as minimum pressures under emergency supply conditions (e.g. Huron or Elgin supply off line), in particular for critical customers, as well as storage sizing criteria.
- Determine available storage.
- Estimate storage capacity requirements for each design year.
- Determine potential storage locations and configuration.
- Conduct alternative storage site hydraulic evaluations, including storage supply to the system, normal operational requirements, impact on pumping energy requirements and cost.
- Compare analysis results for each alternative storage site.

## 2. Background Information

Previous studies are listed as follows. These are referenced in the report body as shown.

- 1) 2002 Water Supply Reliability Assessment, Final Report, Dillon, 2002.
- 2) 2008 City of London Water Master Plan Update
- 3) 2014 City of London Water Master Plan Update
- 4) Elgin Area Primary Water Supply System 2008 Water Master Plan Update, Delcan, 2010.
- 5) Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System 2008 Water Master Plan Update, Delcan, 2010.
- 6) City of London InfoWater hydraulic model, AECOM, 2014.

### 3. Design Criteria

Assumptions for the storage evaluation were reviewed and confirmed with the City of London in the following sections.

### 3.1 Storage Sizing Criteria

The Water Master Plan was based on a 20 year design horizon (2034), however storage requirements were estimated to a design year forecast of 40 years (2054). Storage sizing was based on the following components:

#### Emergency supply storage:

- This should be sized based on an acceptable emergency condition. The previous critical emergency scenarios used included:
  - LHPWSS water supply off-line for two (2) average days, or a duration of 48 hours.
  - LHPWSS water supply off-line for one (1) maximum day followed by one (1) average day, or a duration of 48 hours.
  - LHPWSS water supply off-line for one (1) maximum day, followed by two (2) average days, or a duration of 72 hours.
  - LHPWSS water supply off-line for 130% (95<sup>th</sup> percentile) of one (1) average day followed by two (2) average days, or a duration of 72 hours.
- The second scenario is preferred for the evaluation, based on a 48 hour emergency duration.
- Previous studies use the winter average day demand (ADDw), which generally comprises indoor water use and
  is typically 93% of the annual average day demand. This was used for the storage evaluation.

#### MOE fire storage

A fire flow demand of 378 L/s was used, with two (2) fires occurring, with a duration of 6 hours.

#### MOE balancing storage

- The MOE criteria uses a value of 25% of the maximum day demand.
- The balancing portion could be incorporated within the above emergency supply storage volume, however it is recommended that a portion of the MOE balancing storage be included in the storage calculations for unforeseen events, however this could be reduced. A value of 25% of the combined average of the MDD and ADD<sub>w</sub> is suggested, which is about 74% of the MOE criterion.

#### MOE emergency storage

A value of 25% of the above balancing and fire storage is used.

#### 3.2 London Demands

Existing and forecasted London demands used for the storage sizing calculations were reviewed, including existing and growth demand factors, peaking factors and non-revenue water:

- Table 3.1 shows the winter average day demand based on the 2014 Water Master Plan to the year 2034. Beyond this year, an increase of 4% every 5 years was assumed, based on the growth rate prior to 2034.
- Maximum day demands were based on a peaking factor of 1.9, applied to the average day demand, which was assumed for the Water Master Plan. This is likely conservative based on a review of historical demands, which generally range from 1.3 to 1.5.
- Connection to the Dorchester system is <u>not</u> included in the analysis.
- A heavy water user in Innovation Park was included with a demand of 4.5 ML/d (un-peaked). This was added to the values shown in Table 1.1.

Table 3.1 – London Demand Forecasts for Storage Evaluation

Year	Winter Average Day Demand (ML/d)										
	Residential	Commercial	Institutional	Industrial	NRW	Total					
Existing	80.0	20.8	5.0	9.4	13.5	128.6					
2014	82.7	20.8	5.2	9.5	11.7	129.8					
2019	87.2	20.8	5.5	9.8	12.2	135.6					
2024	92.0	20.8	5.6	10.2	12.7	141.3					
2029	96.5	20.9	5.8	10.6	13.2	147.0					
2034	100.9	21.0	6.1	11.0	13.8	152.9					
Votes:											
Excludes I	heavy water usei	add-on demand									
Based on	a demand factor	r of 0.93 applied to	annual average a	lay demand							

### 3.3 System Supply - Emergency

Storage sizing was evaluated based on the following supply:

- The LHPWSS supply is assumed to be off-line.
- Arva PS / Reservoir is available for use during the emergency. It is assumed that sufficient standby power would be available to operate the pumps.
- The emergency supply wells are assumed to be off-line.
- EAPWSS supply to London is assumed to be as follows:
  - Existing supply is 40 ML/d. It is noted that only the 'B' Line (900 mm) will be in operation for the next 5 years, however this capacity can be used.
  - With both the A and B lines in operation, it can supply 70 ML/d to London for the first 24 hours of the emergency and then 45 ML/d, sustained after the first 24 hours.
  - With an expanded Elgin WTP, the supply is 85 ML/d. For the purpose of this study, the expansion is assumed to occur by the year 2028. Storage requirements are very sensitive to the timing of this supply increase.
- EMPS and SERPS are assumed to be in operation for the emergency.

### 3.4 Available Storage Capacity

The available effective reservoir capacity for the City of London is discussed as follows. Storage capacity is reduced based on the following rationale:

- Hydraulics and configuration of the outlet and pump NPSH requirements for pumped storage. Reservoir storage is reduced for each facility as follows:
  - EMPS Low alarm (pump shutoff) level.
  - SERPS Low alarm (pump shutoff) level.
  - Springbank Reservoir The minimum allowable water level is equivalent to 45 ML for the three cells. This amounts to the 22% level for the total storage. In addition, Cell 2 is assumed to be off-line after 2023, or a further reduction of 45 ML. Springbank Reservoir Cell 2 was upgraded with a new floating cover, which is estimated to last for 10 years. The City intends to replace Cell 2 by 2023 due to reliability and safety concerns. Therefore this reservoir cell was not included in the available storage for scenarios after 2024.
  - Arva Reservoir storage is pumped to the City system via the Arva Pumping Station. During the emergency, Arva PS pumping will occur with either the large (900 HP) or smaller (700 HP) pumps, or no pumping. This was based on current or projected Springbank levels and system pressures. The bottom 2 metres is considered to be unusable with the large (900 HP) pump in operation and the bottom 1 metre is unusable with the smaller (700 HP) pumps in operation. For the first day of the emergency (MDD), the large pump is required during the PHD, when reservoir levels would likely be above 2 m. For the second day (assumed as ADD), only the smaller pump would be required, so the bottom 1 meter is considered to be unusable under this condition. Some of the Arva Reservoir volume should be allocated to secondary LHPWSS customers. The minimum levels discussed above should be sufficient for this.
- Reservoirs are rarely 100% full, so a conservative assumption is required. Based on a review of 2012 / 2013 SCADA data for Springbank Reservoir levels, a frequency analysis was conducted as shown on Figure 3.1. This shows that, the storage is higher than 95% full less than 5% of the time, 90% full only 20% of the time and 50% of the time it is above 85% full. Previous analysis assumed a storage reduction factor of 10%, however, based on a lower likelihood that the storage will be above 90% full, a reduction factor of 15% is recommended.

Table 3.2 shows available storage capacity based on the above assumptions.

#### 3.5 Hydraulic Criteria

The current City of London InfoWater all-pipe hydraulic model was utilized for the analysis. The model was used to evaluate the ability of the storage locations to supply all portions of the City's Water System during an emergency condition. In order to confirm this, the model results will be compared with the following hydraulic design criteria for each storage location alternative:

- Minimum pressure during an emergency is as follows:
  - o 275 kPa (40 psi) for domestic flow.
  - Maximum day demand plus fire flow 140 kPa (20 psi) at the most critical hydrant lateral or fire service connection.
- Maximum pressure is 690 kPa (100 psi) under any demand condition.

- For new watermain sizing, the maximum velocity should be 1.5 m/s during the peak hour demand condition or 2.4 m/s under the maximum day plus fire flow condition.
- A headloss criterion of 2.3 m/km was utilized for new mains.

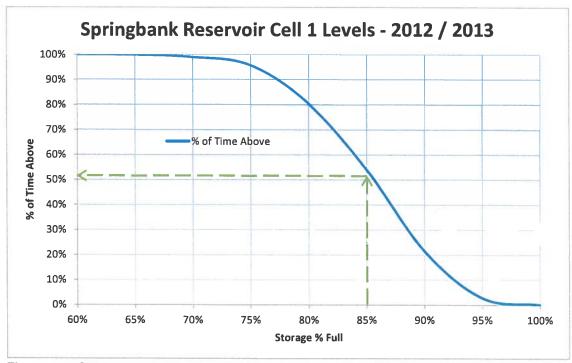


Figure 3.1: Springbank Reservoir Level Frequency Analysis

Table 3.2 - Available Storage Capacity

Reservior	Total Storage Capacity (ML)	Reduction Factor based on Probability Above 85% (%)	Reduction Factor for Minimum Pumped Storage Level (%)	Useable Storage Capacity for London (ML)	Comments
Arva Reservoir	109.0	15%	15%	76.4	Assumes entire reservoir capacity allocated to London; Unavailable storage based on bottom 1.0 metres unusable storage
Spri	ngbank Rese	rvoirs - Cells	1 and 3		
Cell 1	81.8	15%	22%	52.0	Note: 45 ML (22%) of storage considered unavailable
Cell 2	45.6	15%	22%	28.9	Note: Cell 2 considered to be out of service for available storage calculations beyond 2023
Cell 3	81.8	15%	22%	52.0	
Total Springbank Reservoirs	209.2			132.8	
Southeast Reservoir	113.0	15%	11%	83.3	Unavailable storage based on pump shutoff (LAL) level
Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir	27.0	15%	14%	19.2	This is volume allocated to London. The other cell (27 ML) is allocated to other EAPWSS customers. Unavailable storage based on pump shutoff (LAL level
TOTAL - Pre 2023	458.2			311.7	Includes Springbank Cell 2
TOTAL - Post 2024	458.2			282.8	Excludes Springbank Cell 2

# 4. Storage Capacity Requirements

Based on the storage criteria discussed above, storage capacity requirements were determined to the year 2054. Requirements were determined for both 48 hour (one (1) maximum day and one (1) average day) and a 72 hour emergency event (one (1) maximum day and two (2) average days). Table 4.1 shows required storage for the 48 hour emergency. Table 4.2 shows required storage for the 72 hour emergency.

The storage evaluation was based on the analysis for a 48 hour emergency, for which 100 ML of storage is recommended for the short term (assumed by 2023), with provision for an additional future 100 ML by 2054, for a total of 200 ML of storage.

Figure 4.1 and Figure 4.2 show graphically the storage requirements and deficit for existing storage and with the additional storage to the year 2054, respectively.

Table 4.1 – Required Storage Capacity - 48 hour Emergency

Y	ear [	Demands	(ML/d) (1)	Emergency - MDD / ADD (2 days)											
		ADDw `	MDD	Emergency Supply Storage (ML)	MOE Balancing Storage (Reduced) (ML)	MOE Fire Storage (ML)	MOE Emergency Storage (ML)	Required Storage (ML)	Well Supply Volume (ML)	Volume (ML)	Total Supply (ML)	Net Required Storage (ML)	Available Storage (ML)	Storage Surplus (defecit) (ML)	
	Existing	133.2	267.3	400.5	49.5	16,3	16,4	482.7	0.0	80.0	80.0	403	312	-91	
0	2014	134.4	269.8	404.2	49,9	16.3	16.6	486.9	0.0	115.0	115.0	372	312	-60	
5	2019	140.1	281.5	421.6	52.1	16.3	17.1	507.1	0.0	115.0	115.0	392	312	-80	
10	2024	145.9	293.3	439.1	54.3	16,3	17.6	527.4	0.0	115.0	115,0	412	283	-130	
15	2029	151.6	304.9	456.5	56.4	16.3	18.2	547.4	0.0	170.0	170.0	377	283	-95	
20	2034	157.4	316,9	474.3	58.6	16.3	18.7	568.0	0.0	170.0	170.0	398	283	-115	
25	2039	163.3	328.9	492.2	60,8	16.3	19.3	588.7	0.0	170.0	170.0	419	283	-136	
30	2044	169.4	341,4	510.8	63.2	16,3	19.9	610.2	0.0	170.0	170.0	440	283	-157	
35	2049	175.8	354.4	530.1	65.6	16.3	20.5	632.5	0.0	170.0	170.0	462	283	-180	
40	2054	182.4	367.8	550.2	68.1	16.3	21.1	655.7	0.0	170.0	170.0	486	283	-203	

Table 4.2 – Required Storage Capacity - 72 hour Emergency

Y	ear	Demands	(ML/d) (1)	Required Sto										
१ दर्श		ADDw	MDD	Emergency Supply Storage (ML)	MOE Balancing Storage (Reduced) (ML)	MOE Fire Storage (ML)	MOE Emergency Storage (ML)	Required Storage (ML)	- MDD / ADD / Well Supply Volume (ML)	Volume (ML)		Net Required Storage (ML)	Existing Available Storage (ML)	Storage Surplus (defecit) (ML)
	Existing	133.2	267.3	533.6	49.5	16.3	16.4	615.9	0.0	120.0	120.0	496	312	-184
0	2014	134.4	269.8	538.5	49.9	16,3	16.6	621.3	0.0	160.0	160.0	461	312	-150
5	2019	140.1	281.5	561.7	52.1	16.3	17.1	647.2	0.0	160.0	160.0	487	312	-175
10	2024	145.9	293.3	585.0	54.3	16.3	17.6	673.3	0.0	160.0	160.0	513	283	-230
15	2029	151.6	304.9	608.1	56.4	16,3	18.2	699.0	0.0	255.0	255.0	444	283	-161
20	2034	157.4	316.9	631.7	58.6	16.3	18.7	725.4	0.0	255.0	255.0	470	283	-188
25	2039	163,3	328.9	655.5	60.8	16.3	19.3	752.0	0.0	255.0	255.0	497	283	-214
30	2044	169.4	341.4	680.2	63.2	16.3	19.9	779.6	0.0	255.0	255.0	525	283	-242
35	2049	175.8	354.4	705.9	65.6	16.3	20.5	808.3	0.0	255.0	255.0	553	283	-270
40	2054	182.4	367.8	732.6	68.1	16.3	21.1	838.1	0.0	255.0	255.0	583	283	-300

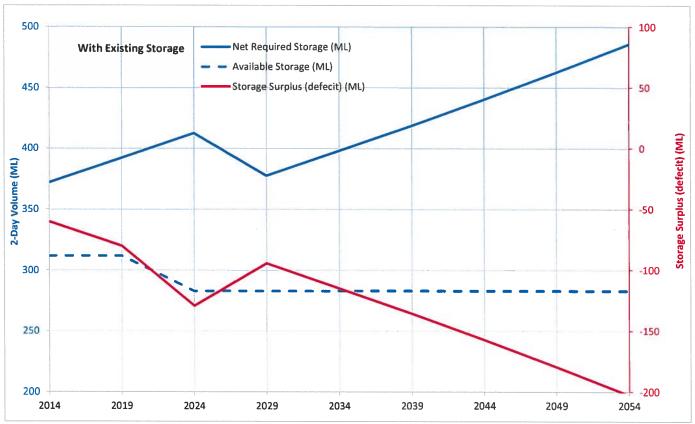


Figure 4.1: Storage Requirements – Existing (48 Hours)

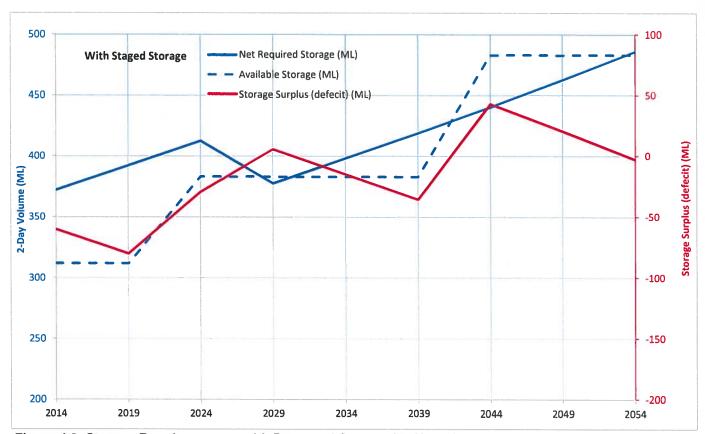


Figure 4.2: Storage Requirements – with Proposed Storage (48 Hours)

### 5. Potential Storage Locations and Configuration

Only generalized areas of the system were assessed for storage locations. Detailed engineering studies would be required for actual site selection. The model assessment arbitrarily selected model nodes at key network junctions.

### 5.1 Storage Configuration Alternatives

The following is a description of general storage configuration alternatives.

#### Elevated storage tank

- This is an elevated tank, which can be included at any ground elevation, provided the tank height is within practical limits.
- This storage 'floats' on the pressure zone.
- This type would supply to the system by gravity and would automatically fill and draw, depending on supply pumping and system demands.
- Elevated tanks are not expandable. Additional tanks would be required to provide additional capacity.
- This type of storage would benefit transients, as it would sustain pressures during a pumping interruption.

The maximum practical size for elevated storage is typically 10 ML, so this type of storage is likely too small based on the required storage for London. Therefore the elevated storage alternative was not considered further.

### Elevated ground storage reservoir

- This is a 'floating' storage.
- This type of storage requires a substantial land area, situated at an appropriate elevation to supply the pressure zone with satisfactory pressures.
- This type would supply to the system by gravity and would automatically fill and draw, depending on supply pumping and system demands.
- No or little energy losses are required for filling or drawing the storage, other than any storage supply piping, if required.
- This type of storage is expandable, so storage cells can be staged for future years.
- A floating storage would likely benefit transients, as it would sustain pressures during a pumping interruption.

Floating storage sites should retain the current operating HGL provided for the system by Springbank Reservoirs. It is noted that multiple floating storage facilities within the same pressure zone operating at different hydraulic distances from the supply pumping station can present operational challenges for filling and draining the storage. However, this arrangement has been implemented in other systems (e.g. City of Toronto PD 4, York PD 6 and others). Operation may require throttling of inlet valves to facilitate coordinated filling and draining of the existing and new storage. These are evaluated further in Section 6.

Within the City of London, site opportunities that meet this elevation criterion are generally limited to the area within the vicinity of the existing Springbank Reservoirs and the northeast portion of London. This type of storage is applicable to London and was considered in the evaluation discussed below.

#### Pumped ground storage

This type of storage consists of a ground reservoir and a re-pumping station, described as follows:

- Filling the storage must be done through the system via a pressure sustaining valve (PSV).
- Water must be re-pumped to the distribution system.
- The filling and pumping operation would result in energy waste.
- This type of storage is expandable, so storage cells can be staged for future years.
- This type of storage is more flexible than floating storage with respect to location, as elevation is not as critical a criterion.
- This type of storage is fairly common in flat pressure zones (e.g. Windsor and Niagara Falls).
- Would likely be detrimental to transients as there is no 'floating' storage that can sustain pressures during a
  transient and can result in additional transients due to the required pumping station and operation of the
  reservoir fill valve.

This type of storage configuration would have operational issues with respect to filling and draining a facility within the same pressure zone. This requires coordination during filling or pumping with Arva PS and / or SERPS during supply or filling. This is evaluated further in Section 6. This type of storage is applicable to London and was considered in the evaluation discussed below.

#### 5.2 Storage Location Alternatives

Based on the required storage sizing as discussed in Section 4, potential alternative storage locations and configurations were evaluated for the City of London. Figure 5.1 shows general storage site locations that were considered in the evaluation. Storage type and general locations were assessed as follows:

- Site A Vicinity of existing Springbank Reservoirs (floating storage):
  - Elevations within this area are favourable for a floating storage facility, similar to the existing reservoirs.
  - This site would have the same issues as Springbank Reservoir in terms of emergency servicing to the entire water system.
  - This site was modelled to provide a baseline comparison with other alternatives, as discussed in Section 6.1.1.
- Site B Northeast system (floating storage):
  - Elevations within this area are favourable for a floating storage facility, with similar elevations as the existing Springbank Reservoirs.
  - This site was modelled as discussed in Section 6.1.2.
- Site C Central east system (pumped storage):
  - Elevations within this area are not favourable for a floating storage facility. Therefore a pumped storage facility would be required here.
  - This site was modelled as discussed in Section 6.1.3.
- Site D Northwest system (pumped storage):

- Elevations within this area are not favourable for a floating storage facility. Therefore a pumped storage facility would be required here.
- o This site was not modelled.
- Site E Central west system (floating storage):
  - Elevations within this area are favourable for a floating storage facility, similar to the existing reservoirs.
  - Essentially within the vicinity of Springbank Reservoirs.
  - May be too far from the main water grid network to adequately turn over water.
  - Would have the same issues as Springbank in terms of emergency servicing to the entire water system.
  - This site was not modelled.
- Site F Southwest system (pumped storage):
  - Elevations within this area are not favourable for a floating storage facility. Therefore a pumped storage facility would be required here.
  - This site was not modelled.
- Site G Southeast Reservoir (pumped storage):
  - Existing pumped storage 113 ML via existing pumps.
  - There is space for expanded storage on the site (additional 113 ML).
  - o It is noted that an additional 113ML is planned for this site in the future when the Elgin plant expands.
  - Addition of the Southeast Pumping Station and Reservoir will potentially reduce the Arva PS service area to the south (new/ larger to north SE zone) to free up servicing for the northern portion of the Low Pressure Zone. Based on the model runs, it is not likely that increased pumping at this station will benefit pressures within the higher areas within the northeast corner of the water system.
  - This site could be evaluated for implementation of additional storage planned for the Elgin WTP expansion.
  - This site was modelled as discussed in Section 6.1.5.
- Site H EMPS (pumped storage):
  - The site has two existing cells of 27 ML capacity, of which one of the cells is dedicated to London.
  - The original design had space availability for two (2) new 27 ML cells. This would be too small for the required storage capacity.
  - This site was not modelled.
- Site I Arva Reservoir (pumped storage):
  - The required storage for 2034 would essentially double the existing capacity, if the existing site can accommodate this.
  - Pumped storage can be achieved using the existing Arva PS pumps no new pumps required.
  - This site was modelled as discussed in Section 6.1.5.

Of the above sites, several were selected for further evaluation using the hydraulic model were completed as noted above. These sites were evaluated in more detail in Section 6.

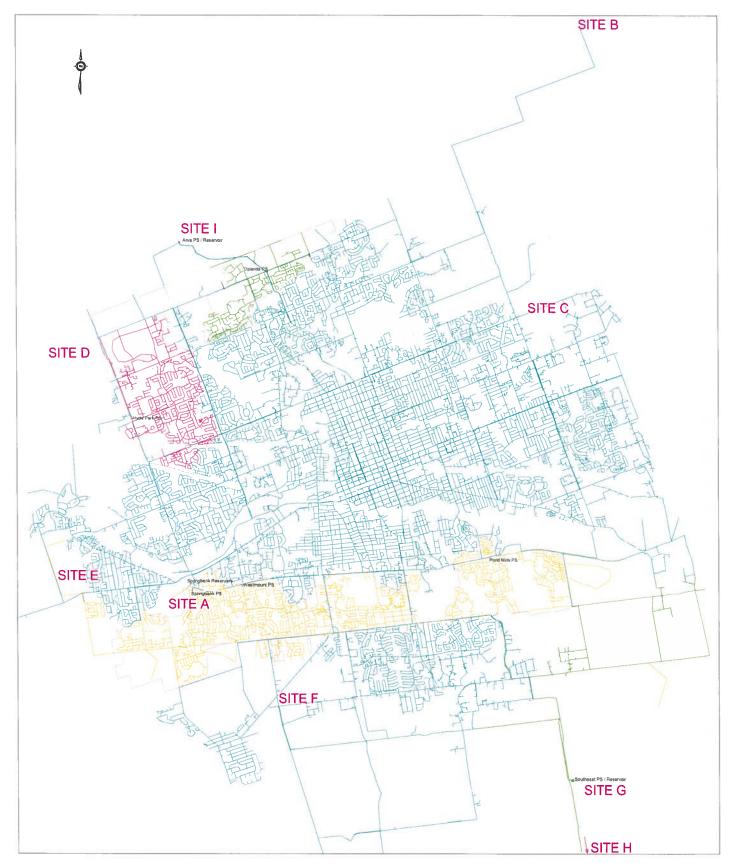


Figure 5.1: General Alternative Storage Locations

### 6. Alternative Storage Site Hydraulic Evaluation

Three alternative general storage locations were reviewed in more detail based on hydraulics, in addition to expanded storage at the existing Springbank Reservoir site (Site A). This includes Site B (Northeast system), Site C (Central east system), Site G (Southeast Reservoir) and Site I (Arva Reservoir), as discussed in Section 5.2 and as shown on Figure 5.1. The evaluation does not consider constructability, storage land area requirements / availability or evaluation of specific storage sites.

The assessment included hydraulic model evaluation of storage alternative locations and configurations to assess the capability of the storage location to supply the system under an emergency with the existing trunk system. This included alternative configurations for pumped or floating ground storage, depending on the location and elevation. This is described as follows:

- Extended period simulations (EPS) of the system were conducted for the critical emergency condition for each
  alternative storage location (e.g. one maximum day, followed by one average day). Figure 6.1 shows the
  modelled demands for the emergency run. The analysis accounted for diurnal demand patterns, which will vary
  between average and maximum day.
- The modelling was based on the year 2034 demands as well as proposed works based on the 2014 WMP. For this period, the first phase of storage is assumed in place, which is approximately 50% of the 2054 storage shown on Table 4.1.
- The new storage locations were included in the model, including pumps for pumped storage alternatives.
- Arva PS, EMPS and SERPS operations ensured that the reservoirs do not drop below levels discussed in Section 3.4.

The evaluation included the impact on the following for each site:

- Infrastructure requirements for each alternative storage location to adequately supply the storage and the transmission system during the critical emergency.
- Impact on system pressures, including critical customers was evaluated for each alternative storage location for both emergency and normal operation. Critical customers include large water users, critical industrial and institutional users and medical facilities. Table 7.1 shows deficient nodes for pressure as well as minimum pressure at the Clarke / Huron chamber for each alternative.
- Impact on available fire flow was evaluated at all hydrants for each alternative storage location for both emergency and normal operation. Fire flow capacity was tested under emergency conditions for comparison of the following conditions:
  - o MDD, assuming one (1) 700 HP pump in operation.
  - ADD, assuming no Arva PS pumps in operation.
  - These were compared with estimated fire flow requirements for each hydrant. Table 7.1 shows deficient nodes for fire flow residual pressure for each alternative.
- A general review of the likely impact on water quality for each site was evaluated.
- A general review of the likely impact on transient considerations for each site was evaluated.
- A qualitative review of the likely impact on pumping energy requirements and cost was reviewed.
- A general review of the likely impact on normal operational requirements was evaluated.

Model setup for the emergency LHPWSS supply off-line scenario was completed as follows:

- LHPWSS supply off-line.
- All reservoirs initially at the 85% full level.
- Arva PS / Reservoir would operate to pump the terminal storage volume to the system. Operations during the
  emergency would be to run either the Arva PS 700 HP or 900 HP pumps when required based on pressure and
  /or to maintain system storage levels. It is assumed that the station would have sufficient standby power to
  operate the pumps under an area-wide electrical power failure condition.
- Elgin Area WTP fixed supply as discussed in Section 3.3 to fill EMPS.
- EMPS was operated with both P4 and P5 continuously, with pump shutoff if the tank level goes below the minimum operating level (normal pump shutoff level).
- SERPS was operated with four pumps (5 pumps during the peak hour condition), with shutoff if the level goes below the minimum operating level (normal pump shutoff level).
- New storage capacity for each alternative location.
- The existing Springbank Cell 2 is assumed to be out of service for the emergency scenarios.

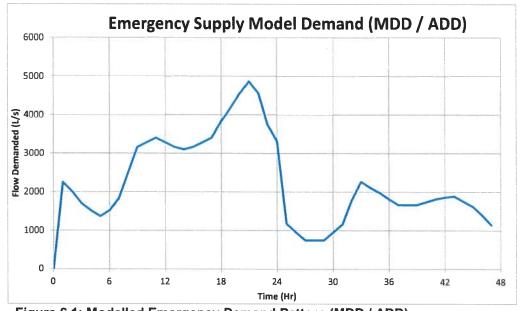


Figure 6.1: Modelled Emergency Demand Pattern (MDD / ADD)

The following discusses and compares various modelling outputs for the current Springbank Reservoir site (Site A) and to the storage site alternatives.

#### 6.1.1 Site A - Vicinity of Existing Springbank Reservoirs

In order to provide a baseline analysis for comparison with alternative storage sites, the emergency condition was evaluated for the additional new storage at the existing Springbank Reservoirs. This assumed that the required storage expansion would be feasible in the vicinity of the existing reservoirs or as a replacement for Cell 2.

- Major infrastructure requirements A connection main to the transmission system would be required from the new storage cell, with actual length dependant on the actual site used.
- System hydraulics under an emergency condition:
  - Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient pressure (below 275 kPa) for the entire system and within the northeast section of the water system:
  - Lower pressures, mainly within the northeast portion of the water system during the peak hour demand condition, even with the 900 HP pump in operation. During maximum day and peak hour demands, there is difficulty providing acceptable pressure to higher elevation areas (>275 m) within the northeast area, even when a pump is operating at the Arva PS.
  - Lower pressures would also occur around Wonderland Road between Sarnia Road and Fanshawe Park Road, which has areas above 275 metres elevation.
  - The Springbank Reservoir location for the new storage would not improve pressures within these areas.
- Figure 6.2 shows pumped flows and reservoir levels for the emergency simulation:
  - The Arva PS pumps would be required to maintain sufficient pressure in these areas, resulting in high utilization of the Arva storage, although only one of either the 700 or 900 HP pumps can be used at a time, otherwise the storage would be depleted leaving insufficient storage for the remainder of the emergency period.
    - Generally, the Arva PS 700 HP pump is on during most of the first day (MDD), with the Arva PS large pump (900 HP) operated during the peak hour demand period to maintain pressure.
    - For the second day (ADD), a 700 HP pump is on as required to maintain pressure, such that the reservoir level stays above the minimum level. During most of the second day of the simulation, no Arva PS pumps are in operation.
  - The SERPS pumps are assumed operating at all times during the emergency. Additional pumping at SERPS would not improve pressures within the high areas of the northeast area.
  - As shown on the figure, Arva and Southeast Reservoirs reach the minimum level at or around the end of the simulation.
  - The storage at Arva Reservoir drops more rapidly than Springbank Reservoir due to the Arva pumping.
     Springbank Reservoir (including the new reservoir) capacity is not fully utilized.
- Fire flow capacity was tested under emergency conditions for comparison of MDD (1 x 700 HP pumps) and ADD (no Arva PS pumps):
  - Available fire flow was compared with estimated fire flow requirements for each hydrant. This was used as a baseline for comparing available fire flow with other storage alternatives.
  - Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient fire flow residual pressure (below 140 kPa) for the entire system and within the northeast section of the system for both conditions.
- Impact on normal system operations:
  - o Compared to the other alternative storage sites, this would not have a significant effect on system operations with the new storage at the same location.

- The Springbank site is 'floating' storage, which will be filled using the Arva PS pumps. This would need
  to ensure adequate recirculation within the larger reservoir volume, requiring changes to Arva PS
  pumping operations.
- Water quality A larger storage volume at Springbank would result in longer water residence time. This may be
  a concern during low water demands. Therefore revised Arva PS operations would be required with the added
  storage to maintain adequate recirculation time.
- Impact on transients Transient severity during normal operation such as power failure would not be changed relative to existing conditions by this scenario.
- Impact on pumping energy and cost This would not increase pumping energy during normal operations, as this
  storage floats on the system and there is no re-pumping facility. This may benefit energy costs as it will provide
  more flexibility for operation of the large pumps at the Arva PS and at the Huron WTP during high electrical cost
  periods, particularly during the 5 critical electricity cost periods in Ontario.

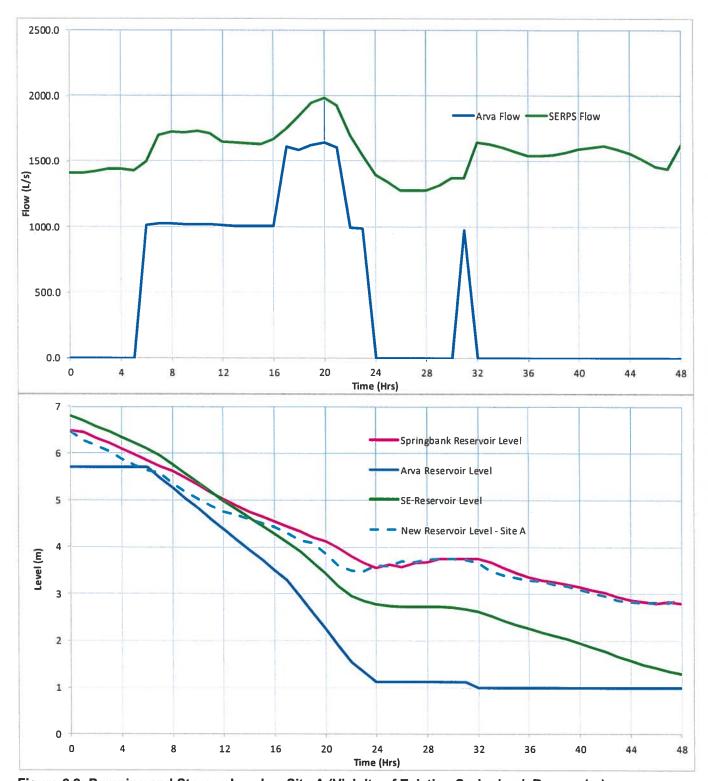


Figure 6.2: Pumping and Storage Levels – Site A (Vicinity of Existing Springbank Reservoirs)

### 6.1.2 Site B - Northeast system - Floating Storage Facility

There are opportunities for floating storage within the Thorndale area, East of Clark Road, however this is beyond the municipal boundary. A floating storage alternative was modeled north of Thorndale Road between Nissouri Road and Purple Hill Road, which has an approximate 290-300 metre ground elevation.

Other than within the vicinity of Springbank Reservoirs, this is likely the only site opportunity for a floating ground storage for the system in the London area, as it has elevations close to that of the Springbank Reservoirs.

- Major infrastructure requirements:
  - This storage site would be located at least 10 to 13 km from the London water system trunk main (existing 1200 mm Fanshawe Park at Clarke main), requiring a substantial reservoir connection main.
  - This distance would likely require separate reservoir inflow and outflow supply mains to promote circulation within the mains.
- System hydraulics under an emergency condition:
  - Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient pressure for the entire system and within the northeast section of the system:
  - As shown on the table, the storage would improve pressures in the northeast portion of the system however they would still be slightly below the criteria. Nodes with deficient pressures would be reduced by about 50% from the Site A results.
- Figure 6.3 shows Arva PS and SERPS pumping as well as reservoir levels for the emergency simulation:
  - Generally, the Arva PS 700 HP pump on during most of the first day (MDD), with the Arva PS large pump (900 HP) operated during the peak hour demand period to maintain pressure.
  - For the second day (ADD), a 700 HP pump is on as required to maintain pressure, such that the reservoir level stays above the minimum level. No Arva PS pumps are in operation for most of the second day.
  - The SERPS pumps are assumed operating at all times during the emergency.
  - As shown, levels in the new reservoir are very sensitive to Arva PS pumping. This would result in unequal operation of both tanks. The reservoir would continue filling as long as Arva PS is pumping, which is all day under normal operation.
  - A control valve would be required to balance operation of the two reservoirs.
  - The Arva and Southeast storage would be fully utilized. As shown on the figure, Arva and Southeast Reservoirs reach the minimum level at or around the end of the simulation.
  - Springbank Reservoir and the new reservoir site capacity would not be fully utilized and would still retain about 34 and 42 percent of the capacity, respectively at the end of the simulation.
  - Storage at the Arva Reservoir drops more rapidly than the Springbank Reservoir due to the Arva pumping.
- Fire flow capacity was tested under emergency conditions for comparison of MDD (1 700 HP pumps) and ADD (no Arva PS pumps):
  - Available fire flow was compared with estimated fire flow requirements for each hydrant.

- Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient fire flow residual pressure for the entire system and within the northeast section of the system.
- As shown on the table, a reservoir at this location would only marginally improve the number of deficient nodes for fire flow residual pressure.
- Impact on normal system operations:
  - The new storage site is closer to Arva PS, which may result in faster filling than the existing Springbank reservoirs, as shown with the modeling.
  - Supply to multiple storage locations in the same zone, including reservoir turnover and filling may require specialized operations under normal conditions, such as inlet control valve throttling to equalize filling to balance inflow and outflow between Springbank and the new reservoir.
  - Arva PS can adequately fill the Site B reservoir location, however it is difficult to drain the reservoir while
     Arva PS pumps are operating if located this close to Arva Reservoir.
  - Depending on demands, the reservoir would continue the filling as long as the Arva PS is pumping, which is all day under normal operation.
- Impact on water quality A larger storage volume would result in longer residence time based on a water age
  analysis. This may be a concern during low water demands. Therefore revised Arva PS operations would be
  required. Also, there would be a long residence time and chlorine decay within the long reservoir supply main.
  Therefore two mains would be required, one for inflow to the reservoir, and one for outflow.
- Impact on transients Transients, say following a power failure during normal operation should be improved
  within the northeast section of the water system relative to the other alternatives, due to the effect of the
  reservoir, which will sustain pressures during transients.
- Impact on pumping energy and cost This may result in increased pumping energy usage to transfer the water
  to the storage facility for 10-13 km and then drain back to the system. This may benefit energy costs as it will
  provide more flexibility for operation of the large pumps at the Arva PS and at the Lake Huron WTP during high
  electrical cost periods, particularly during the 5 critical electricity cost periods in Ontario.

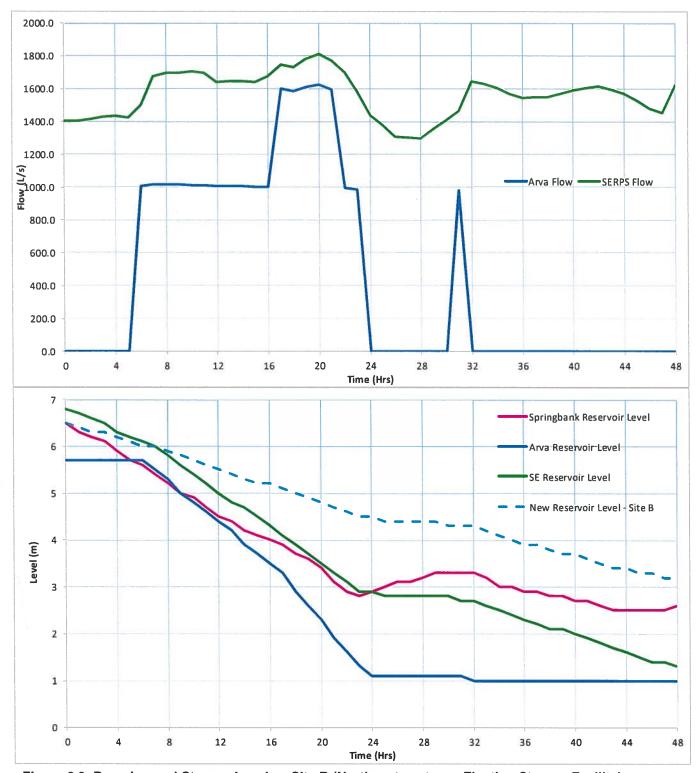


Figure 6.3: Pumping and Storage Levels – Site B (Northeast system – Floating Storage Facility)

### 6.1.3 Site C - Northeast system - Pumped Storage Facility

A ground storage and re-pumping facility was modelled within the northeast portion of the water system, assumed to be within the vicinity of Clarke Road between Huron Street and Fanshawe Park Road and supplied by the 1200 mm Clark Road main. The run assumed no filling of the storage during the emergency.

- Major infrastructure requirements the existing Clarke Road main would be sufficient to supply the facility, if it
  could be built close to this main, so only connection piping to the facility would be required. The station would
  require a pressure control valve (PSV) to control reservoir filling, while maintaining system pressures.
- System hydraulics under an emergency condition:
  - Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient pressure (below 275 kPa) for the entire water system and within the northeast section of the water system.
  - As shown on the table, system pressure would be improved within the northeast portion of the water system during the emergency relative to Site A and B with a pumped storage, however there would still be deficient nodes.
- Figure 6.4 shows Arva PS and SERPS pumping as well as reservoir levels for the emergency simulation:
  - Generally, the Arva PS 700 HP pump is on during most of the first day (MDD), with the Arva PS large pump (900 HP) operated during the peak hour demand period to maintain pressure.
  - For the second day (ADD), a 700 HP pump is on as required to maintain pressure, such that the reservoir level stays above the minimum level. No Arva PS pumps are in operation for most of the second day.
  - The SERPS pumps are assumed operating at all times during the emergency. Additional pumping at SERPS would not improve pressures within the high portions of the northeast area.
  - Pumping from the storage was done for most of the simulation as required to maintain system pressure.
  - The new pumped reservoir capacity at this location would be better utilized compared with Sites A or B due to the controlled pumped outflow.
  - Springbank Reservoir would be underutilized and would still retain about 45 percent of capacity.
  - The Arva Reservoir storage would be fully utilized due to the Arva pumping. As shown on the figure, Arva Reservoir reaches the minimum level after about 32 hours into the simulation.
- Fire flow capacity was tested under emergency conditions for comparison of MDD (1 700 HP pumps) and ADD (no Arva PS pumps):
  - A pump is assumed to operate at the reservoir during the fire flow, which was not assumed for Alternatives A and B.
  - Available fire flow was compared with estimated fire flow requirements for each hydrant.
  - Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient fire flow residual pressure for the
    entire water system and within the northeast section of the water system. This shows that the number of
    deficient nodes for fire flow residual pressure is only marginally improved over Alternatives A and B.
- Impact on normal system operations:
  - With new storage, two storage facilities would need to be filled from the Arva PS, requiring revised operations at the station.

- This storage would require filling by means of a pressure sustaining valve. This would likely be done during early hours with Arva PS Pump 5.
- Re-pumping from the storage would be required, likely during higher demand periods.
- Pumping from the Arva PS and the new station would have to be coordinated.
- Impact on water quality A larger storage volume would result in a longer residence time based on a water age analysis. This may be a concern during low water demands. Therefore revised Arva PS operations would be required.
- Impact on transients following a pump trip:
  - Transient potential would likely be worse than existing conditions or with a reservoir at Site A or B due to the operation of the reservoir fill valve and starting and stopping the storage pumps. The addition of new pumps presents increased transient potential during a power failure.
- Impact on pumping energy and cost This site would have both a higher energy usage and cost due to the following:
  - Energy use would increase as a result of filling through the PSV and re-pumping.
  - Although the reservoir filling would take place during low electrical cost periods, the re-pumping would be required during higher water demand (and likely high electrical cost) periods, resulting in likely no or marginal net cost savings.

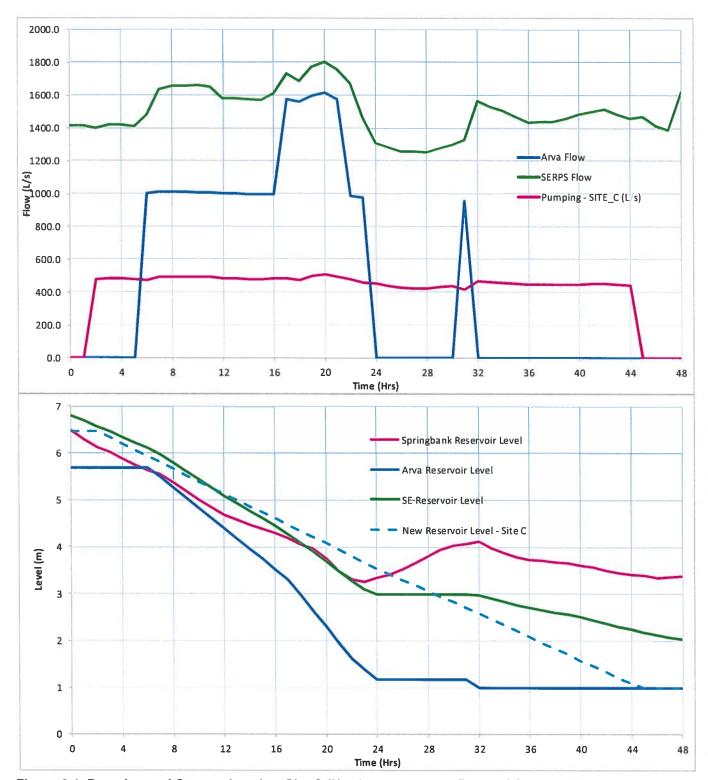


Figure 6.4: Pumping and Storage Levels – Site C (Northeast system – Pumped Storage Facility)

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### 6.1.4 Site G – Southeast Reservoir – Pumped Storage Facility

The additional storage requirement could be constructed at the existing Southeast Reservoir site. Additional future storage is planned based on future expansion of the Elgin WTP. This site has capacity for an additional storage cell. This site is discussed as follows:

- This assumes that the existing site can accommodate the required expanded storage capacity, however this
  must be further evaluated.
- The site has two (2) existing cells, each with a 56.5 ML capacity, for a total capacity of 113 ML.
- The facility is pumped storage via existing pumps. However in order to utilize the additional storage, additional pumps must be added (not modelled).
- Infrastructure requirements Pipe and valve connections would be required from the existing reservoir cell to the new reservoir cell and to the existing pumping station. Standby power capacity should be available at the station to operate pumps during an emergency.
- System hydraulics under an emergency condition:
  - Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient pressure for the entire system and within the northeast section of the system.
  - As shown on the table, deficient pressures are not improved from those modelled for Site A.
- Figure 6.6 shows Arva PS and SERPS pumping as well as reservoir levels for the emergency simulation:
  - Generally, the Arva PS 700 HP pump is operating during most of the first day (MDD), with the Arva PS large pump (900 HP) operated during the peak hour demand period to maintain pressure.
  - For the second day (ADD), a 700 HP pump is on as required to maintain pressure, such that the reservoir level stays above the minimum level. With the added storage, one 700 HP pump can be operated for most of the second day and still maintain the required storage.
  - As shown on the figure, SERPS levels gradually drop, however the full storage is not utilized as the maximum existing large pumps are used. Additional large pumps would be required to fully utilize the storage.
- Fire flow capacity was tested under emergency conditions for comparison of MDD (1 x 700 HP pumps) and ADD (no Arva PS pumps):
  - Similar results as Site A.
- Impact on normal system operations:
  - Would not impact current operations for the City, would only require additional recirculation to maintain water quality and additional pumping during an emergency to maintain pressures.
- Water quality:
  - New storage capacity will increase system water volume and hence the residence time for water within the reservoir going into London. Rechlorination is already in place at the Southeast PS, so this would likely not be an impact for the London water system.
- Impact on transients There would be no impact on transients relative to existing conditions.
- Impact on pumping energy and cost This would not increase pumping energy during normal operations.

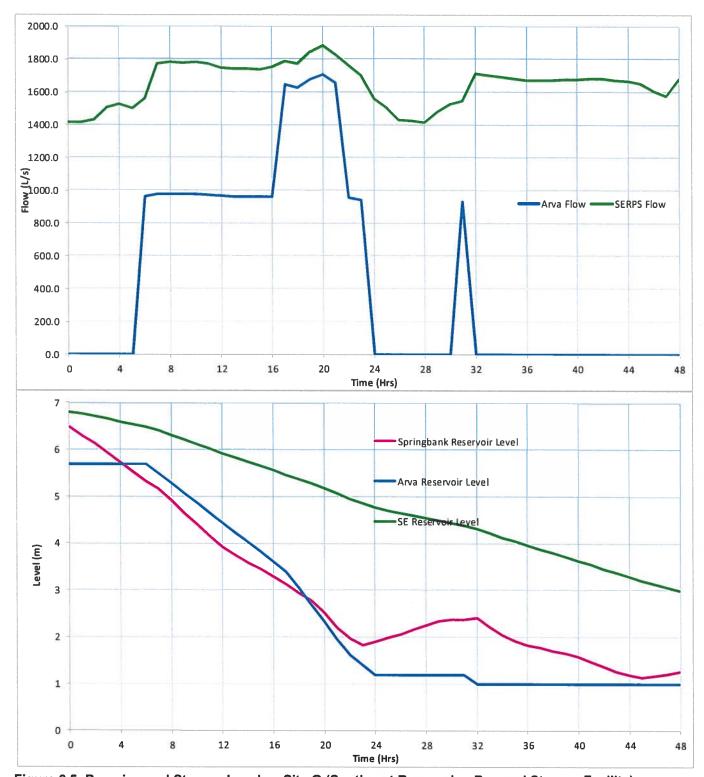


Figure 6.5: Pumping and Storage Levels – Site G (Southeast Reservoir – Pumped Storage Facility)

### 6.1.5 Site I - Arva Reservoir and Pumping Station

The additional storage requirement could be constructed at the existing Arva Reservoir site, assuming this site can be expanded. This site is outside of the urban boundary:

- This assumes that the existing site can accommodate the required expanded storage capacity, however this
  must be further evaluated.
- The site has four (4) existing cells, each with a 27.3 ML capacity, for a total capacity of 109.3 ML.
- The facility is pumped storage via existing pumps No new pumps would be required. Arva PS has six (6) pumps. Typically only one pump (either 700 or 900 HP) is used at a time except during high demand periods, so the station should have sufficient spare pumping capacity available.
- Infrastructure requirements Pipe and valve connections would be required from the LHPWSS to the new reservoir and to the existing reservoir and the pumping station. Standby power capacity should be available at the station to operate both a 700 and 900 HP pump during an emergency.
- System hydraulics under an emergency condition:
  - Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient pressure for the entire system and within the northeast section of the system.
  - As shown on the table, deficient pressures are improved from Site A and are approximately similar as for the pumped storage alternative (Site C).
  - This can benefit the City by allowing additional pumping from Arva PS during an emergency to maintain system pressure.
- Figure 6.6 shows Arva PS and SERPS pumping as well as reservoir levels for the emergency simulation:
  - Generally, the Arva PS 700 HP pump is operating during most of the first day (MDD), with the Arva PS large pump (900 HP) operated during the peak hour demand period to maintain pressure.
  - For the second day (ADD), a 700 HP pump is on as required to maintain pressure, such that the reservoir level stays above the minimum level. With the added storage, one 700 HP pump can be operated for most of the second day and still maintain the required storage.
  - As shown on the figure, the new storage at the Arva PS is more fully utilized than for the other location alternatives, due to the Arva PS pumping.
- Fire flow capacity was tested under emergency conditions for comparison of MDD (1 700 HP pumps) and ADD (no Arva PS pumps):
  - During emergency, one 700 HP pump can run during fire flow due to the added available storage, which was not assumed for Sites A or B.
  - Available fire flow was compared with estimated fire flow requirements for each hydrant.
  - o Table 7.1 shows the number and percent of model nodes with deficient fire flow residual pressure for the entire system and within the northeast section of the system. This shows that even with the additional pump this would only provide a marginal benefit for fire flow residual pressure.
- · Impact on normal system operations:
  - Would not impact current operations for the City, would only require additional recirculation to maintain water quality and additional pumping during an emergency to maintain pressures.

 Additional storage at Arva PS could benefit the RWS system due to more pumping flexibility for the LHPWSS Huron pumping station.

### Water quality:

- A new storage capacity will increase system water volume and hence the residence time for water within the reservoir going into London. Rechlorination is already in place at the Arva PS, so this would likely not be an impact for the London water system.
- This would need to be reviewed for the RWS system.
- Impact on transients There would be no impact on transients relative to existing conditions.
- Impact on pumping energy and cost:
  - o This would not increase pumping energy during normal operations.
  - This may benefit energy costs for both the City of London and the RWS LHPWSS system, as it will provide more flexibility for operation of the large pumps at the Arva PS and at the Lake Huron WTP during high electrical cost periods, particularly during the 5 critical electricity cost periods in Ontario.

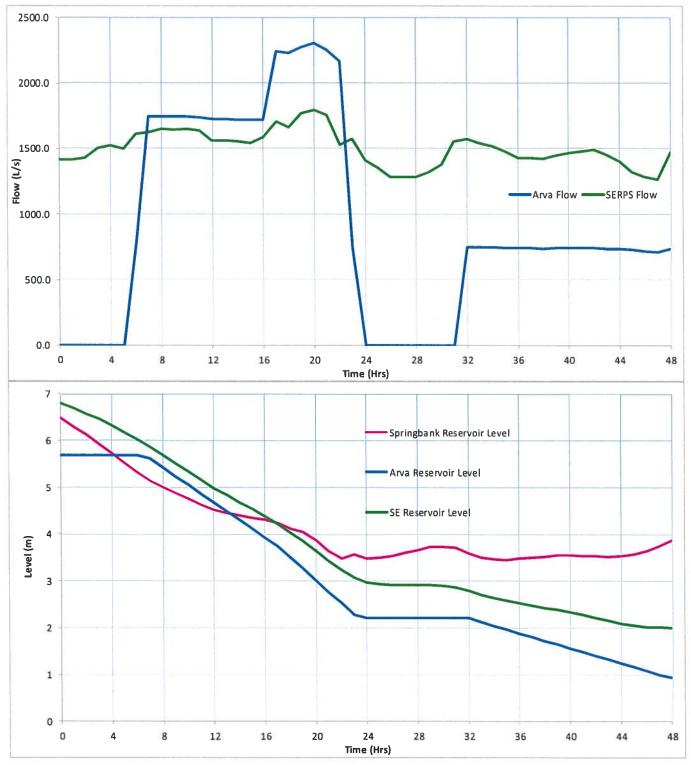


Figure 6.6: Pumping and Storage Levels – Site I (Arva Reservoir)

### 7. Storage Evaluation Summary

Model results were discussed in the previous Sections 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4. and 6.1.5. Graphics for pumping and storage utilization are shown in Figure 6.2, Figure 6.3, Figure 6.4, Figure 5 and Figure 6.6.

- Table 7.1 shows the number model nodes with deficient operating pressure and fire flow pressure for the entire system and within the northeast section of the system. Results for Site G (SERPS) are similar to site A so are not shown.
- Figure 7.1 shows a comparison of pressures at the Clark-Huron Chamber for each of the storage site
  alternatives for the emergency runs. This shows the lowest pressure would occur for Site A Vicinity of existing
  Springbank Reservoirs (floating storage) and the best pressure for either Site C Central east system (pumped
  storage) or Site I Arva Reservoir (pumped storage). Results for Site G (SERPS) are similar to site A so are not
  shown.
- Table 7.2 shows a graphical summary of the major criteria discussed in the previous sections for the modelled storage facility location alternatives.

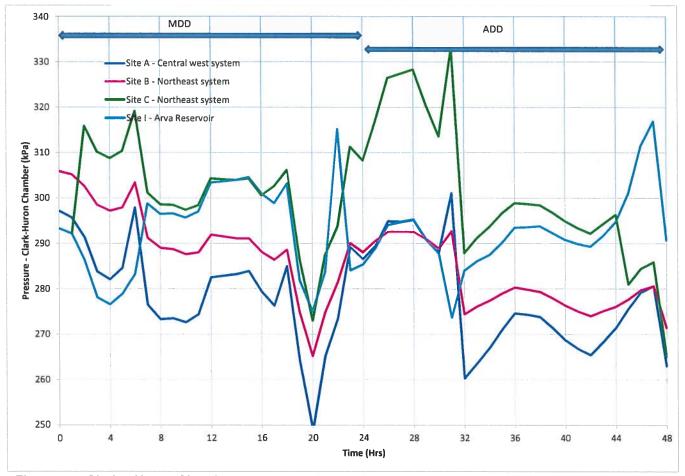


Figure 7.1: Clark – Huron Chamber Pressure Comparison

Table 7.1 – Alternative Storage Site Evaluation Summary

No. Nodes Deficient FF ADD NE Section (2) (4)	6.7%	6.6%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
No. No ADD N	562	557	531	531	531
No. Nodes No. Nodes Deficient FF - No. Nodes Deficient FF - Deficient MDD Entire System (2) ADD Entire System (2) (4) Pressure - (3) Critical Customers (1)	20.2%	20.1%	19.0%	20.2%	18.7%
No. Nodes ADD Entire	1694	1689	1594	1694	1575
ficient FF - System (2)	21.5%	21.3%	20.4%	21.5%	20.0%
No. Nodes Deficient (7) MDO Entire System (2) (3)	1808	1793	1716	1808	1679
No. Nodes Deficient Pressure - Critical Customers (1)	ω	4	m	ιs	2
Average Pressure - NE Section (kPa) (1)	358	367	373	358	390
Minimum Pressure - NE Section (kPa) (1)	189	205	205	189	216
Deficient Section (1)	14.7%	7.3%	4.6%	14.7%	1.8%
No. Nodes Deficient Pressure NE Section (1)	1362	089	426	1362	165
No. Nodes Deficient Pressure - Entire System (1)	7,9%	%5°9	%9.5	7.9%	3.5%
No. Nodes Deficient Pressure - Entire Syster (1)	3010	2451	2104	3010	1331
Storage Type	Floating on zone	Floating on zone	Pumped ground storage - new pumping station	Pumped storage	Pumped storage - existing Arva PS
Ground Elevation (m)	300.0	300.0	274.4	270.8	282.9
Comment	Vicinity of existing Springbank Reservoir	Modelled - Thorndale Road between Nissouri Road and Purple Hill Road	Vicinity of Clarke Road between Huron Street and Fanshawe Park Road	Twin existing reservoir	Expand existing reservoir
System	Central west Vicinity of system existing Springban Reservoir	Northeast system	Northeast system	Southeast Reservoir	Arva Reservoir
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Storage System Comment Ground **Storage Type** Hydraulics Energy **Transients** Operations Infrastructure Sites Location Elevation Requirements (m) Central west Vicinity of 300.0 Floating on existing system zone Springbank Reservoir Northeast Modelled -300.0 Floating on system Thorndale Road zone hetween Nissouri Road and Purple Hill Road Northeast Vicinity of Pumped ground system Clarke Road storage - new between Huron pumping station Street and Fanshawe Park Road Southeast Twin existing 270.8 Pumped storage Reservoir reservoir (1) Pumped storage Arva Expand existing 282.9 Reservoir reservoir existing Arva No major issues (1) - New pumps required Minor to moderate issues (2) - No new pumps required Likely significant issues

Table 7.2 – Alternative Storage Evaluation

# 8. Summary and Recommendations

City of London water storage requirements were estimated to the year 2054 based on an emergency condition of the LHPWSS water supply water off-line for one (1) maximum day followed by one (1) average day, or a duration of 48 hours. This determined that approximately 200 ML of additional storage would be required by the year 2054. This assumes that the existing Springbank Reservoir No. 2 would be decommissioned.

Required storage was assessed using the hydraulic model for the year 2034, for which approximately 50% of the required additional 2054 storage would be required, or 100 ML. Two types of storage was reviewed, namely floating storage and pumped storage.

Feasible sites for floating storage would require operating elevations equivalent to the existing Springbank Reservoirs. There are limited opportunities for floating storage within the system, primarily within the northeast portion of the system, outside of Municipal boundaries. A high level review of nine general storage locations was completed. Five (5) alternative general storage locations were reviewed in additional detail based on hydraulics. Modelled sites included expanded floating storage in the vicinity of the existing Springbank Reservoir site (Site A), floating storage within the Northeast portion of the water system (Site B), pumped storage in the Central east system (Site C), expanded pumped storage at Southeast Reservoir (Site G) and expanded pumped storage at Arva Reservoir (Site I). The evaluation does not consider constructability, storage land area requirements or evaluation of specific storage sites.

A 48-hour simulation was used, consisting of a maximum day demand, followed by an average day demand period for the LHPWSS off-line. The existing system shows pressure deficiencies within the northeast area of the system and around Wonderland Road between Sarnia Road and Fanshawe Park Road under the emergency condition. The objective was to determine the ability of the storage alternatives to supply sufficient pressures to the water system under the emergency condition.

The assessment determined the following:

- Addition of storage within close proximity to the Springbank Reservoir site (Site A), which is the only alternative
  within the City limits with sufficient elevation, would not provide improvements to pressures within the northeast
  area of the water system under the emergency condition.
- Floating storage within the northeast portion of the water system (Site B), which has sufficient ground elevations, however is outside of the municipal boundary, would partially improve pressures within the northeast portion of the water system. This site would require extensive transmission infrastructure and may present additional water quality and operational issues.
- Pumped (ground) storage (Site C or Site I) would provide the best pressure within the northeast corner of the system. The provision of new ground storage with re-pumping would substantially improve pressures, however this would present energy management and transient issues for the system, as well as operational issues to fill the new reservoir.
- Additional storage at the existing Southeast Reservoir (Site G) would be feasible, however this would not provide
  improvements to pressures within the northeast portion of the water system with the LHPWSS off-line and would
  require the installation of additional pumps. The addition of the additional 100 ML, required for the year 2054,
  could be evaluated for this site.
- Expansion of additional storage at the Arva PS (Site I), if feasible, would allow added pumping to the system from the existing Arva PS pumps during the emergency condition to improve pressures. This reservoir is under the jurisdiction of the LHPWSS. No new pumping station or new pumps would be required. The feasibility and constructability of added storage at this site must be evaluated. Added storage at this location would also provide energy cost savings opportunities for the LHPWSS by providing the flexibility to operate pumps and reservoir filling, however this must be reviewed in additional detail by both the City of London and RWS.

The following is recommended based on the study:

- Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluation should be conducted to determine the preferred site. As part of the
  EA evaluation, detailed evaluations of constructability, infrastructure requirements, operations, hydraulics and
  transients should be carried out.
- Energy optimization opportunities for both the City of London and the LHPWSS using the expanded storage should be evaluated with the preferred storage site.
- Ensure that sufficient standby power is available at the Arva PS to operate at least one 900 HP pump. Based on the record drawings of the station, the system is set up for twin services (London Hydro and Ontario Hydro) however it is not known whether this is currently in service. There is no generator for the pumps.



# **Appendix B.2**

**Natural Heritage Background Review** 

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#### 1. Introduction

This preliminary background review was conducted to identify existing natural heritage features, Species at Risk (SAR) and Species of Conservation Concern (SOCC) occurrences within the six candidate sites under investigation as part of the Water Storage Options Environmental Assessment in London, Ontario. The following sources were searched for relevant information:

- Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA);
- Ontario Nature Reptile and Amphibian Atlas;
- Ontario Butterfly Atlas;
- Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps;
- Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) Make-A-Map Application;
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Aquatic Species at Risk mapping;
- City of London's The London Plan Natural Heritage System mapping (Map 5); and,
- Middlesex County Official Plan natural heritage mapping.

In addition, the following background reports were reviewed and used to inform site existing conditions:

#### North Huron Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)

AECOM completed a Subject Lands Status Report (SLSR) for the North Huron Lands in 2015. Portions of the study area included as part of this study falls within the Site C candidate parcels. Vegetation communities identified within the North Huron SLSR (AECOM 2015) include Mineral Swamp Thicket, Mineral Deciduous Swamp, Deciduous Forest and Mineral Meadow Marsh. These communities form part of the North Huron Significant Woodlands.

The Cameron Award Drain is also present within the study area. Based on previous MNRF correspondence, species known with the Cameron Award Drain include: Brook Stickleback (*Culaea inconstans*), Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*), Northern Redbelly Dace (*Chrosomus eos*), Bluntnose Minnow (*Pimephales notatus*), and Emerald Shiner (*Notropis atherinoides*). These species are all common within Ontario.



Although a preliminary wetland evaluation was completed by AECOM in 2015 as part of the North Huron SLSR, additional surveys would be required to determine wetland significance. These surveys would include bat acoustic monitoring to confirm the presence of SAR bats. One Species of Conservation Concern, Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), was observed within the meadow marsh community on site. Habitat for this species is considered Significant Wildlife Habitat.

#### Southeast Reservoir Subject Lands Status Report (Earth Tech Canada Inc. 2004)

Earth Tech Canada Inc. completed a Subject Lands Status Report (SLSR) for the Southeast Reservoir lands in 2004. A portion of the study area investigated for this report falls within the Site G candidate parcel. Vegetation communities identified within the parcel include Deciduous Forest, Mineral Deciduous Swamp and Mineral Meadow Marsh. These communities form part of the Significant Woodlands identified in the SLSR.

A provincially rare plant, sweet Joe pyeweed (*Eupatorium purpureum*), which has an NHIC S-rank of S3, was identified within the Mineral Deciduous Swamp community.

## Southeast Reservoir & Pumping Station Environmental Impact Study (Earth Tech Canada Inc, 2005).

Earth Tech Canada Inc. completed an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the Southeast Reservoir lands in 2015, to follow up the Southeast Reservoir Subject Lands Status Report (2004) mentioned above. No new significant features or species were identified.

The findings for each of the four candidate sites are summarized in **Section 2**, below. The location of these findings relative to the proposed reservoir footprints at each site are described in **Section 3**.

#### 2. Results

#### 2.1 Site A1 – Springbank Pumping Station and Reservoir A

Site A1 is located in west London and is bordered by Springbank Drive, Commissioner's Road West, Crestwood Drive and Longworth Road. The London Plan Natural Heritage System mapping (Map 5) identifies the following natural features within the study area:

Woodlands.

The Study Area for site A1 can be found on **Attachment A, Figure A1**.

#### 2.1.1 Vegetation Communities and Plants

The woodland overlapping Site A1 is approximately 9.77 hectares in size, and through the completion of aerial photo interpretation, deciduous forest and cultural meadow communities were identified as likely present. Field investigations to confirm these communities should be competed at detailed design. In addition to these natural communities, Site A contains open space parkland dominated by manicured lawn and trees. Also contained within these lands are the existing Springbank Reservoir and Pumping Station.



#### 2.1.2 Species at Risk

After a review of background documents and the completion of a preliminary SAR screening of existing conditions within Site A1, it was found that habitat for 18 Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern may be present. For a complete SAR screening for species identified through background review please see **Attachment B, Table B1**.

Table 1. Terrestrial SAR and SOCC with Potential Habitat in Site A

Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status
Jefferson Salamander	Ambystoma jeffersonianum / laterale	END
American Chestnut	Castanea dentata	END
False Hop Sedge	Carex lupuliformis	END
Butternut	Juglans cinerea	END
Eastern Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	END
American Badger	Taxidea taxus	END
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	END
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	END
Tri-coloured Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	END
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	END
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	THR
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	THR
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR
Eastern-Hog nosed Snake	Heterodon platirhinos	THR
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	SC
Eastern Wood-Peewee	Contopus virens	SC
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	SC

## 2.1.3 Aquatic Species

According to DFO aquatic SAR mapping, no aquatic SAR were identified within the vicinity of Site A1. No watercourses are present within the site or immediately adjacent lands. However, the Thames River is located approximately 150 metres north of the study area and is known to contain aquatic SAR.

## 2.1.4 Summary

As described above, Site A1 contains:

- · Deciduous forest and cultural meadow communities; and,
- Potential for 18 Species at Risk & SOCC.



Further field investigations would be required to confirm the presence of suitable habitat for SAR, vegetation communities, wildlife habitat and to confirm absence of watercourses.

#### 2.2 Site A2 – Springbank Pumping Station and Reservoir B

Site A2 is located in west London and is bordered by Springbank Drive, Commissioner's Road West, Crestwood Drive and Longworth Road. The London Plan Natural Heritage System mapping (Map 5) identifies the following natural features within the study area:

Woodlands.

The Study Area for site A can be found on Attachment A, Figure A2.

#### 2.2.1 Vegetation Communities and Plants

The woodland overlapping Site A2 is approximately 9.77 hectares in size, and through the completion of aerial photo interpretation, deciduous forest and cultural meadow communities were identified as likely present. Field investigations to confirm these communities should be competed at detailed design. In addition to these natural communities, Site A2 contains open space parkland dominated by manicured lawn and trees. Also contained within these lands are the existing Springbank Reservoir and Pumping Station.

#### 2.2.2 Species at Risk

After a review of background documents and the completion of a preliminary SAR screening of existing conditions within Site A2, it was found that habitat for 18 Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern may be present. For a complete SAR screening for species identified through background review please see **Attachment B, Table B1**.

Table 2. Terrestrial SAR and SOCC with Potential Habitat in Site A

Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status
Jefferson Salamander	Ambystoma jeffersonianum / laterale	END
American Chestnut	Castanea dentata	END
False Hop Sedge	Carex lupuliformis	END
Butternut	Juglans cinerea	END
Eastern Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	END
American Badger	Taxidea taxus	END
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	END
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	END
Tri-coloured Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	END
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	END
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	THR
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	THR
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR
Eastern-Hog nosed Snake	Heterodon platirhinos	THR



Monarch	Danaus plexippus	SC
Eastern Wood-Peewee	Contopus virens	SC
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	SC

#### 2.2.3 Aquatic Species

According to DFO aquatic SAR mapping, no aquatic SAR were identified within the vicinity of Site A2. No watercourses are present within the site or immediately adjacent lands. However, the Thames River is located approximately 150 metres north of the study area and is known to contain aquatic SAR.

#### 2.2.4 Summary

As described above, Site A2 contains:

- Deciduous forest and cultural meadow communities; and,
- Potential for 18 Species at Risk & SOCC.

Further field investigations are required to confirm the presence of suitable habitat for SAR, vegetation communities, wildlife habitat and to confirm absence of watercourses.

#### 2.3 Site A3 – Springbank Pumping Station and Reservoir C

Site A3 is located in west London and is bordered by Springbank Drive, Commissioner's Road West, Crestwood Drive and Longworth Road. The London Plan Natural Heritage System mapping (Map 5) identifies the following natural features within the study area:

Woodlands.

The Study Area for site A can be found on **Attachment A, Figure A3**.

#### 2.3.1 Vegetation Communities and Plants

The woodland overlapping Site A3 is approximately 9.77 hectares in size, and through the completion of aerial photo interpretation, deciduous forest and cultural meadow communities were identified as likely present. Field investigations to confirm these communities should be competed at detailed design. In addition to these natural communities, Site A3 contains open space parkland dominated by manicured lawn and trees. Also contained within these lands are the existing Springbank Reservoir and Pumping Station.

#### 2.3.2 Species at Risk

After a review of background documents and the completion of a preliminary SAR screening of existing conditions within Site A3, it was found that habitat for 18 Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern may be present. For a complete SAR screening for species identified through background review please see **Attachment B, Table B1**.



Table 3. Terrestrial SAR and SOCC with Potential Habitat in Site A

Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status
Jefferson Salamander	Ambystoma jeffersonianum / laterale	END
American Chestnut	Castanea dentata	END
False Hop Sedge	Carex lupuliformis	END
Butternut	Juglans cinerea	END
Eastern Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	END
American Badger	Taxidea taxus	END
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	END
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	END
Tri-coloured Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	END
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	END
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	THR
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	THR
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR
Eastern-Hog nosed Snake	Heterodon platirhinos	THR
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	SC
Eastern Wood-Peewee	Contopus virens	SC
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	SC

#### 2.3.3 Aquatic Species

According to DFO aquatic SAR mapping, no aquatic SAR were identified within the vicinity of Site A3. No watercourses are present within the site or immediately adjacent lands. However, the Thames River is located approximately 150 metres north of the study area and is known to contain aquatic SAR.

#### 2.3.4 Summary

As described above, Site A3 contains:

- Deciduous forest and cultural meadow communities; and,
- Potential for 18 Species at Risk & SOCC.

Further field investigations are required to confirm the presence of suitable habitat for SAR, vegetation communities, wildlife habitat and to confirm absence of watercourses.

#### 2.4 Site C – Huron Street and Clark Road

Site C is located in northeast London, northeast of the intersection of Huron Street and Clark Road and includes 9 different parcels of land. The site also includes two properties west of Clark Road. The London Plan Natural Heritage System mapping (Map 5) identifies the following natural heritage features within the study area:



- Significant Woodlands;
- Valleylands:
- An Unevaluated Vegetation Patch (which was evaluated by AECOM in 2015);
- Unevaluated wetland patches; and,
- Potential Environmentally Significant Areas.

The study area predominately consists of agricultural land with small portions of natural heritage features as described above. The study area for Site C can be found on **Attachment A, Figure A4**.

AECOM has completed a Subject Lands Status Report (SLSR) for the lands known ad North Huron Industrial Lands which include the six (6) parcels of land situated east of Clarke Road. Information from the SLSR was used to inform the present review.

#### 2.4.1 Vegetation Communities and Plants

Vegetation communities located within Site C as identified within the North Huron SLSR (AECOM, 2015) include Mineral Swamp Thicket, Mineral Deciduous Swamp, Deciduous Forest and Mineral Meadow Marsh. These communities form part of the North Huron Significant Woodlands. The 2015 report also identified a Significant Valleyland, Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) and potential ESAs as identified within the study area. The vegetation communities contained within the Site C candidate lot is approximately 8.72 hectares in size. The agricultural lands within the Site C candidate lot cover 96.91 hectares.

#### 2.4.2 Species at Risk

After a review of background documents and the completion of a preliminary SAR screening of existing conditions within Site C, it was found that habitat for 20 terrestrial Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern may be present. For a complete SAR screening for species identified through background review please see **Attachment B**, **Table B2**.

Table 4. Terrestrial SAR and SOCC Records with Potential Habitat in Site C

Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	END
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	END
Tri-coloured Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	END
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	END
Drooping Trillium	Trillium flexipes	END
Silver Shiner	Notropis photogenis	THR
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR
Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia	THR
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	THR
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	THR



Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status		
Eastern Wood-pewee	Contopus virens	SC		
Common Nighthawk	Chordeiles minor	SC		
Eastern Wood-pewee	Contopus virens	SC		
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	SC		
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	SC		
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	SC		
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Thamnophis sauritus	SC		
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	SC		
Snapping Turtle	Chelydra serpentina	SC		

The 2015 SLSR indicated that bat acoustic monitoring to confirm the presence of SAR bats had not been complete and one Species of Conservation Concern, Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), was observed within the meadow marsh community on site. Habitat for this species is considered Significant Wildlife Habitat.

#### 2.4.3 Aquatic

During background review, Silver Shiner (*Notropis photogenis*) (THR) was identified in NHIC records; however, suitable aquatic habitat was not identified during aquatic surveys in 2015 within the Site C study area. The Thames River is located approximately 100 metres north of the study area and contains SAR.

The Cameron Award Drain is present within the study area and provides aquatic habitat. Based on previous MNRF correspondence, species known to occur within the Cameron Award Drain include: Brook Stickleback (*Culaea inconstans*), Pumpkinseed (*Lepomis gibbosus*), Northern Redbelly Dace (*Chrosomus eos*), Bluntnose Minnow (Pimephales notatus), and Emerald Shiner (*Notropis atherinoides*). These species are all common within Ontario.

Depending on which parcel or parcels are selected for a reservoir location, further correspondence with UTRCA may need to be completed as a portion of the study area falls within the regulation limit.

#### 2.4.4 Summary

As described above, Site C contains:

- Significant Woodlands, Significant Valleylands, Environmentally Significant Areas;
- Mineral Swamp Thicket, Mineral Deciduous Swamp, Deciduous Forest and Mineral Meadow Marsh;
- Potential for 20 Species at Risk & SOCC; and,
- Confirmed presence of 1 SAR and 1 SOCC: Barn Swallow and Snapping Turtle.

Further field investigations are required to confirm the presence of suitable habitat for SAR and to confirm vegetation communities.



#### 2.5 Site G – Southeast Pumping Station and Reservoir

Site G is located in southeast London, south of Highway 401. The site is located on the east side of Highbury Avenue South, south of Westminster Drive. The London Plan Natural Heritage System mapping (Map 5) identifies the following natural heritage features within the study area:

- Significant Woodlands; and
- Unevaluated Valleylands.

The study area for Site G can be found on **Attachment A, Figure A5**. Mapping also identifies Unevaluated Wetland and Unevaluated Valleyland patches within the Significant Woodland, however these patches are located outside the Site G study area.

In 2004 and 2005, Earth Tech Canada (now AECOM) completed a Subject Lands Status Report and Environmental Impact Study report, respectively, for the Southeast Pumping Station and Reservoir In lands. Information from these previous studies was used to inform the present review.

#### 2.5.1 Vegetation Communities and Plants

Vegetation communities identified within the SLSR completed in 2004 by Earth Tech identified Deciduous Forest, Mineral Deciduous Swamp and Mineral Meadow Marsh. These communities form part of the Significant Woodland located in the eastern portion of Site G. This Significant Woodland is approximately 14 hectares in size, of which approximately 1.29 hectares falls within the candidate lot boundary. Unevaluated Valleylands and Unevaluated Wetlands were also identified; however, are located outside of the candidate lot.

A provincially rare plant, sweet Joe pye-weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*), a provincially rare species (S3), was identified within the Mineral Deciduous Swamp community located in Site G. Field investigations to confirm the location of this species as well as the wetland community boundary should be completed, as previous work completed for this site was conducted in 2004 and is now considered out of date.

#### 2.5.2 Species at Risk

After a review of background documents and the completion of a preliminary SAR screening of existing conditions within Site G; habitat for 13 terrestrial Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern may be present. For a complete SAR screening for species identified through background review please see **Attachment B, Table B3**.

Table 5. Terrestrial SAR and SOCC with Potential Habitat in Site G

Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	END
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	END
Tri-coloured Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	END
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	END



Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status
Butternut	Juglans cinerea	END
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	THR
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR
Red-headed Woodpecker	Melanerpes erythrocephalus	SC
Eastern Ribbonsnake	Thamnophis sauritus	SC
Golden-winged Warbler	Vermivora chrysoptera	SC
Eastern Wood-pewee	Contopus virens	SC
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	SC

#### 2.5.3 Aquatic

According to DFO aquatic SAR mapping, no aquatic SAR were identified within the vicinity of the study area. A small portion of Perl Drain is identified in the southwest corner of the study area and therefore also falls within the UTRCA's Regulation Limit.

#### 2.5.4 Summary

As described above, Site G contains:

- Significant Woodland, Unevaluated Valleylands;
- Potential for 13 Species at Risk & SOCC; and,
- One provincially rare species, sweet Joe pye-weed was identified in the Mineral Deciduous Swamp.

Further field investigations are required to confirm the presence of suitable habitat for SAR, to confirm vegetation community boundaries and the location of the provincially rare sweet Joe-pye weed.

## 2.6 Site I – Arva Pumping Station and Reservoir

Site I is located on Medway Road east of Wonderland Road North. This site lies just north of the city limits, in Middlesex County. The Middlesex County Official Plan natural heritage mapping identified Significant Woodlands within the study area. This feature is approximately 15 hectares in size of which 1.56 hectares falls within the study area. According to the Middlesex Natural Heritage Study Mapping the boundaries of the patch extends beyond the tree line and includes open field. The woodland boundary should be confirmed through field investigations.

The study area for Site I can be found on **Attachment A, Figure A6**.



#### 2.6.1 Vegetation Communities and Plants

The woodland contained within Site I candidate lot is approximately 1.56 hectares in size. Based on aerial photo interpretation, deciduous forest and open field communities are likely present. Field investigations to confirm communities should be competed at detailed design.

#### 2.6.2 Species at Risk

After a review of background documents and the completion of a preliminary SAR screening of existing conditions within Site I; habitat for 9 terrestrial Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern may be present. For a complete SAR screening for species identified through background review please see **Attachment B, Table B4**.

Table 6. Terrestrial SAR and SOCC with Potential Habitat in Site I

Common Name	Scientific Name	ESA Status
Northern Myotis	Myotis septentrionalis	END
Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	END
Tri-coloured Bat	Perimyotis subflavus	END
Eastern Small-footed Myotis	Myotis leibii	END
Northern Bobwhite	Colinus virginianus	END
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	THR
Chimney Swift	Chaetura pelagica	THR
Bobolink	Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	THR
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	Heterodon platirhinos	THR
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	SC
Eastern Wood-pewee	Contopus virens	SC
Monarch	Danaus plexippus	SC

#### 2.6.3 Aquatic

During the background review, Wavy-rayed Lampmussel (*Lampsilia fasciola*) (THR) was identified in NHIC records; however, aquatic habitat was not identified within the Site I study area. According to DFO aquatic SAR mapping, no aquatic SAR were identified within the vicinity of the study area. Field investigations to confirm absence of watercourses should be completed at Detailed Design.

#### 2.6.4 Summary

As described above, Site I contains:

- · Significant Woodland, and
- Potential for 9 Species at Risk & SOCC



Further field investigations are required to confirm the presence of suitable habitat for SAR and to confirm vegetation communities.

## 3. Overall Summary of Existing Conditions

The following provides a summary of the Natural Heritage Features present within each Candidate Parcel:

#### Site A1: Springbank Pumping Station and Reservoir A

- Contains Woodlands as per The London Plan which falls within the proposed reservoir footprint; and,
- Potential habitat for 18 SAR/SOCC exists within the proposed reservoir footprint.

#### Site A2: Springbank Pumping Station and Reservoir B

- Contains Woodlands as per The London Plan which falls within the proposed reservoir footprint; and,
- Potential habitat for 18 SAR/SOCC exists within the proposed reservoir footprint.

#### Site A3: Springbank Pumping Station and Reservoir C

- Contains Woodlands as per The London Plan which falls within the proposed reservoir footprint; and,
- Potential habitat for 18 SAR/SOCC exists within the proposed reservoir footprint.

#### Site C: Huron Street and Clarke Road

- Contains Significant Woodlands, Valleylands, Unevaluated Wetland patches and Unevaluated Vegetation patches as per The London Plan (this patch has since been evaluated through the completion of the North Huron Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM, 2015). All features are considered to fall within the proposed reservoir footprint as a proposed location has not yet been determined;
- One SAR (Barn Swallow) and one SOCC (Snapping Turtle) were observed on-site during previous studies. All SAR are considered to fall within the proposed reservoir footprint as the location has not yet been determined;
- Four SAR/SOCC could not be ruled out during previous studies. These species include Little Brown Myotis, Northern Myotis, Small-footed Myotis and Monarch. Additional surveys are needed to confirm the presence of these species; and,
- Potential habitat for 20 SAR/SOCC exists within the proposed reservoir footprint.

#### Site G: Southeast Reservoir and Pumping Station

- Contains Significant Woodlands which fall outside of the proposed reservoir footprint by approximately 20 m. This distance may or may not meet buffer requirements for Significant Woodlands;
- Unevaluated Valleylands fall outside of the proposed reservoir footprint by approximately 175 m;



- Unevaluated Wetlands fall outside of the proposed reservoir footprint by approximately 200 m, which should be evaluated in the future; and,
- Potential habitat for 13 SAR/SOCC exists within the proposed reservoir footprint.

#### Site I: Arva Pumping Station and Reservoir

- Significant Woodlands as per the Middlesex County Official Plan fall outside of the proposed reservoir footprint by approximately 30 m. This distance may or may not meet buffer requirements for Significant Woodlands; and,
- Potential habitat for 9 SAR/SOCC exists within the proposed reservoir footprint.

## 4. Next Steps

Through the Class EA process, Site A1 was selected as the preferred alternative. Works at this site would require an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) as proposed works are within the City of London trigger distance (Significant Woodland) for the completion of an EIS. Surveys for the EIS should include:

- Ecological Land Classification and Floral Inventory
- Breeding Bird Surveys
- Significant Wildlife Habitat assessments
- Surveys for migratory bird nests and other wildlife or wildlife features
- Tree Inventory

Correspondence with the MNRF would be required to determine expectations relating to targeted Species at Risk surveys.

The EIS should use results of the targeted surveys to refine the existing conditions of the Study Area. An assessment of potential impacts to existing natural heritage features should be undertaken when design details are confirmed. The EIS should also include recommendations for the implementation of avoidance, mitigation and compensation measures. Preliminary mitigation recommendations are provided in **Section 5**.

## 5. Mitigation Measures

The potential impacts and mitigation measures described herein are general in nature and appropriate for an Environmental Assessment. Detailed impact assessment and the provision of detailed recommendations for mitigation and compensation will be provided at the detailed design stage of the proposed works.

#### Sediment and Erosion Control Fencing

Mitigation measures are recommended to be used for erosion and sediment control to prohibit sediment from entering the identified vegetation communities and watercourses during construction. The primary principles associated with sedimentation and erosion protection measures are to:

- 1. Minimize the duration of soil exposure;
- 2. Retain existing vegetation, where feasible;



- 3. Encourage re-vegetation;
- 4. Divert runoff away from exposed soils;
- 5. Keep runoff velocities low; and,
- 6. Trap sediment as close to the source as possible.

Details of the type and placement of sediment and erosion control to be used will be outlined in an *Erosion and Sediment Control Plan* to de drafted during Detailed Design.

#### **Peripheral Vegetation Protection**

During construction adjacent to the identified vegetation communities, heavy equipment could damage peripheral vegetation from contact, excavation and/or soil compaction. Dust coated vegetation can reduce photosynthesis, increase susceptibility to disease and lead to death. It is anticipated that perimeter plants would be most susceptible to such effects. The following recommendations are made to mitigate these potential impacts.

 Prior to heavy machinery working adjacent to the identified vegetation communities, a fence barrier for tree protection should be installed outside the drip-line of tree identified for protection and is in the vicinity of exposure to damage by machinery.

#### **Dust Suppressant Treatment**

- Dust suppressants during dry periods should be applied to those areas which generate large amounts of dust.
- Restrict earth movement immediately adjacent to woodlands during periods of high dust generation.

#### **Controlled Construction Vehicle Access**

Construction vehicle access should be limited to areas outside of the drip-line of the tree being protected to prevent soil compaction and/or the initiation of soil erosion events. Construction vehicle re-fueling stations should be centralized away from vegetation communities and watercourses. Vehicle washing should be prohibited in areas adjacent to vegetation communities and watercourses. The following recommendations are provided to address these potential sources of impacts.

- Construction vehicle access should be limited to existing roadways and construction paths, away from the identified vegetation communities.
- For areas immediately adjacent to the Thames River, periodic supervision of the construction is recommended.

#### Construction Vehicle Re-fueling Stations

- Re-fueling stations should be located within a centralized location on-site a minimum of 30 m from vegetation communities, and watercourses.
- Re-fueling stations should be constructed in a manner to prevent soil and/or surface and groundwater contamination from any leaks or spills.
- An emergency response kit should be made available at each re-fueling station in case of a spill.



- All on-site crew members operating construction vehicles should be appropriately trained in handling a potential spill and have WHMIS Training.
- All chemical transfer/maintenance should be conducted within the refueling station areas.

#### Damage to Rooting Zones during removals

 During grading and construction in areas immediately adjacent to identified vegetation communities and planted trees, roots may be damaged by machinery and soils may be compacted, thereby affecting the trees' ability to grow and absorb nutrients and water. In order to address root damage, it will be necessary to prune roots of adjacent trees during grading and excavation. To avoid compaction of soils, root zones around trees within natural heritage features will need to be fenced. Most areas will be avoided by restricting construction to areas outside the features.

#### Wildlife Habitat Protection and Mitigation Measures

Construction activities within the study area have the potential to disturb breeding birds and other resident wildlife within the identified vegetation communities. A certain degree of disturbance can be avoided by the proper scheduling of construction periods. The following mitigation measures are recommended to minimize impacts to wildlife.

During the detailed design phase a more detailed wildlife observation protocol will be drafted to ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are followed for encounters with wildlife. The following presents some of the standard steps to be followed.

#### Breeding Birds, Bat Maternity Roosting and Vegetation Removals

Removal of vegetation within the study areas can occur between the months of October to April, which is outside of the typical breeding bird period (April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>) and Bat Maternity Roosting Season (April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>) within southern Ontario to avoid contravening the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* and the *ESA*.

#### Construction Mitigation - Noise Disturbance to Resident Wildlife

- Construction is restricted to periods before and after breeding period (no works April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Limit construction activity to a period after 7 am and before 7 pm daily.

#### Invasive Species

Consideration should be given to the London Invasive Plant Management Strategy, including the Clean Equipment Protocol during construction activities. An Invasive Species Management Plan should be developed that includes three years of post-construction monitoring and adaptive management for invasive species.



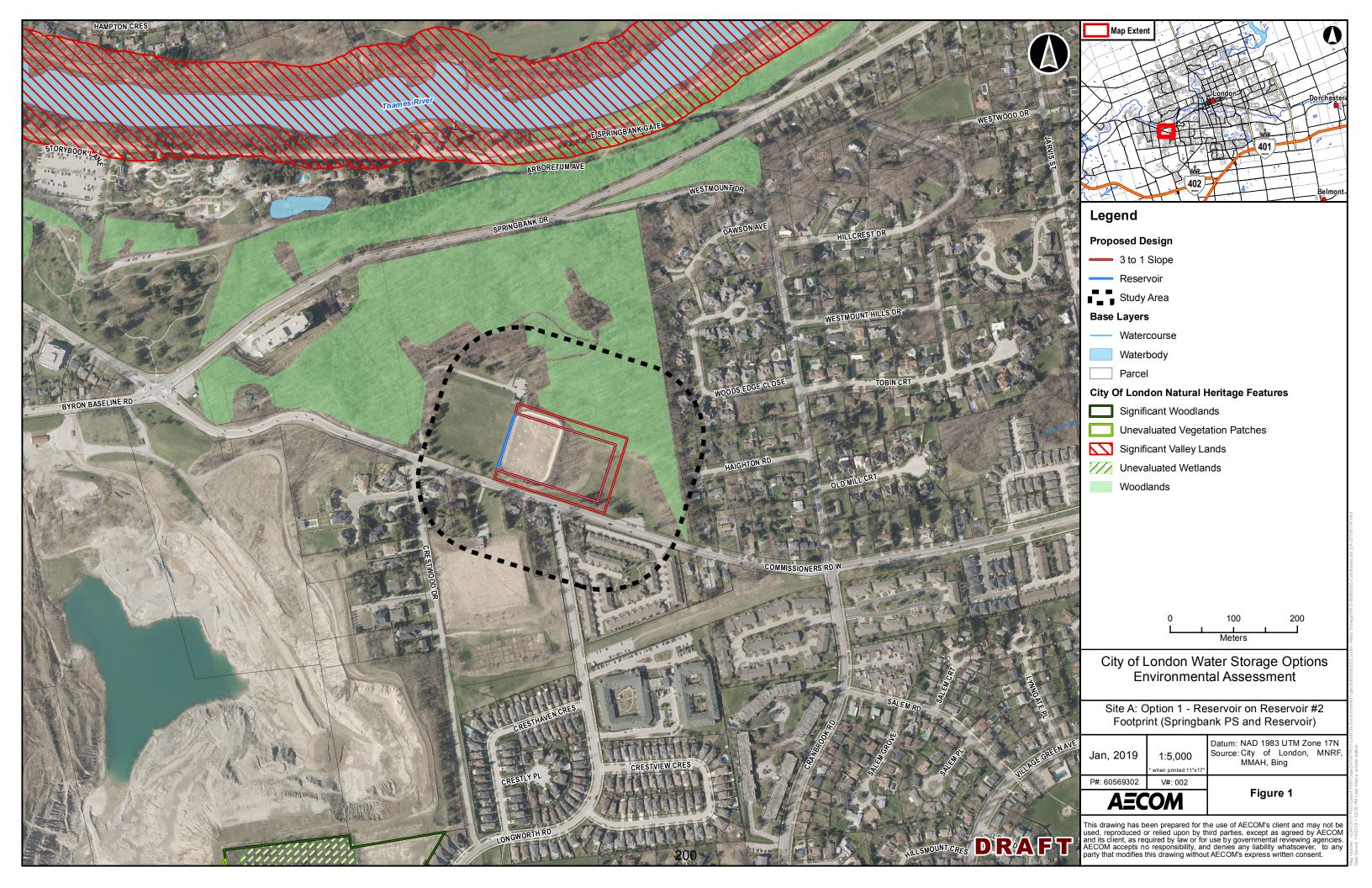
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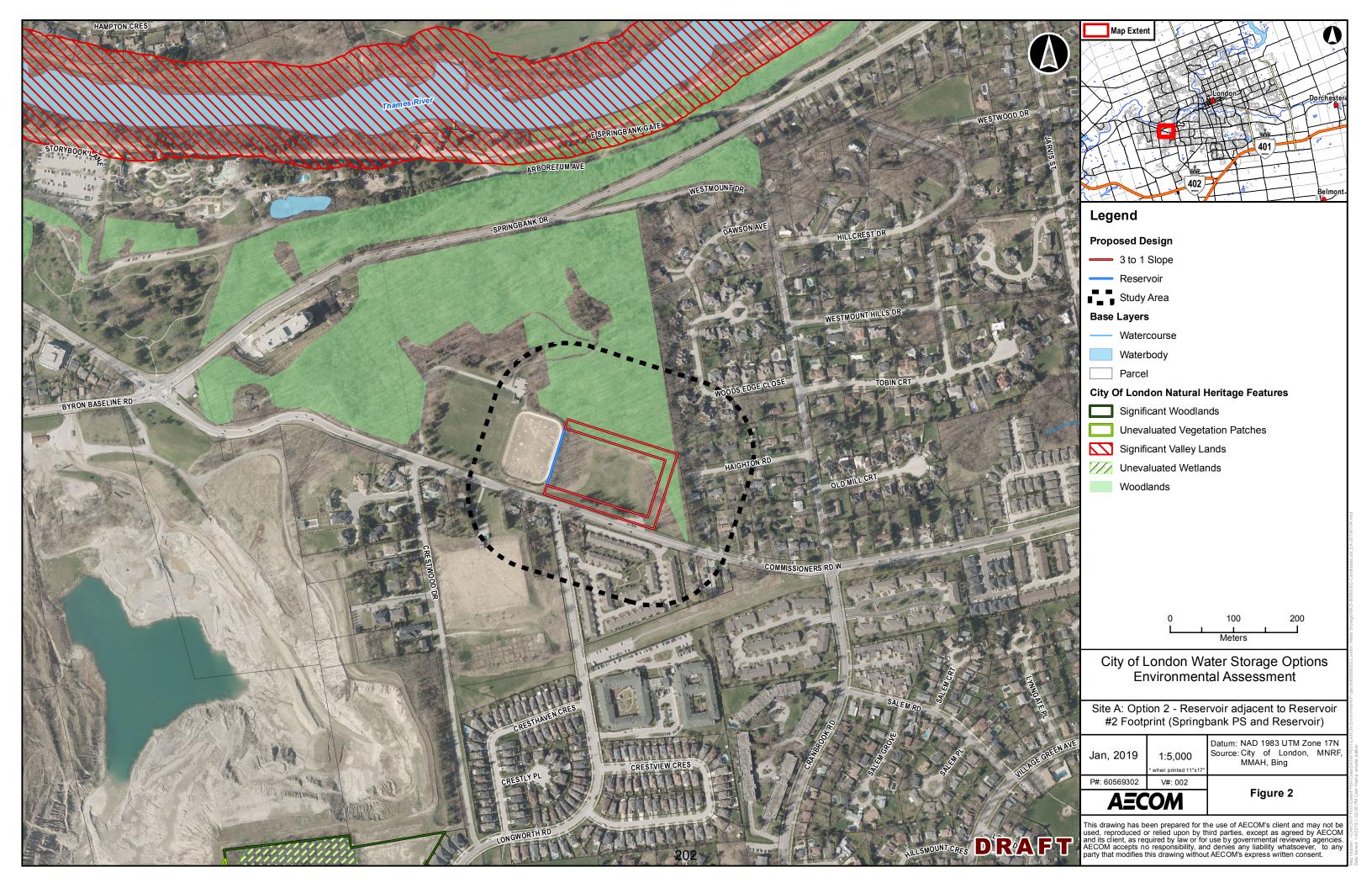
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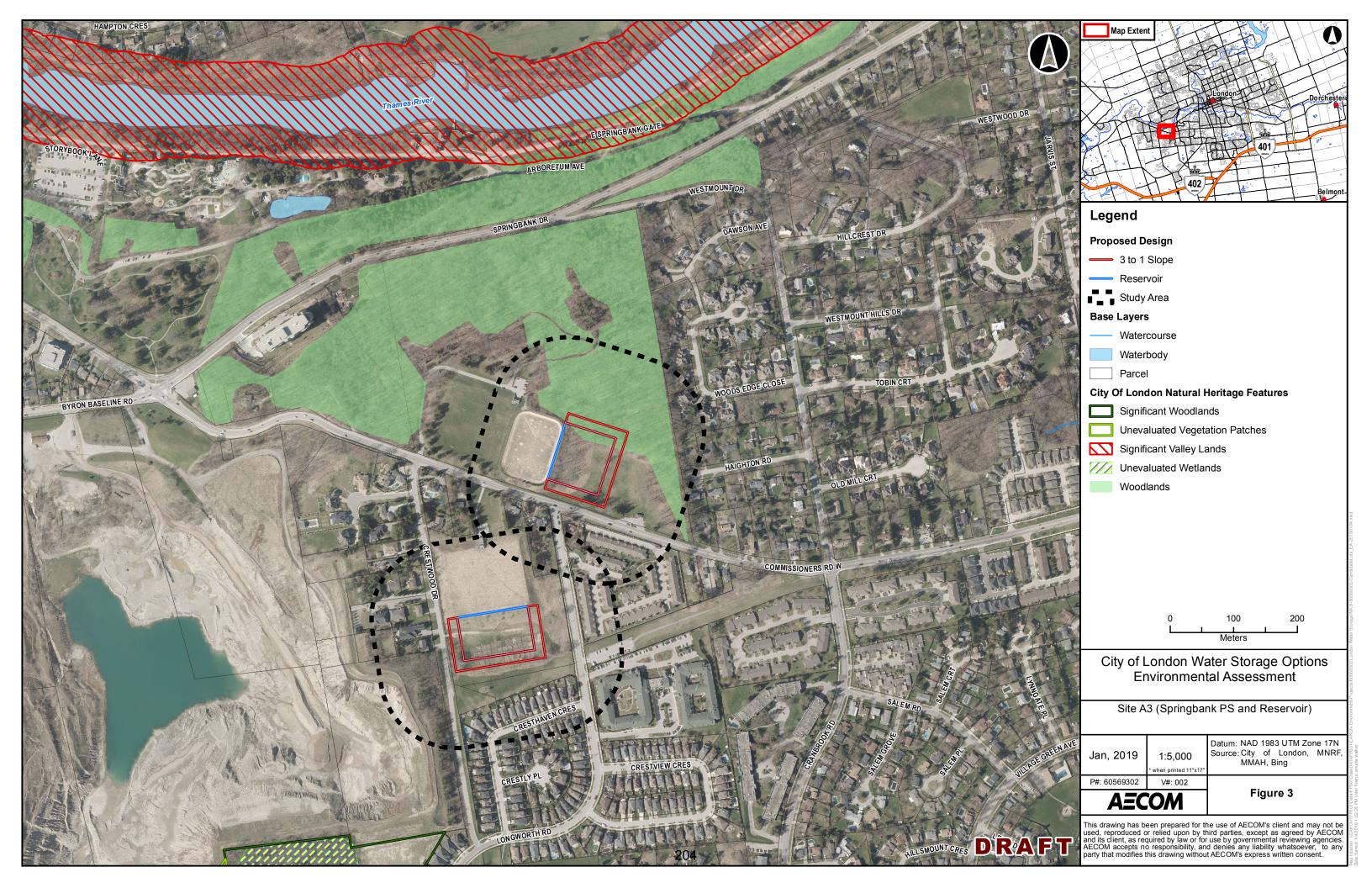
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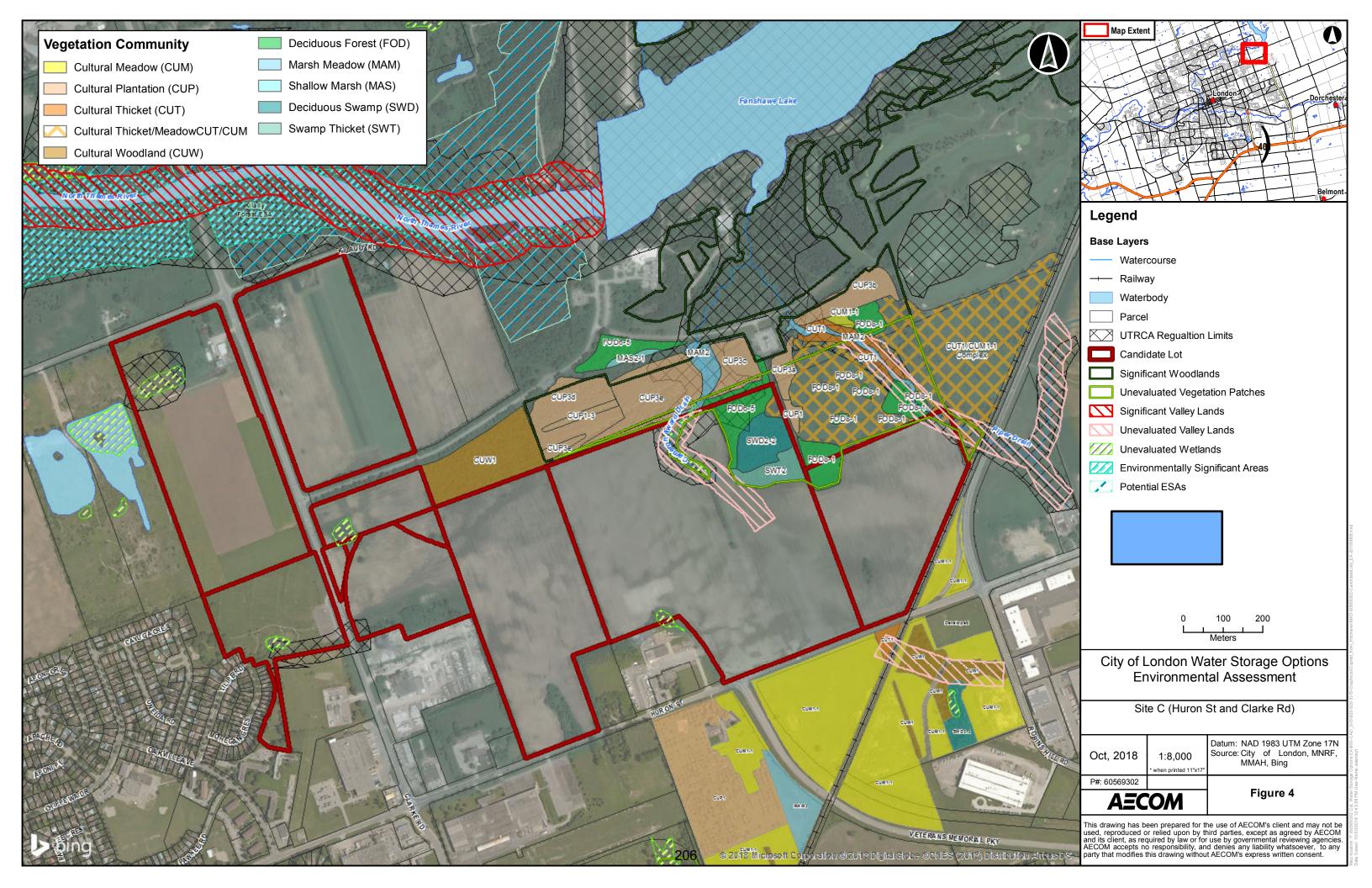
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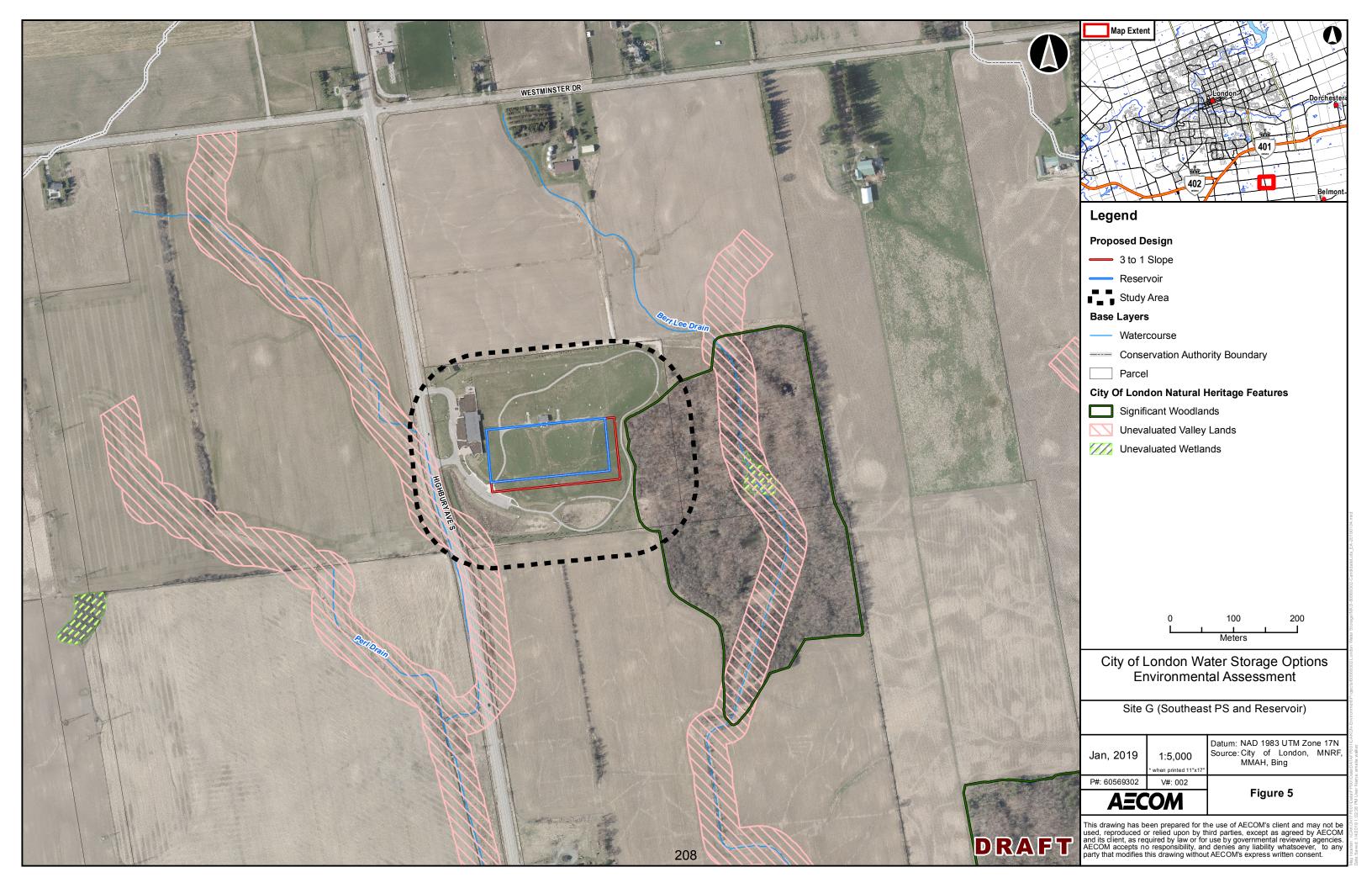
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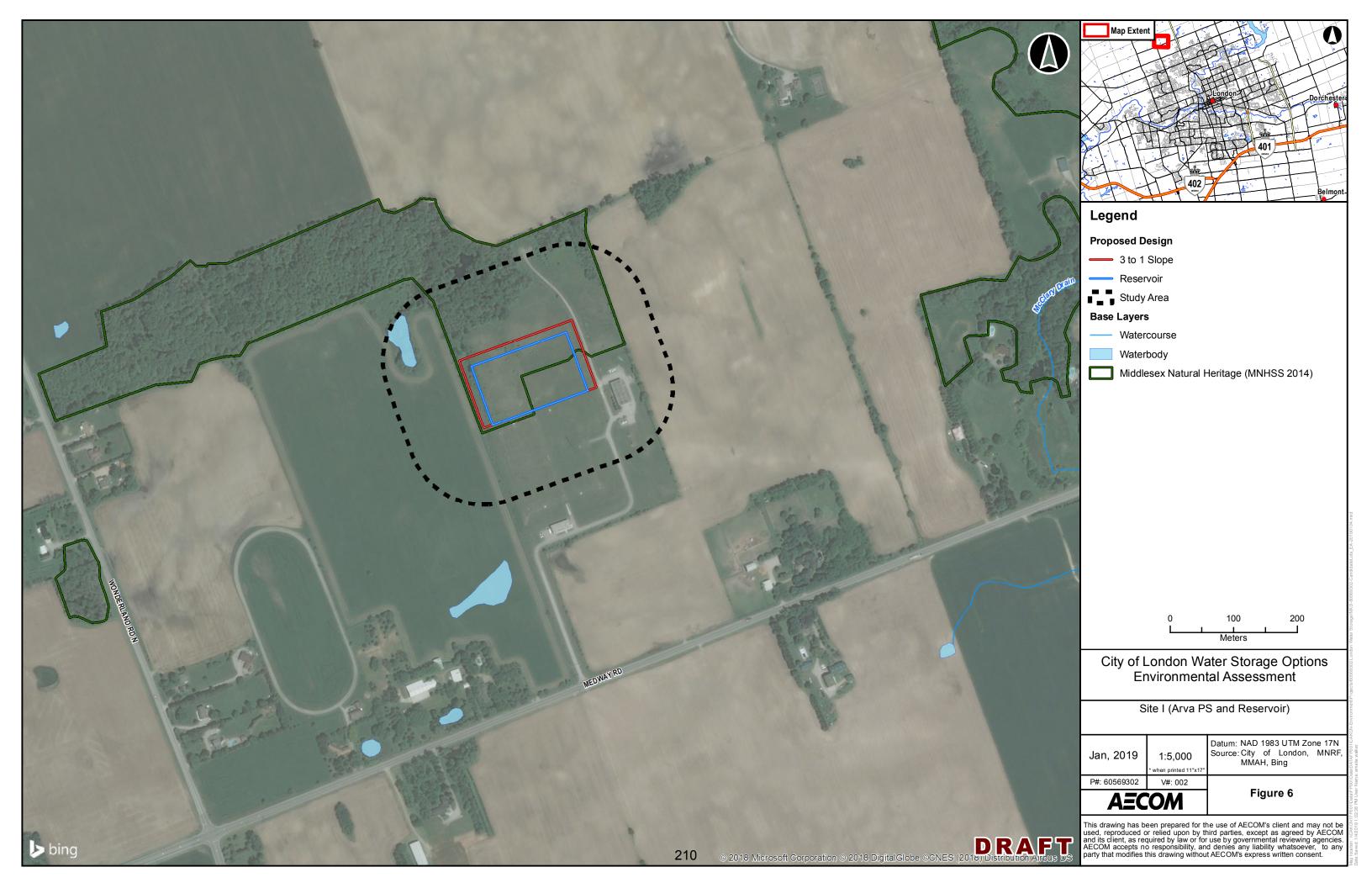


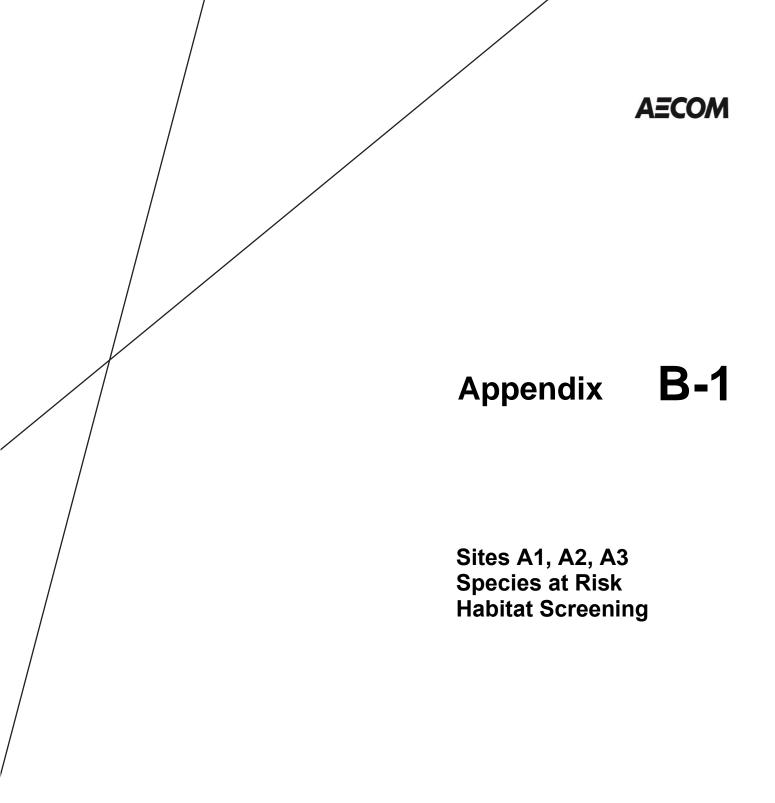














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Amphibians	Jefferson Salamander Ambystoma jeffersonianum	END	THR Schedule 1	END	Adults live in moist, loose soil, under logs or in leaf litter. Your best chance of spotting a Jefferson salamander is in early spring when they travel to woodland ponds to breed. They lay their eggs in clumps attached to underwater vegetation. By midsummer, the larvae lose their gills and leave the pond and head into the surrounding forest. Once in the forest, Jefferson salamanders spend much of their time underground in rodent burrows, and under rocks and stumps. They feed primarily on insects and worms.  This species can be associated with the following ELC code: FOD where permanent or temporary ponds or pools are present.	In Canada, it is found only in southern Ontario, mainly along the Niagara Escarpment.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Bank Swallow Riparia riparia	THR	No Status	THR	Bank swallows nest in burrows in natural and human-made settings where there are vertical faces in silt and sand deposits. Many nests are on banks of rivers and lakes, but they are also found in active sand and gravel pits or former ones where the banks remain suitable. The birds breed in colonies ranging from several to a few thousand pairs.	The bank swallow is found all across southern Ontario, with sparser populations scattered across northern Ontario. The largest populations are found along the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario shorelines, and the Saugeen River (which flows into Lake Huron).	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75) Natural Heritage Information Centre Make-A-Map Application	No Suitable habitat is not known to be present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica	THR	No Status	THR	Barn Swallows often live in close association with humans, building their cup-shaped mud nests almost exclusively on human-made structures such as open barns, under bridges and in culverts. The species is attracted to open structures that include ledges where they can build their nests, which are often re-used from year to year. They prefer unpainted, rough-cut wood, since the mud does not adhere as well to smooth surfaces.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, CUM1, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1; containing or adjacent structures that are suitable for nesting.	range as far north as Hudson Bay, wherever suitable locations for	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Open field within the study area provide suitable foraging habitat. No nesting habitat is known to be present.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Bobolink Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR	No Status	THR	Historically, Bobolinks lived in North American tallgrass prairie and other open meadows. With the clearing of native prairies, Bobolinks moved to living in hayfields. Bobolinks often build their small nests on the ground in dense grasses. Both parents usually tend to their young, sometimes with a third Bobolink helping.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1 and MAM2.	The Bobolink breeds across North America. In Ontario, it is widely distributed throughout most of the province south of the boreal forest, although it may be found in the north where suitable habitat exists.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Chimney swift Chaetura pelagica	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	Before European settlement Chimney Swifts mainly nested on cave walls and in hollow trees or tree cavities in old growth forests. Today, they are more likely to be found in and around urban settlements where they nest and roost (rest or sleep) in chimneys and other manmade structures. They also tend to stay close to water as this is where the flying insects they eat congregate.  Foraging habitat for this species can be associated with the following ELC codes: TPO, CUM1, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1 containing or adjacent structures with suitable nesitng habitat (i.e. chimneys).	The Chimney Swift breeds in eastern North America, possibly as far north as southern Newfoundland. In Ontario, it is most widely distributed in the Carolinian zone in the south and southwest of the province, but has been detected throughout most of the province south of the 49th parallel. It winters in northwestern South America.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Residential buildings adjacent to the study area may provide suitable nesting habitat.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor	sc	THR Schedule 1	THR	Traditional Common Nighthawk habitat consists of open areas with little to no ground vegetation, such as logged or burned-over areas, forest clearings, rock barrens, peat bogs, lakeshores, and mine tailings. Although the species also nests in cultivated fields, orchards, urban parks, mine tailings and along gravel roads and railways, they tend to occupy natural sites.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: SD, BB, RB, CUM, BO, FOM, FOC and FOD with openings with little vegetation.	The range of the Common Nighthawk spans most of North and Central America. In Canada, the species is found in all provinces and territories except Nunavut. In Ontario, the Common Nighthawk occurs throughout the province except for the coastal regions of James Bay and Hudson Bay. It winters in South America where it is concentrated in Peru, Ecuador and Brazil.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75)	No No open communities with sparse vegetation are known to be present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Eastern Meadowlark Sturnella magna	THR	No Status	THR	Eastern Meadowlarks breed primarily in moderately tall grasslands, such as pastures and hayfields, but are also found in alfalfa fields, weedy borders of croplands, roadsides, orchards, airports, shrubby overgrown fields, or other open areas. Small trees, shrubs or fence posts are used as elevated song perches.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1, CUS, and MAM2 with elevated song perches.	In Ontario, the Eastern Meadowlark is primarily found south of the Canadian Shield but it also inhabits the Lake Nipissing, Timiskaming and Lake of the Woods areas.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



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Birds	Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens	SC	No Status	SC	The Eastern Wood-Pewee can be found in every type of wooded community in eastern North America. The size of the forest does not appear to be an important factor in habitat selection as this species has been found in both small fragmented forests and larger forest tracks.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWD, SWM and CUW.	The Eastern Wood-Pewee Breed throughout central and eastern North America from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia south along the Atlantic Coast to North Florida and the Gulf Coast. 4	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina	SC	No Status	THR	The Wood Thrush can typically be found in the interior and along the edges of well-develoepd upland deciduous and mixed forests. Key elements of these forests include trees that are greater than 16 m in height, high variety of deciduous tree species, moderate subcanopy and shrub density, shade, fairly open forest floor, moist soils and decaying leaf litter. Wood Thrush is more likely to occur in larger forests but may also nest in 1 ha fragments and semi-wooded residential areas and parks. Smaller habitat fragments have lower fecundity when compared to larger fragments.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and FOM that are greater than 1 ha in size.	The Wood Thrush ranges across central and southern Ontario, southern Quebec, New Brunswick and southern Nova Scotia and the majority of the eastern United States.  It winters in Central American between southern Mexico and Panama.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Fish	Lake Sturgeon (Great Lakes-Upper St. Lawrence River population) Acipenser fulvescens	THR	No Status	THR	The Lake Sturgeon lives almost exclusively in freshwater lakes and rivers with soft bottoms of mud, sand or gravel. They are usually found at depths of five to 20 metres. They spawn in relatively shallow, fast-flowing water (usually below waterfalls, rapids, or dams) with gravel and boulders at the bottom. However, they will spawn in deeper water where habitat is available. They also are known to spawn on open shoals in large rivers with strong currents.  This species can be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO. Large lakes/rivers > 20m deep with soft mud, sand or gravel bottoms required.	In Ontario, the Lake Sturgeon is found in the rivers of the Hudson Bay basin, the Great Lakes basin and their major connecting waterways, including the St. Lawrence River. There are three distinct populations in Ontario: Great Lakes - Upper St. Lawrence River, Northwestern Ontario, and Southern Hudson Bay - James Bay.	Natural Heritage Information Centre Make-A-Map Application	No aquatic communities are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Insects	Monarch Danaus plexippus	SC	No Status	SC	Throughout their life cycle, Monarchs use three different types of habitat. Only the caterpillars feed on milkweed plants and are confined to meadows and open areas where milkweed grows. Adult butterflies can be found in more diverse habitats where they feed on nectar from a variety of wildflowers. Monarchs spend the winter in Oyamel Fir forests found in central Mexico.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: AI, TP and CUM where milkweed plants are present.	The Monarch's range extends from Central America to southern Canada. In Canada, Monarchs are most abundant in southern Ontario and Quebec where milkweed plants and breeding habitat are widespread. During late summer and fall, Monarchs from Ontario migrate to central Mexico where they spend the winter months. During migration, groups of Monarchs numbering in the thousands can be seen along the north shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.	Ontario Butterfly Atlas Square 17MH75	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	American Badger Taxidea taxus	END	END Schedule 1	END	In Ontario, badgers are found in a variety of habitats, such as tall grass prairie, sand barrens and farmland. These habitats provide badgers with small prey, including groundhogs, rabbits and small rodents.  This speices can typically be associated with the following ELC communiteis: TPS1, CUM1, CUS, SBO with dry sandy soil.	In Ontario, the badger is found primarily in the southwestern part of the province, close to Lake Erie in Haldimand-Norfolk County. There are also badgers in northwestern Ontario in the Thunder Bay and Rainy River Districts. Badgers can travel sizeable distances and occupy large home ranges of many square kilometres. There are thought to be fewer than 200 in Ontario.	Natural Heritage Information Centre Make-A-Map Application	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Little Brown Myotis (Bat) <i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	END	No Status	END	Bats are nocturnal. During the day they roost in trees and buildings. They often select attics, abandoned buildings and barns for summer colonies where they can raise their young. Bats can squeeze through very tiny spaces (as small as six millimetres across) and this is how they access many roosting areas.  Little brown bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines that are humid and remain above freezing. This species can typically be associated with any community where suitable roosting (i.e. caviety trees, houses, abandoned buildings, barns, etc.) habitat is available.	The little brown bat is widespread in southern Ontario and found as far north as Moose Factory and Favourable Lake. Outside Ontario, this bat is found across Canada (except in Nunavut) and most of the United States.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



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Mammals	Eastern Small-footed Myotis Myotis leibii	END	No Status	No Status	In the spring and summer, eastern small-footed bats will roost in a variety of habitats, including in or under rocks, in rock outcrops, in buildings, under bridges, or in caves, mines, or hollow trees.  These bats often change their roosting locations every day. At night, they hunt for insects to eat, including beetles, mosquitos, moths, and flies.  In the winter, these bats hibernate, most often in caves and abandoned mines. They seem to choose colder and drier sites than similar bats and will return to the same spot each year.	The eastern small-footed bat has been found from south of Georgian Bay to Lake Erie and east to the Pembroke area. There are also records from the Bruce Peninsula, the Espanola area, and Lake Superior Provincial Park. Most documented sightings are of bats in their winter hibernation sites.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Northern (Long-eared) Myotis (Bat) Myotis septentrionalis	END	No Status	END	Northern long-eared bats are associated with boreal forests, choosing to roost under loose bark and in the cavities of trees. These bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM and SWD where suitable roosting (i.e. caviety trees and trees with loose bark) habitat is available.	The northern long-eared bat is found throughout forested areas in southern Ontario, to the north shore of Lake Superior and occasionally as far north as Moosonee, and west to Lake Nipigon.  This bat is found in all Canadian provinces as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Tri-colored Bat Perimyotis subflavus	END	END Schedule	END	In Ontario, the Tri-colored Bat lives in forested habitats, forming day roosts and maternity colonies in older forest within foliage or in high tree cavities, occasionally also in bars or other structures. This species forages over water and along streams in forests. At the close of the summer season, this species congregate at a location to swarm, usually near caves, mines or underground locations where they will winter; it has a strong fidelity to its winter hibernation sites. This bat overwinters in caves, typically individually instead of as a group.	This bat is found in Southern Ontario and ranging as far north as Espanola, near Sudbury, having a scattered distribution. Its broad range sweeps from eastern North America down to Central America.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Plants	American Chestnut Castanea dentata	END	END Schedule 1	END	The American Chestnut prefers dryer upland deciduous forests with sandy, acidic to neutral soils. In Ontario, it is only found in the Carolinian Zone between Lake Erie and Lake Huron. The species grows alongside Red Oak, Black Cherry, Sugar Maple, American Beech and other deciduous tree species.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD with dry sandy soil.	The American Chestnut has almost disappeared from eastern North America due to an epidemic caused by a fungal disease called the chestnut blight (Cryphonectria parasitica). In Canada, the American Chestnut is restricted primarily to southwestern Ontario. Based on information available in 2004, it was estimated that there are 120 to 150 mature trees and 1,000 or more small, young trees in the province.	Natural Heritage Information Centre Make-A-Map Application	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Plants	Butternut Juglans cinerea	END	END Schedule 1	END	In Ontario, Butternut usually grows alone or in small groups in deciduous forests. It prefers moist, well-drained soil and is often found along streams. It is also found on well-drained gravel sites and rarely on dry rocky soil. This species does not do well in the shade, and often grows in sunny openings and near forest edges.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and mature hedgerows; Soil: dry rocky or moist (4, 5, 6) to fresh (2, 3).	Butternut can be found throughout central and eastern North America. In Canada, Butternut occurs in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. In Ontario, this species is found throughout the southwest, north to the Bruce Peninsula, and south of the Canadian Shield.	The study area lies within the known range of this species.	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Plants	Eastern Flowering Dogwood Cornus florida	END	END Schedule 1	END	Eastern Flowering Dogwood grows under taller trees in mid-age to mature deciduous or mixed forests. It most commonly grows on floodplains, slopes, bluffs and in ravines, and is also sometimes found along roadsides and fencerows.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and FOM.	In Canada, it can only be found in southern Ontario in the Carolinian Zone (the small area of Ontario southwest of Toronto to Sarnia down to the shores of Lake Erie).	Natural Heritage Information Centre Make-A-Map Application	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Plants	False Hop Sedge Carex lupuliformis	END	END Schedule 1	END	In Canada, this plant most often grows in riverine swamps and marshes, and around temporary forest ponds. It prefers open areas and areas under forest canopy openings, with lots of sunlight.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: SWD and MAS lots of sunlight.	False Hop Sedge ranges from Florida and Texas north to Quebec and Ontario. In Ontario, seven occurrences are known to persist. In Quebec, there are three persisting populations and three populations that are being restored where False Hop Sedge is believed to have been extirpated. The largest populations occur in southern Ontario.		Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



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Reptiles	Blanding's Turtle Emydoidea blandingii	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	Blanding's Turtles live in shallow water, usually in large wetlands and shallow lakes with lots of water plants. It is not unusual, though, to find them hundreds of metres from the nearest water body, especially while they are searching for a mate or traveling to a nesting site. Blanding's Turtles hibernate in the mud at the bottom of permanent water bodies from late October until the end of April.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: SWT2, SWT3, SWD, SWM, MAS2, SAS1, SAM1, where open water is present.	The Blanding's Turtle is found in and around the Great Lakes Basin, with isolated populations elsewhere in the United States and Canada. In Canada, the Blanding's Turtle is separated into the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence population and the Nova Scotia population. Blanding's Turtles can be found throughout southern, central and eastern Ontario.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH75)	No suitable aquatic habitat is present within the study area.	N / A  Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake Heterodon platirhinos	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	The Eastern Hog-nosed Snake specializes in hunting and eating toads, and usually only occurs where toads can be found. Eastern Hog-nosed Snakes prefersandy, well-drained habitats such as beaches and dry forests where they can lay their eggs and hibernate. They use their up-turned snout to dig burrows below the frost line in the sand where eggs are deposited.  This species can be associated with the following ELC codes: BBO and FOD. Sandy soils required.	The Eastern Hog-nosed Snake is only found in eastern North America, with about ten per cent of its range occurring in Canada. The Canadian population is limited to Ontario where it can be found in two areas: The Carolinian Region and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH75)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Northern Map Turtle Graptemys geographica	SC	SC Schedule 1	sc	The Northern Map Turtle inhabits rivers and lakeshores where it basks on emergent rocks and fallen trees throughout the spring and summer. In winter, the turtles hibernate on the bottom of deep, slow-moving sections of river. They require high-quality water that supports the female's mollusc prey. Their habitat must contain suitable basking sites, such as rocks and deadheads, with an unobstructed view from which a turtle can drop immediately into the water if startled.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO, SA with emergent rocks and fallen trees suitable habitat for prey.	The Northern Map Turtle's range extends from the Great Lakes region west to Oklahoma and Kansas, south to Louisiana and east to the Adirondack and Appalachian mountain barrier. There are isolated populations in New Jersey and New York states. In Canada, it is found in southwestern Quebec and southern Ontario. In southern Ontario, it lives primarily on the shores of Georgian Bay, Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and along larger rivers including the Thames, Grand and Ottawa.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH75)	No suitable aquatic habitat is present within the study area.	N / A  Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Queensnake Regina septemvittata	END	END Schedule 1	END	The Queensnake is an aquatic species that is seldom found more than a few metres from the water. It prefers rivers, streams and lakes with clear water, rocky or gravel bottoms, lots of places to hide, and an abundance of crayfish. Queensnakes will often hibernate in groups with other snakes, amphibians and even crayfish. Suitable hibernation sites (called hibernacula) include abutments of old bridges and crevices in bedrock.  This species can typically be be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO with clear water and rocky or gravel bottoms with lots of places to hide and abundance of crayfish.	In Ontario, the Queensnake is found only in the southwest in Middlesex, Brant, Huron and Essex counties, and on the Bruce Peninsula. There are fewer than 25 sites where it is known to occur in these areas.  The extremely specialized habitat requirements of the Queensnake restrict this species to particular areas, with large gaps of unfavourable habitat in between populations. The snake's home range is quite small, making Queensnakes less likely to move into new areas or areas where it was historically found.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH75)	No No suitable watercourses are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Snapping turtle Chelydra serpentina	SC	SC Schedule 1	SC	Snapping Turtles spend most of their lives in water. They prefer shallow waters so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter, with only their noses exposed to the surface to breathe. During the nesting season, from early to mid summer, females travel overland in search of a suitable nesting site, usually gravelly or sandy areas along streams. Snapping Turtles often take advantage of man-made structures for nest sites, including roads (especially gravel shoulders), dams and aggregate pits.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO, SA near gravelly or sandy areas.	The Snapping Turtle's range extends from Ecuador to Canada. In Canada this turtle can be found from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia. It is primarily limited to the southern part of Ontario. The Snapping Turtle's range is contracting.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH75)	No suitable aquatic habitat is present within the study area.	N / A  Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.





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Birds	Bank Swallow Riparia riparia	THR	No Status	THR	Bank swallows nest in burrows in natural and human-made settings where there are vertical faces in silt and sand deposits. Many nests are on banks of rivers and lakes, but they are also found in active sand and gravel pits or former ones where the banks remain suitable. The birds breed in colonies ranging from several to a few thousand pairs.	The bank swallow is found all across southern Ontario, with sparser populations scattered across northern Ontario. The largest populations are found along the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario shorelines, and the Saugeen River (which flows into Lake Huron).	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Exposed human-made banks were observed within the study area.	Yes Exposed banks were observed in 2015.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015 / 2016.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Birds	Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica	THR	No Status		Barn Swallows often live in close association with humans, building their cup-shaped mud nests almost exclusively on human-made structures such as open barns, under bridges and in culverts. The species is attracted to open structures that include ledges where they can build their nests, which are often re-used from year to year. They prefer unpainted, rough-cut wood, since the mud does not adhere as well to smooth surfaces.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, CUM1, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1; containing or adjacent structures that are suitable for nesting.	range as far north as Hudson Bay, wherever suitable locations for nests exist.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015) Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Open agricultural fields present within the study area provide foraging habitat. No nesting habitat was identified within the study area.	Yes Cultural meadow communities providing foraging habitat were identified in 2015.  Yes This species was observed foraging over the study area during field investigations completed in 2015. No nesting habitat was identified.	This species was observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015). Suitable foraging habitat for this species was identified, but no suitable nesting habitat was identified. Protected habitat is centered around nesting sites.  No further action is required.
Birds	Bobolink Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR	No Status	THR	Historically, Bobolinks lived in North American tallgrass prairie and other open meadows. With the clearing of native prairies, Bobolinks moved to living in hayfields. Bobolinks often build their small nests on the ground in dense grasses. Both parents usually tend to their young, sometimes with a third Bobolink helping.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1 and MAM2.	The Bobolink breeds across North America. In Ontario, it is widely distributed throughout most of the province south of the boreal forest, although it may be found in the north where suitable habitat exists.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	No  Open agricultural fields were identified within the study area but were high in forb composition and unlikely to provide suitable habitat for this species.	No Cultural meadow communities were identified in 2015 but were of unsuitable composition.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was not identified.  No further action is required.
Birds	Chimney Swift Chaetura pelagica	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	Before European settlement Chimney Swifts mainly nested on cave walls and in hollow trees or tree cavities in old growth forests. Today, they are more likely to be found in and around urban settlements where they nest and roost (rest or sleep) in chimneys and other manmade structures. They also tend to stay close to water as this is where the flying insects they eat congregate.  Foraging habitat for this species can be associated with the following ELC codes: TPO, CUM1, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1 containing or adjacent structures with suitable nesitng habitat (i.e. chimneys).	The Chimney Swift breeds in eastern North America, possibly as far north as southern Newfoundland. In Ontario, it is most widely distributed in the Carolinian zone in the south and southwest of the province, but has been detected throughout most of the province south of the 49th parallel. It winters in northwestern South America.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Cultural meadow communities were identified within the study area. No buildings with chimneys are present.	Yes Cultural meadow communities identified in 2015 provide suitable foraging habitat. No nesting habitat was identified.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015). Suitable foraging habitat for this species was identified, but no suitable nesting habitat was identified. Protected habitat is centered around nesting sites.  No further action is required.



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Birds	Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor	SC	THR Schedule 1	THR	Traditional Common Nighthawk habitat consists of open areas with little to no ground vegetation, such as logged or burned-over areas, forest clearings, rock barrens, peat bogs, lakeshores, and mine tailings. Although the species also nests in cultivated fields, orchards, urban parks, mine tailings and along gravel roads and railways, they tend to occupy natural sites.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communitiesdes: SD, BB, RB, CUM, BO, FOM, FOC and FOD with openings with little vegetation.	The range of the Common Nighthawk spans most of North and Central America. In Canada, the species is found in all provinces and territories except Nunavut. In Ontario, the Common Nighthawk occurs throughout the province except for the coastal regions of James Bay and Hudson Bay. It winters in South America where it is concentrated in Peru, Ecuador and Brazil.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015) Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Cultural meadow communities were identified within the study area.	Yes Cultural meadow communities identified in 2015 provide suitable foraging habitat. No nesting habitat was identified.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015), however crepuscular surveys were not completed. Suitable foraging habitat for this species was identified, but no suitable nesting habitat was identified.  No further action is required.
Birds	Eastern Meadowlark Sturnella magna	THR	No Status	THR	Eastern Meadowlarks breed primarily in moderately tall grasslands, such as pastures and hayfields, but are also found in alfalfa fields, weedy borders of croplands, roadsides, orchards, airports, shrubby overgrown fields, or other open areas. Small trees, shrubs or fence posts are used as elevated song perches.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1, CUS, and MAM2 with elevated song perches.	In Ontario, the Eastern Meadowlark is primarily found south of the Canadian Shield but it also inhabits the Lake Nipissing, Timiskaming and Lake of the Woods areas.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015) Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Cultural meadow and meadow marsh communities were identified within the study area.	Yes Cultural meadow and meadow marsh communities identified in 2015 provide suitable habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Birds	Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens	SC	No Status	sc	The Eastern Wood-Pewee can be found in every type of wooded community in eastern North America. The size of the forest does not appear to be an important factor in habitat selection as this species has been found in both small fragmented forests and larger forest tracks.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWD, SWM and CUW.	America from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia south along the Atlantic Coast to North Florida and the Gulf Coast. 4	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Forest and swamp communities were identified within the study area.	Yes Deciduous forest, deciduous swamp and cultural woodland communities identified in 2015 provide suitable habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Birds	Grasshopper Sparrow Ammodramus savannarum	SC	SC Schedule 1	SC	Grasshopper Sparrows inhabit open grassland areas with well-drained, sandy soil. They will also nest in hayfields and pasture, as well as alvars, prairies and occasionally grain crops such as barley. They prefers areas that are sparsely vegetated. Its nests are well-hidden in the field and woven from grasses in a small cup-like shape.	The Grasshopper Sparrow can be found throughout southern Ontario, but only occasionally on the Canadian Shield. It is most common where grasslands, hay or pasture dominate the landscape.  The Grasshopper Sparrow is a short-distance migrant and leaves Ontario in the fall to migrate to the southestern United States and Central America for the winter.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	No No grassland habitat was identified within the study area.	No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. Suitable habitat was not identified.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was not identified.  No further action is required.



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Birds	Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus	SC	THR Schedule 1	THR	The Red-headed Woodpecker lives in open woodland and woodland edges, and is often found in parks, golf courses and cemeteries. These areas typically have many dead trees, which the bird uses for nesting and perching. This woodpecker regularly winters in the United States, moving to locations where it can find sufficient acorns and beechnuts to eat. A few of these birds will stay the winter in woodlands in southern Ontario if there are adequate supplies of nuts.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPS, TPW, CUW, FOD1, FOD2, FOD4-1, FOD6, FOD7, and FOD9 that are open and have an abundance of dead trees.	it is widespread but rare. Outside Ontario, it lives in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec, and is relatively common in the United States.		Yes  Cultural woodland and deciduous forest communities were identified within the study area.	Yes Cultural woodland and deciduous forest communities identified in 2015 provide suitable habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Birds	Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina	SC	No Status	THR	The Wood Thrush can typically be found in the interior and along the edges of well-develoepd upland deciduous and mixed forests. Key elements of these forests include trees that are greater than 16 m in height, high variety of deciduous tree species, moderate subcanopy and shrub density, shade, fairly open forest floor, moist soils and decaying leaf litter. Wood Thrush is more likely to occur in larger forests but may also nest in 1 ha fragments and semi-wooded residential areas and parks. Smaller habitat fragments have lower fecundity when compared to larger fragments.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and FOM that are greater than 1 ha in size.	The Wood Thrush ranges across central and southern Ontario, southern Quebec, New Brunswick and southern Nova Scotia and the majority of the eastern United States.  It winters in Central American between southern Mexico and Panama.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015) Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Deciduous forest communities were identified within the sudy area.	Yes Deciduous forest communities identified in 2015 provide suitable habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Fish	Silver Shiner Notropis photogenis	THR	SC Schedule 3		Silver Shiners prefer moderate to large size streams with swift currents that are free of weeds and have clean gravel or boulder bottoms. They live in schools and feed on crustaceans and adult flies that fall in the water or fly just above the surface. In June or July, they spawn by scattering their eggs over gravel riffles.  This species can typically be associated with the follwoing ELC communities: OAO charachterized as moderate to large streams with swift currents, no weeds and gravel or boulder substrates.	The Silver Shiner range includes east-central North America throughout the Ohio and Tennessee River drainage basins. In Ontario, it is found in the Thames and Grand Rivers, and in Bronte Creek and Sixteen Mile Creek, which flow into Lake Ontario.	NHIC Map Tool (Square 17MH8565)	No  Open aquatic communities are not present within the study area.	No This species was not observed during aquatic surveys completed in 2015.  No Suitable habitat was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Insects	Monarch Danaus plexippus	SC	No Status	SC	Throughout their life cycle, Monarchs use three different types of habitat. Only the caterpillars feed on milkweed plants and are confined to meadows and open areas where milkweed grows. Adult butterflies can be found in more diverse habitats where they feed on nectar from a variety of wildflowers. Monarchs spend the winter in Oyamel Fir forests found in central Mexico.  This species cany typically be associated with the following ELC communities: AL, TP and CUM where milkweed plants are present.	The Monarch's range extends from Central America to southern Canada. In Canada, Monarchs are most abundant in southern Ontario and Quebec where milkweed plants and breeding habitat are widespread. During late summer and fall, Monarchs from Ontario migrate to central Mexico where they spend the winter months. During migration, groups of Monarchs numbering in the thousands can be seen along the north shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015) Ontario Butterfly Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Cultural meadow communities were identified within the study area.	Yes Cultural meadow communities identified in 2015 contain milkweed and provide suitable habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was identified.  Any vegetation removal should be conducted outside of the breeding and larvel period (summer). Vegetation planting following construction should include milkweed to replace lost habitat.



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Mammals	Little Brown Myotis (Bat) Myotis lucifugus	END	No Status	END	Bats are nocturnal. During the day they roost in trees and buildings. They often select attics, abandoned buildings and barns for summer colonies where they can raise their young. Bats can squeeze through very tiny spaces (as small as six millimetres across) and this is how they access many roosting areas.  Little brown bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines that are humid and remain above freezing. This species can typically be associated with any community where suitable roosting (i.e. caviety trees, houses, abandoned buildings, barns, etc.) habitat is available.	The little brown bat is widespread in southern Ontario and found as fa north as Moose Factory and Favourable Lake. Outside Ontario, this bat is found across Canada (except in Nunavut) and most of the United States.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities were identified within the study area.	Candidate  Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities provide potential habitat.  No  This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. However, speciesspecific surveys were not completed.	This species was not observed during field investigations (AECOM 2015). If tree removal is required, a bat habitat assessment is recommended to confirm the presence / absence of suitable habitat.
Mammals	Eastern Small-footed Myotis <i>Myotis leibii</i>	END	No Status	No Status	In the spring and summer, eastern small-footed bats will roost in a variety of habitats, including in or under rocks, in rock outcrops, in buildings, under bridges, or in caves, mines, or hollow trees.  These bats often change their roosting locations every day. At night, they hunt for insects to eat, including beetles, mosquitos, moths, and flies.  In the winter, these bats hibernate, most often in caves and abandoned mines. They seem to choose colder and drier sites than similar bats and will return to the same spot each year.	The eastern small-footed bat has been found from south of Georgian Bay to Lake Erie and east to the Pembroke area. There are also records from the Bruce Peninsula, the Espanola area, and Lake Superior Provincial Park. Most documented sightings are of bats in their winter hibernation sites.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities were identified within the study area.	Candidate Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities provide potential habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. However, species-specific surveys were not completed.	This species was not observed during field investigations (AECOM 2015). If tree removal is required, a bat habitat assessment is recommended to confirm the presence / absence of suitable habitat.
Mammals	Northern (Long-eared) Myotis (Bat) Myotis septentrionalis	END	No Status	END	Northern long-eared bats are associated with boreal forests, choosing to roost under loose bark and in the cavities of trees. These bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM and SWD where suitable roosting (i.e. caviety trees and trees with loose bark) habitat is available.	The northern long-eared bat is found throughout forested areas in southern Ontario, to the north shore of Lake Superior and occasionally as far north as Moosonee, and west to Lake Nipigon.  This bat is found in all Canadian provinces as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities were identified within the study area.	Candidate Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities provide potential habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. However, speciesspecific surveys were not completed.	This species was not observed during field investigations (AECOM 2015). If tree removal is required, a bat habitat assessment is recommended to confirm the presence / absence of suitable habitat.
Mammals	Tri-colored Bat Perimyotis subflavus	END	END Schedule 1	END	During the summer, the Tri-colored Bat is found in a variety of forested habitats. It forms day roosts and maternity colonies in older forest and occasionally in barns or other structures. They forage over water and along streams in the forest. Tri-colored Bats eat flying insects and spiders gleaned from webs. At the end of the summer they travel to a location where they swarm; it is generally near the cave or underground location where they will overwinter. They overwinter in caves where they typically roost by themselves rather than part of a group.	This bat is found in southern Ontario and as far north as Espanola near Sudbury. Because it is very rare, it has a scattered distribution. It is also found from eastern North America down to Central America.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities were identified within the study area.	Candidate Deciduous forest and deciduous swamp communities provide potential habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. However, species-specific surveys were not completed.	This species was not observed during field investigations (AECOM 2015). If tree removal is required, a bat habitat assessment is recommended to confirm the presence / absence of suitable habitat.



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Plants	Bird's-foot Violet Viola pedata	END	END Schedule 1	END	In Ontario, Bird's-foot Violet is found only in black oak savanna, a very rare vegetation type having widely spaced open-grown trees with an understorey of tallgrass prairie herbs. Natural disturbances caused by drought or fire are important for removing trees and shrubs that would otherwise shade out the tiny Bird's-foot Violet.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPS1-1 and TPW1-1.	In Canada, Bird's-foot Violet is found only in southern Ontario at a handful of sites. In 2001, the population was estimated to be fewer than 7,000 plants at only five locations.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  NHIC Map Tool (Squares 17MH8563, 17MH8564, 17MH8664)	No No tallgrass prairie communities were identified within the study area.	No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. Suitable habitat was not identified.	This species was not observed during floral inventories (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was not identified.  No further action is required.
Plants	Butternut Juglans cinerea	END	END Schedule	END	In Ontario, Butternut usually grows alone or in small groups in deciduous forests. It prefers moist, well-drained soil and is often found along streams. It is also found on well-drained gravel sites and rarely on dry rocky soil. This species does not do well in the shade, and often grows in sunny openings and near forest edges.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and mature hedgerows; Soil: dry rocky or moist (4, 5, 6) to fresh (2, 3).	Butternut can be found throughout central and eastern North America. In Canada, Butternut occurs in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. In Ontario, this species is found throughout the southwest, north to the Bruce Peninsula, and south of the Canadian Shield.	The study area lies within the known range of this species.	Yes  Deciduous forest communities were identified within the study area.	Yes Deciduous forest communities provide suitable habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during floral inventories (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Plants	Drooping Trillium Trillium flexipes	END	END Schedule 1	END	Drooping Trillium grows on damp sandy soil in mature, deciduous forests that are usually close to a river or stream. It is found in Carolinian forests with Maple, White Ash, Basswood, Hackberry, White Elm, and Blue Ash trees. It shares the forest floor with other native plants including Ostrich Fern, Wild Ginger and Jack-in-the-pulpit.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD4-2, FOD4-3, FOD5, FOD6 and FOD7 that are mature and have sandy soils, typically near a river or stream with the associate species listed above.	In Canada, Drooping Trillium only grows in southwestern Ontario in the warmer climate of the Carolinian forest. There were once six known locations in the province, but today there are only two. A total of 1465 flower stems were reported in 2007. Both populations along the Sydenham River in Middlesex County and along the Thames River in Elgin County are believed to be reproducing successfully.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  NHIC Map Tool (Square 17MH8563, 17MH8564, 17MH8664)	Yes  A deciduous forest (FOD6) community was identified within the study area.	Yes A deciduous forest community (FOD6) identified in 2015 provides suitable habitat.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during floral inventories (AECOM 2015).  No further action is required.
Reptiles	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake Heterodon platirhinos	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	The Eastern Hog-nosed Snake specializes in hunting and eating toads, and usually only occurs where toads can be found. Eastern Hog-nosed Snakes prefer sandy, well-drained habitats such as beaches and dry forests where they can lay their eggs and hibernate. They use their up-turned snout to dig burrows below the frost line in the sand where eggs are deposited.  This species can be associated with the following ELC codes: BBO and FOD. Sandy soils required.	The Eastern Hog-nosed Snake is only found in eastern North America, with about ten per cent of its range occurring in Canada. The Canadian population is limited to Ontario where it can be found in two areas: The Carolinian Region and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Ontario Nature Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  Deciduous forest communities were identified within the study area.	No Forest communities identified in 2015 are too moist to support this species.  No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015).  No furtther action is required.



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Reptiles	Eastern Ribbonsnake Thamnophis sauritus	SC	SC Schedule 1	SC	The Eastern Ribbonsnake is usually found close to water, especially in marshes, where it hunts for frogs and small fish. A good swimmer, it will dive in shallow water, especially if it is fleeing from a potential predator. At the onset of cold weather, these snakes congregate in underground burrows or rock crevices to hibernate together.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM, SWD, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS, SAM and SAF containing or near year round standing or flowing water.	The Eastern Ribbonsnake is found from southern Ontario west to Michigan and Wisconsin (isolated pockets), south to Illinois and Ohio, and east to New York State and Nova Scotia, where there is an isolated population. In Ontario, this snake occurs throughout southern and eastern Ontario and is locally common in parts of the Bruce Peninsula, Georgian Bay and eastern Ontario.		Yes  Deciduous forest, deciduos swamp and meadow marsh communities were identified within the study area.	suitable habitat. The swamp	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was not identified.  No further actions are required.
Reptiles	Northern Map Turtle Graptemys geographica	SC	SC Schedule 1	sc	The Northern Map Turtle inhabits rivers and lakeshores where it basks on emergent rocks and fallen trees throughout the spring and summer. In winter, the turtles hibernate on the bottom of deep, slow-moving sections of river. They require high-quality water that supports the female's mollusc prey. Their habitat must contain suitable basking sites, such as rocks and deadheads, with an unobstructed view from which a turtle can drop immediately into the water if startled.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO, SA with emergent rocks, fallen trees and suitable habitat for prey.	The Northern Map Turtle's range extends from the Great Lakes regior west to Oklahoma and Kansas, south to Louisiana and east to the Adirondack and Appalachian mountain barrier. There are isolated populations in New Jersey and New York states. In Canada, it is found in southwestern Quebec and southern Ontario. In southern Ontario, it lives primarily on the shores of Georgian Bay, Lake St. Clair, Lake Eric and Lake Ontario, and along larger rivers including the Thames, Grand and Ottawa.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)	No Suitable habitat was not identified within the study area.	No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. Suitable habitat was not identified.	This species was not observed during field investigations (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was not identified.  No further action is required.
Reptiles	Queensnake Regina septemvittata	END	END Schedule 1	END	The Queensnake is an aquatic species that is seldom found more than a few metres from the water. It prefers rivers, streams and lakes with clear water, rocky or gravel bottoms, lots of places to hide, and an abundance of crayfish. Queensnakes will often hibernate in groups with other snakes, amphibians and even crayfish. Suitable hibernation sites (called hibernacula) include abutments of old bridges and crevices in bedrock.  This species can typically be be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO with clear water and rocky or gravel bottoms with lots of places to hide and abundance of crayfish.	In Ontario, the Queensnake is found only in the southwest in Middlesex, Brant, Huron and Essex counties, and on the Bruce Peninsula. There are fewer than 25 sites where it is known to occur in these areas.  The extremely specialized habitat requirements of the Queensnake restrict this species to particular areas, with large gaps of unfavourable habitat in between populations. The snake's home range is quite smal making Queensnakes less likely to move into new areas or areas where it was historically found.	- Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)	identified within the study area.	No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. Suitable habitat was not identified.	This species was not observed during species-specific surveys (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was not identified.  No further action is required.
Reptiles	Snapping Turtle Chelydra serpentina	SC	SC Schedule 1	SC	Snapping Turtles spend most of their lives in water. They prefer shallow waters so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter, with only their noses exposed to the surface to breathe. During the nesting season, from early to mid summer, females travel overland in search of a suitable nesting site, usually gravelly or sandy areas along streams. Snapping Turtles often take advantage of man-made structures for nest sites, including roads (especially gravel shoulders), dams and aggregate pits.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO, SA near gravelly or sandy areas.	The Snapping Turtle's range extends from Ecuador to Canada. In Canada this turtle can be found from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia. It is primarily limited to the southern part of Ontario. The Snapping Turtle's range is contracting.	North Huron Industrial Lands - Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)  Ontario Nature Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH86)	Yes  A small pond was identified within the study area.	is too small to sustain a population of this species.  Yes  This species was observed at the pond during field	This species was observed during field investigations (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was identified.  Should proposed works be required adjacent to the pond, exclusionary fencing may be required. Additionally, a relocation plan may be required.



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Reptiles	Spiny Softshell Apalone spinifera	THR	THR Schedule 1		Spiny Softshells are highly aquatic turtles that rarely travel far from water. They are found primarily in rivers and lakes but also in creeks and even ditches and ponds near rivers. Key habitat requirements are open sand or gravel nesting areas, shallow muddy or sandy areas to bury in, deep pools for hibernation, areas for basking, and suitable habitat for crayfish and other food species. These habitat features may be distributed over an extensive area, as long as the intervening habitat doesn't prevent the turtles from traveling between them.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO charaterized as rivers with nearby open sand or gravel nesting areas, shallow muddy or sandy substrates, deep pools, basking areas and suitable habitat for food species.	southwestern Ontario in the Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie and western Lake Ontario watersheds. The majority of Spiny Softshells in Ontario	- Subject Lands Status Report (AECOM 2015)	No Suitable riverine habitat was not identified within the study area.	No This species was not observed during field investigations completed in 2015. Suitable habitat was not identified.	This species was not observed during field investigations (AECOM 2015). Suitable habitat for this species was not identified.  No further action is required.





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Birds	Bank Swallow Riparia riparia	THR	No Status	THR	Bank swallows nest in burrows in natural and human-made settings where there are vertical faces in silt and sand deposits. Many nests are on banks of rivers and lakes, but they are also found in active sand and gravel pits or former ones where the banks remain suitable. The birds breed in colonies ranging from several to a few thousand pairs.	The bank swallow is found all across southern Ontario, with sparser populations scattered across northern Ontario. The largest populations are found along the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario shorelines, and the Saugeen River (which flows into Lake Huron).	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH84)	No Suitable habitat is not known to be present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica	THR	No Status	THR	Barn Swallows often live in close association with humans, building their cup-shaped mud nests almost exclusively on human-made structures such as open barns, under bridges and in culverts. The species is attracted to open structures that include ledges where they can build their nests, which are often re-used from year to year. They prefer unpainted, rough-cut wood, since the mud does not adhere as well to smooth surfaces.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, CUM1, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1; containing or adjacent structures that are suitable for nesting.	range as far north as Hudson Bay, wherever suitable locations for	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH84)	Yes  Open field within the study area provide suitable foraging habitat. No nesting habitat is known to be present.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Bobolink Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR	No Status	THR	Historically, Bobolinks lived in North American tallgrass prairie and other open meadows. With the clearing of native prairies, Bobolinks moved to living in hayfields. Bobolinks often build their small nests on the ground in dense grasses. Both parents usually tend to their young, sometimes with a third Bobolink helping.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1 and MAM2.	The Bobolink breeds across North America. In Ontario, it is widely distributed throughout most of the province south of the boreal forest, although it may be found in the north where suitable habitat exists.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH84)	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Eastern Meadowlark Sturnella magna	THR	No Status	THR	Eastern Meadowlarks breed primarily in moderately tall grasslands, such as pastures and hayfields, but are also found in alfalfa fields, weedy borders of croplands, roadsides, orchards, airports, shrubby overgrown fields, or other open areas. Small trees, shrubs or fence posts are used as elevated song perches.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1, CUS, and MAM2 with elevated song perches.	In Ontario, the Eastern Meadowlark is primarily found south of the Canadian Shield but it also inhabits the Lake Nipissing, Timiskaming and Lake of the Woods areas.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH84)	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens	sc	No Status	SC	The Eastern Wood-Pewee can be found in every type of wooded community in eastern North America. The size of the forest does not appear to be an important factor in habitat selection as this species has been found in both small fragmented forests and larger forest tracks.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWD, SWM and CUW.	The Eastern Wood-Pewee Breed throughout central and eastern North America from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia south along the Atlantic Coast to North Florida and the Gulf Coast. 4	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH84)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera	SC	THR Schedule 1	THR	Golden-winged Warblers prefer to nest in areas with young shrubs surrounded by mature forest – locations that have recently been disturbed, such as field edges, hydro or utility right-of-ways, or logged areas.	The Golden-winged Warbler is found in southern Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec, as well as the north-eastern United States. In Ontario, these birds breed in central-eastern Ontario, as far south as Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, and as far north as the northern edge of Georgian Bay. Golden-winged Warblers have also been found in the Lake of the Woods area near the Manitoba border, and around Long Point on Lake Erie.  Golden-winged Warblers spend the winter in Central America, some Caribbean islands, and the northern part of South America.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH84)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands adjacent to open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



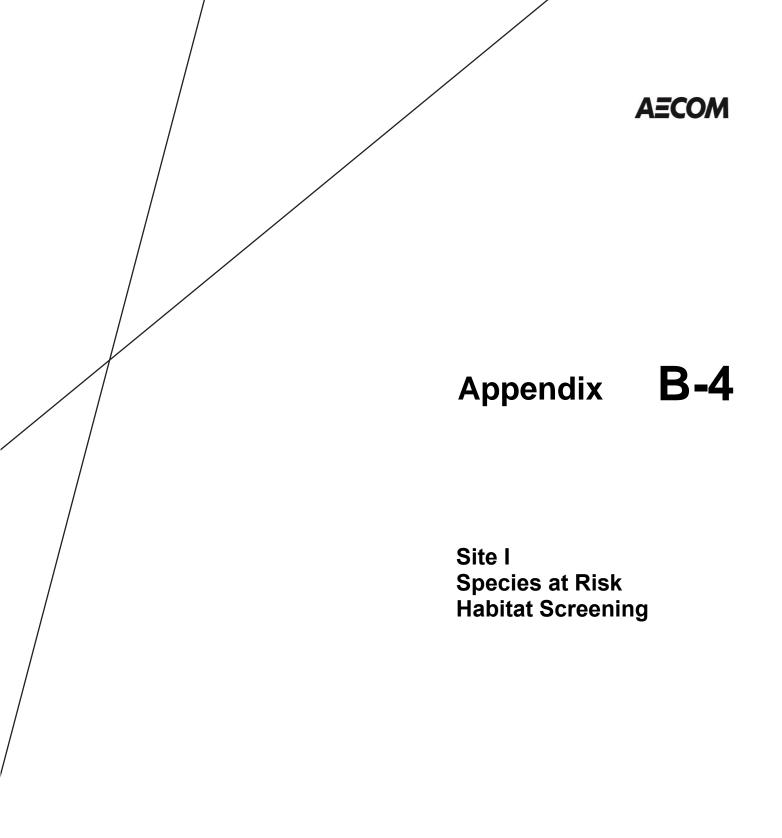
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Birds	Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus	SC	THR Schedule 1	THR	The Red-headed Woodpecker lives in open woodland and woodland edges, and is often found in parks, golf courses and cemeteries. These areas typically have many dead trees, which the bird uses for nesting and perching. This woodpecker regularly winters in the United States, moving to locations where it can find sufficient acorns and beechnuts to eat. A few of these birds will stay the winter in woodlands in southern Ontario if there are adequate supplies of nuts.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPS, TPW, CUW, FOD1, FOD2, FOD4.	The Red-headed Woodpecker is found across southern Ontario, where it is widespread but rare. Outside Ontario, it lives in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec, and is relatively common in the United States.		Yes  Deciduous woodlands adjacent to open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina	SC	No Status	THR	The Wood Thrush can typically be found in the interior and along the edges of well-develoepd upland deciduous and mixed forests. Key elements of these forests include trees that are greater than 16 m in height, high variety of deciduous tree species, moderate subcanopy and shrub density, shade, fairly open forest floor, moist soils and decaying leaf litter. Wood Thrush is more likely to occur in larger forests but may also nest in 1 ha fragments and semi-wooded residential areas and parks. Smaller habitat fragments have lower fecundity when compared to larger fragments.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and FOM that are greater than 1 ha in size.	The Wood Thrush ranges across central and southern Ontario, southern Quebec, New Brunswick and southern Nova Scotia and the majority of the eastern United States.  It winters in Central American between southern Mexico and Panama.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH84)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Little Brown Myotis (Bat) Myotis lucifugus	END	No Status	END	Bats are nocturnal. During the day they roost in trees and buildings. They often select attics, abandoned buildings and barns for summer colonies where they can raise their young. Bats can squeeze through very tiny spaces (as small as six millimetres across) and this is how they access many roosting areas.  Little brown bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines that are humid and remain above freezing. This species can typically be associated with any community where suitable roosting (i.e. caviety trees, houses, abandoned buildings, barns, etc.) habitat is available.	The little brown bat is widespread in southern Ontario and found as far north as Moose Factory and Favourable Lake. Outside Ontario, this bat is found across Canada (except in Nunavut) and most of the United States.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	present within the study	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Eastern Small-footed Myotis Myotis leibii	END	No Status	No Status	In the spring and summer, eastern small-footed bats will roost in a variety of habitats, including in or under rocks, in rock outcrops, in buildings, under bridges, or in caves, mines, or hollow trees.  These bats often change their roosting locations every day. At night, they hunt for insects to eat, including beetles, mosquitos, moths, and flies.  In the winter, these bats hibernate, most often in caves and abandoned mines. They seem to choose colder and drier sites than similar bats and will return to the same spot each year.	The eastern small-footed bat has been found from south of Georgian Bay to Lake Erie and east to the Pembroke area. There are also records from the Bruce Peninsula, the Espanola area, and Lake Superior Provincial Park. Most documented sightings are of bats in their winter hibernation sites.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	present within the study	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Northern (Long-eared) Myotis (Bat) Myotis septentrionalis	END	No Status	END	Northern long-eared bats are associated with boreal forests, choosing to roost under loose bark and in the cavities of trees. These bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM and SWD where suitable roosting (i.e. cavity trees and trees with loose bark) habitat is available.		Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Tri-colored Bat Perimyotis subflavus	END	END Schedule 1	END	In Ontario, the Tri-colored Bat lives in forested habitats, forming day roosts and maternity colonies in older forest within foliage or in high tree cavities, occasionally also in bars or other structures. This species forages over water and along streams in forests. At the close of the summer season, this species congregate at a location to swarm, usually near caves, mines or underground locations where they will winter; it has a strong fidelity to its winter hibernation sites. This bat overwinters in caves, typically individually instead of as a group.	This bat is found in Southern Ontario and ranging as far north as Espanola, near Sudbury, having a scattered distribution. Its broad range sweeps from eastern North America down to Central America.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.

# **Appendix B-3.** Species at Risk Habitat Screening Water Storage Options Environmental Assessment - Site G

City of London



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Plants	Butternut Juglans cinerea	END	END Schedule 1	END	In Ontario, Butternut usually grows alone or in small groups in deciduous forests. It prefers moist, well-drained soil and is often found along streams. It is also found on well-drained gravel sites and rarely on dry rocky soil. This species does not do well in the shade, and often grows in sunny openings and near forest edges.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and mature hedgerows; Soil: dry rocky or moist (4, 5, 6) to fresh (2, 3).	Butternut can be found throughout central and eastern North America. In Canada, Butternut occurs in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. In Ontario, this species is found throughout the southwest, north to the Bruce Peninsula, and south of the Canadian Shield.	The study area lies within the known range of this species.	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Eastern Ribbonsnake Thamnophis sauritus	sc	SC Schedule 1	SC	The Eastern Ribbonsnake is usually found close to water, especially in marshes, where it hunts for frogs and small fish. A good swimmer, it will dive in shallow water, especially if it is fleeing from a potential predator. At the onset of cold weather, these snakes congregate in underground burrows or rock crevices to hibernate together.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM, SWD, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS, SAM and SAF containing or near year round standing or flowing water.	The Eastern Ribbon Snake is found from southern Ontario west to Michigan and Wisconsin (isolated pockets), south to Illinois and Ohio, and east to New York State and Nova Scotia, where there is an isolated population. In Ontario, this snake occurs throughout southern and eastern Ontario and is locally common in parts of the Bruce Peninsula, Georgian Bay and eastern Ontario.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH84)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Snapping turtle Chelydra serpentina	SC	SC Schedule 1	SC	Snapping Turtles spend most of their lives in water. They prefer shallow waters so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter, with only their noses exposed to the surface to breathe. During the nesting season, from early to mid summer, females travel overland in search of a suitable nesting site, usually gravelly or sandy areas along streams.  Snapping Turtles often take advantage of man-made structures for nest sites, including roads (especially gravel shoulders), dams and aggregate pits.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO, SA near gravelly or sandy areas.	The Snapping Turtle's range extends from Ecuador to Canada. In Canada this turtle can be found from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia. It is primarily limited to the southern part of Ontario. The Snapping Turtle's range is contracting.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH84)	No  No suitable aquatic habitat is  present within the study  area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.





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Birds	Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica	THR	No Status	THR	Barn Swallows often live in close association with humans, building their cup-shaped mud nests almost exclusively on human-made structures such as open barns, under bridges and in culverts. The species is attracted to open structures that include ledges where they can build their nests, which are often re-used from year to year. They prefer unpainted, rough-cut wood, since the mud does not adhere as well to smooth surfaces.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, CUM1, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1; containing or adjacent structures that are suitable for nesting.	The Barn Swallow may be found throughout southern Ontario and can range as far north as Hudson Bay, wherever suitable locations for nests exist.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	Yes  Open fields within the study area provide suitable foraging habitat. No nesting habitat is known to be present.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Black Tern Chlidonias niger	SC	No Status	Not at Risk	Black Terns build floating nests in loose colonies in shallow marshes, especially in cattails. In winter they migrate to the coast of northern South America.  Nesting habitat for this species can be associated with the following ELC communities: MAS2-1 and OAO. These two communities must be present immediatly adjacent each other and with sufficient water to provide suitable habitat.	In Ontario, Black Terns are found scattered throughout the province, but breed mainly in the marshes along the edges of the Great Lakes.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	No  No cattail marshes or aquatic communities are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Bobolink Dolichonyx oryzivorus	THR	No Status	THR	Historically, Bobolinks lived in North American tallgrass prairie and other open meadows. With the clearing of native prairies, Bobolinks moved to living in hayfields. Bobolinks often build their small nests on the ground in dense grasses. Both parents usually tend to their young, sometimes with a third Bobolink helping.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1 and MAM2.	The Bobolink breeds across North America. In Ontario, it is widely distributed throughout most of the province south of the boreal forest, although it may be found in the north where suitable habitat exists.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Chimney swift Chaetura pelagica	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	Before European settlement Chimney Swifts mainly nested on cave walls and in hollow trees or tree cavities in old growth forests. Today, they are more likely to be found in and around urban settlements where they nest and roost (rest or sleep) in chimneys and other manmade structures. They also tend to stay close to water as this is where the flying insects they eat congregate.  Foraging habitat for this species can be associated with the following ELC codes: TPO, CUM1, MAM, MAS, OAO, SAS1, SAM1, SAF1 containing or adjacent structures with suitable nesitng habitat (i.e. chimneys).	The Chimney Swift breeds in eastern North America, possibly as far north as southern Newfoundland. In Ontario, it is most widely distributed in the Carolinian zone in the south and southwest of the province, but has been detected throughout most of the province south of the 49th parallel. It winters in northwestern South America.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	Yes  Residential buildings adjacent to the study area may provide suitable nesting habitat.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Common Nighthawk Chordeiles minor	SC	THR Schedule 1	THR	Traditional Common Nighthawk habitat consists of open areas with little to no ground vegetation, such as logged or burned-over areas, forest clearings, rock barrens, peat bogs, lakeshores, and mine tailings. Although the species also nests in cultivated fields, orchards, urban parks, mine tailings and along gravel roads and railways, they tend to occupy natural sites.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: SD, BB, RB, CUM, BO, FOM, FOC and FOD with openings with little vegetation.	The range of the Common Nighthawk spans most of North and Central America. In Canada, the species is found in all provinces and territories except Nunavut. In Ontario, the Common Nighthawk occurs throughout the province except for the coastal regions of James Bay and Hudson Bay. It winters in South America where it is concentrated in Peru, Ecuador and Brazil.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	No No open communities with sparse vegetation are known to be present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Eastern Meadowlark Sturnella magna	THR	No Status	THR	Eastern Meadowlarks breed primarily in moderately tall grasslands, such as pastures and hayfields, but are also found in alfalfa fields, weedy borders of croplands, roadsides, orchards, airports, shrubby overgrown fields, or other open areas. Small trees, shrubs or fence posts are used as elevated song perches.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM1, CUS, and MAM2 with elevated song perches.	In Ontario, the Eastern Meadowlark is primarily found south of the Canadian Shield but it also inhabits the Lake Nipissing, Timiskaming and Lake of the Woods areas.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens	SC	No Status	SC	The Eastern Wood-Pewee can be found in every type of wooded community in eastern North America. The size of the forest does not appear to be an important factor in habitat selection as this species has been found in both small fragmented forests and larger forest tracks.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWD, SWM and CUW.	The Eastern Wood-Pewee Breed throughout central and eastern North America from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia south along the Atlantic Coast to North Florida and the Gulf Coast. <sup>4</sup>	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



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Birds	Northern Bobwhite Colinus virginianus	END	END Schedule 1	END	Northern Bobwhites live in savannahs, grasslands, around abandoned farm fields, along brushy fencerows and other similar sites. Grasslands that are occasionally burned are particularly important because the fires help keep the habitat from becoming too forested. In such places, bobwhites can find most of their needs such as food, nesting cover, and places to hide and rest throughout the year. In severe winter conditions bobwhites sometimes need to move into small forest areas to find snow-free areas for foraging. Bobwhites lay up to 16 eggs in a shallow natural depression that they line with plant material and conceal with grasses and vines.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: TPO, TPS, CUM, CUT, CUS and CUW.	The Northern Bobwhite is near its northern range limit in southern Ontario. This bird benefited greatly when the original forests were cleared and it expanded its range significantly in Ontario. At its peak over a century ago, its range in Ontario extended north to Georgian Bay and east to Kingston. This range has steadily retracted and now includes only the southwest corner of the province, mostly on Walpole Island, and possibly a few scattered locations nearby. Isolated sightings away from this area are usually a result of introductions or birds escaping from captivity.	Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (Square 17MH76)	Yes  Open fields and hedgerows are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Birds	Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina	SC	No Status	THR	The Wood Thrush can typically be found in the interior and along the edges of well-develoepd upland deciduous and mixed forests. Key elements of these forests include trees that are greater than 16 m in height, high variety of deciduous tree species, moderate subcanopy and shrub density, shade, fairly open forest floor, moist soils and decaying leaf litter. Wood Thrush is more likely to occur in larger forests but may also nest in 1 ha fragments and semi-wooded residential areas and parks. Smaller habitat fragments have lower fecundity when compared to larger fragments.   This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and FOM that are greater than 1 ha in size.	The Wood Thrush ranges across central and southern Ontario, southern Quebec, New Brunswick and southern Nova Scotia and the majority of the eastern United States.  It winters in Central American between southern Mexico and Panama.		Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Insects	Monarch Danaus plexippus	SC	No Status	SC	Throughout their life cycle, Monarchs use three different types of habitat. Only the caterpillars feed on milkweed plants and are confined to meadows and open areas where milkweed grows. Adult butterflies can be found in more diverse habitats where they feed on nectar from a variety of wildflowers. Monarchs spend the winter in Oyamel Fir forests found in central Mexico.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: AI, TP and CUM where milkweed plants are present.	The Monarch's range extends from Central America to southern Canada. In Canada, Monarchs are most abundant in southern Ontario and Quebec where milkweed plants and breeding habitat are widespread. During late summer and fall, Monarchs from Ontario migrate to central Mexico where they spend the winter months. During migration, groups of Monarchs numbering in the thousands can be seen along the north shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.		Yes  Open fields are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Little Brown Myotis (Bat) <i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	END	No Status	END	Bats are nocturnal. During the day they roost in trees and buildings. They often select attics, abandoned buildings and barns for summer colonies where they can raise their young. Bats can squeeze through very tiny spaces (as small as six millimetres across) and this is how they access many roosting areas.  Little brown bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines that are humid and remain above freezing. This species can typically be associated with any community where suitable roosting (i.e. caviety trees, houses, abandoned buildings, barns, etc.) habitat is available.	The little brown bat is widespread in southern Ontario and found as far north as Moose Factory and Favourable Lake. Outside Ontario, this bat is found across Canada (except in Nunavut) and most of the United States.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Eastern Small-footed Myotis <i>Myotis leibii</i>	END	No Status	No Status	In the spring and summer, eastern small-footed bats will roost in a variety of habitats, including in or under rocks, in rock outcrops, in buildings, under bridges, or in caves, mines, or hollow trees.  These bats often change their roosting locations every day. At night, they hunt for insects to eat, including beetles, mosquitos, moths, and flies.  In the winter, these bats hibernate, most often in caves and abandoned mines. They seem to choose colder and drier sites than similar bats and will return to the same spot each year.	The eastern small-footed bat has been found from south of Georgian Bay to Lake Erie and east to the Pembroke area. There are also records from the Bruce Peninsula, the Espanola area, and Lake Superior Provincial Park. Most documented sightings are of bats in their winter hibernation sites.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



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Mammals	Northern (Long-eared) Myotis (Bat) Myotis septentrionalis	END	No Status	END	Northern long-eared bats are associated with boreal forests, choosing to roost under loose bark and in the cavities of trees. These bats hibernate from October or November to March or April, most often in caves or abandoned mines.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOC, FOM, FOD, SWC, SWM and SWD where suitable roosting (i.e. cavity trees and trees with loose bark) habitat is available.	The northern long-eared bat is found throughout forested areas in southern Ontario, to the north shore of Lake Superior and occasionally as far north as Moosonee, and west to Lake Nipigon.  This bat is found in all Canadian provinces as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Mammals	Tri-colored Bat Perimyotis subflavus	END	END Schedule	END	In Ontario, the Tri-colored Bat lives in forested habitats, forming day roosts and maternity colonies in older forest within foliage or in high tree cavities, occasionally also in bars or other structures. This species forages over water and along streams in forests. At the close of the summer season, this species congregate at a location to swarm, usually near caves, mines or underground locations where they will winter; it has a strong fidelity to its winter hibernation sites. This bat overwinters in caves, typically individually instead of as a group.	This bat is found in Southern Ontario and ranging as far north as Espanola, near Sudbury, having a scattered distribution. Its broad range sweeps from eastern North America down to Central America.	Bat Conservation International Species Range Maps	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Molluscs	Wavy-rayed Lampmussel Lampsilis fasciola	THR	SC Schedule 1	SC	The Wavy-rayed Lampmussel is usually found in small to medium rivers with clear water. It lives in shallow riffle areas with clean gravel or sand bottoms. Like all mussels, this species filters water to find food, such as bacteria and algae. Mussel larvae are parasitic and must attach to a fish host, where they consume nutrients from the fish body until they transform into juvenile mussels and drop off. The Wavy-rayed Lampmussel's fish hosts are the Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass. The presence of fish hosts is one of the key features for an area to support a healthy mussel population.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO characterized as small to medium rivers with clean water and riffles with gravel or sand substrates.	River delta in Lake St. Clair. It has disappeared from Lake Erie, the Detroit River and most of Lake St. Clair, and may also be gone from the Sydenham River.		<b>No</b> No suitable aquatic habitat is present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Plants	Butternut Juglans cinerea	END	END Schedule	END	In Ontario, Butternut usually grows alone or in small groups in deciduous forests. It prefers moist, well-drained soil and is often found along streams. It is also found on well-drained gravel sites and rarely on dry rocky soil. This species does not do well in the shade, and often grows in sunny openings and near forest edges.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: FOD and mature hedgerows; Soil: dry rocky or moist (4, 5, 6) to fresh (2, 3).	Butternut can be found throughout central and eastern North America. In Canada, Butternut occurs in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. In Ontario, this species is found throughout the southwest, north to the Bruce Peninsula, and south of the Canadian Shield.	The study area lies within the known range of this species.	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Blanding's Turtle Emydoidea blandingii	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	Blanding's Turtles live in shallow water, usually in large wetlands and shallow lakes with lots of water plants. It is not unusual, though, to find them hundreds of metres from the nearest water body, especially while they are searching for a mate or traveling to a nesting site. Blanding's Turtles hibernate in the mud at the bottom of permanent water bodies from late October until the end of April.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: SWT2, SWT3, SWD, SWM, MAS2, SAS1, SAM1, where open water is present.	The Blanding's Turtle is found in and around the Great Lakes Basin, with isolated populations elsewhere in the United States and Canada. In Canada, the Blanding's Turtle is separated into the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence population and the Nova Scotia population. Blanding's Turtles can be found throughout southern, central and eastern Ontario.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH76)	<b>No</b> No suitable aquatic habitat is present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake Heterodon platirhinos	THR	THR Schedule 1	THR	The Eastern Hog-nosed Snake specializes in hunting and eating toads, and usually only occurs where toads can be found. Eastern Hog-nosed Snakes prefersandy, well-drained habitats such as beaches and dry forests where they can lay their eggs and hibernate. They use their up-turned snout to dig burrows below the frost line in the sand where eggs are deposited.  This species can be associated with the following ELC codes: BBO and FOD. Sandy soils required.	The Eastern Hog-nosed Snake is only found in eastern North America, with about ten per cent of its range occurring in Canada. The Canadiar population is limited to Ontario where it can be found in two areas: The Carolinian Region and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region.	ı	Yes  Deciduous woodlands are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



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Reptiles	Northern Map Turtle Graptemys geographica	sc	SC Schedule 1	sc	startled.	The Northern Map Turtle's range extends from the Great Lakes region west to Oklahoma and Kansas, south to Louisiana and east to the Adirondack and Appalachian mountain barrier. There are isolated populations in New Jersey and New York states. In Canada, it is found in southwestern Quebec and southern Ontario. In southern Ontario, it lives primarily on the shores of Georgian Bay, Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and along larger rivers including the Thames, Grand and Ottawa.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH76)	No suitable aquatic habitat is present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Queensnake Regina septemvittata	END	END Schedule 1	END	The Queensnake is an aquatic species that is seldom found more than a few metres from the water. It prefers rivers, streams and lakes with clear water, rocky or gravel bottoms, lots of places to hide, and an abundance of crayfish. Queensnakes will often hibernate in groups with other snakes, amphibians and even crayfish. Suitable hibernation sites (called hibernacula) include abutments of old bridges and crevices in bedrock.  This species can typically be be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO with clear water and rocky or gravel bottoms with lots of places to hide and abundance of crayfish.	In Ontario, the Queensnake is found only in the southwest in Middlesex, Brant, Huron and Essex counties, and on the Bruce Peninsula. There are fewer than 25 sites where it is known to occur in these areas.  The extremely specialized habitat requirements of the Queensnake restrict this species to particular areas, with large gaps of unfavourable habitat in between populations. The snake's home range is quite small, making Queensnakes less likely to move into new areas or areas where it was historically found.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH76)	No No suitable watercourses are present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.
Reptiles	Snapping turtle Chelydra serpentina	SC	SC Schedule 1	SC	Snapping Turtles spend most of their lives in water. They prefer shallow waters so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter, with only their noses exposed to the surface to breathe. During the nesting season, from early to mid summer, females travel overland in search of a suitable nesting site, usually gravelly or sandy areas along streams. Snapping Turtles often take advantage of man-made structures for nest sites, including roads (especially gravel shoulders), dams and aggregate pits.  This species can typically be associated with the following ELC communities: OAO, SA near gravelly or sandy areas.	The Snapping Turtle's range extends from Ecuador to Canada. In Canada this turtle can be found from Saskatchewan to Nova Scotia. It is primarily limited to the southern part of Ontario. The Snapping Turtle's range is contracting.	Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas (Square 17MH76)	No suitable aquatic habitat is present within the study area.	N / A Field investigations have not been completed to date.	Habitat and species-specific surveys are recommended in order to determine the presence / absence of this species within the study area.



# **Appendix B.3**

**Archaeological Assessment** 



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# **Memorandum**

Subject: City of London-Water Storage Options EA- Preliminary Background Review - Archaeology

# Methodology

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This preliminary background review was conducted to document the archaeological and land use history as well as the existing conditions within the land parcels identified for the four reservoir candidate sites as part of the Class EA for the Long Term Water Storage Solution in the City of London, Ontario. The information obtained during the preliminary desktop review was drawn from the following:

- Recent and historical maps of the Study Area;
- Reports of previous archaeological assessments within 50 m of the Study Area;
- The Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport's (MTCS) Archaeological Sites Database (ASDB) listing of registered archaeological sites within a 1 km radius of the Study Area;
- Searches of the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) Plaques Database and the Canadian Register of Historic Places; and
- The City of London heritage register and archaeological potential mapping.

This information was used to support the preliminary recommendations regarding cultural heritage values or interests as well as archaeological assessment and mitigation strategies.

# **Findings**

Archaeological potential is established by determining the likelihood that archaeological resources may be present on a subject property. Criteria commonly used by the MTCS to determine areas of archaeological potential are listed in the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (Ontario Government 2011). Distance to modern or ancient water sources is generally accepted as the most important element for past human settlement patterns and when considered alone may result in a determination of archaeological potential.

Certain features indicate that archaeological potential has been removed, such as land that has been subject to extensive and intensive deep land alterations that have severely damaged the integrity of any archaeological



resources. This includes landscaping that involves grading below the topsoil level, building footprints, quarrying and sewage and infrastructure development.

A review of the historical, environmental, and archaeological context of the land parcels has been provided below as well as a determination regarding the potential for the presence of archaeological resources for both the larger land parcels as well as the proposed reservoir footprints. Details on the features used to determine archaeological potential, as well as the results of the preliminary background review, can be found below.

#### Site A: Springbank Reservoir (Option 1 and Option 2)

The study area identified for Site A, the Springbank Reservoir, consists of two property parcels located on the north and south sides of Commissioners Road. Reservoir footprints for Site A include two potential options which are located on the property parcel on the north side of the Commissioners Road at the existing Springbank Reservoir; 1) Site A: Reservoir on Reservoir #2 footprint (Option 1), and 2) Site A: Reservoir adjacent to Reservoir #2 footprint (Option 2). The preliminary background review was conducted for the overall study area and determined that portions of both the study area and the potential reservoir options retain archaeological potential based on:

- Proximity to 30 previously identified archaeological sites (i.e. within 1 km) including both pre- and postcontact Indigenous sites as well as 19<sup>th</sup> century Euro-Canadian sites, one of which was identified within the study area boundaries;
- Proximity to the Thames River, a significant primary water source, to the north of the Site A study area boundaries:
- General topographic variability of the area, soil texture, and drainage suitable for cultivation and agricultural use; and,
- Early Euro- Canadian settlement and industry, significant early transportation routes (i.e. Commissioners Road West).

Two reports documenting previous archaeological work in the vicinity of the Site A study area were identified. These reports included a Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment of the proposed East Staircase in Springbank Park outside of the study area boundaries for Site A, and a Stage 1 archaeological assessment for the Commissioners Road West Realignment EA. The land included within this Stage 1 report also falls outside of the Site A study area.

In addition to previous archaeological assessment reports, a review of the City of London Archaeological Master Plan (AMP) indicates that portions of the Site A study area retain archaeological potential and require further archaeological assessment. Land requiring further work also includes areas within the two potential reservoir footprints.

Based on the current proposed footprint for Option 1, it has been determined that the land within the east half of the footprint retains high potential for the recovery of archaeological resources and must be subject to Stage 2 archaeological assessment. The west half of Option 1 no longer retains archaeological potential due to previous disturbance associated with the construction of the existing Springbank Reservoir and does not require further archaeological assessment; however, the east half falls within an area of high archaeological potential and must



be subject to Stage 2 archaeological assessment. The entirety of the proposed footprint for Option 2 retains high archaeological potential and must be subject to Stage 2 archaeological assessment.

The majority of the land parcel to the south of Commissioners Road West no longer retains archaeological potential. Only a small corridor of manicured lawn extending from Commissioners Road West between existing private properties retains high archaeological potential. A Stage 2 archaeological assessment is required only for the corridor of land included in Site A should this area be subject to land disturbing activities.

### Site C: City Northeast (7 potential sites)

The study area identified for Site C, the City Northeast Reservoir, includes seven property parcels along Huron Street as well as Clarke Road. The background review for the Site C study area identified the following features of archaeological potential:

- Proximity to 13 previously identified archaeological sites (i.e. within 1 km) including both pre- and postcontact Indigenous sites as well as 19<sup>th</sup> century Euro-Canadian sites;
- Proximity to the Thames River, a significant primary water source, to the north of the Site C study area boundaries;
- General topographic variability of the area, soil texture, and drainage suitable for cultivation and agricultural use; and,
- Early Euro- Canadian settlement and industry, significant early transportation routes (i.e. Huron Street and Clarke Road).

Despite the finding that the area has features of archaeological potential, four of the seven potential reservoir sites included in Site C have been cleared of archaeological concerns as a result of multiple previously conducted archaeological assessments. To the best of our knowledge, archaeological work has not yet been conducted for the property parcels on which the remaining three potential sites. The sites that retain archaeological include two sites on the property to the west of Clarke Road and one site on the property at the southeast corner of Clarke Road and Fanshawe Conservation Access Road. A Stage 2 archaeological assessment is required for the land included in Site C that has not yet been subject to archaeological assessment.

#### Site G: Southeast Reservoir (1 potential site)

The study area for Site G, Southeast Reservoir includes the property parcel along the east side of Highbury Avenue South. The entirety of the study area, including the proposed reservoir footprint, is currently under use as the Southeast Reservoir. The background review for the Site G study area identified the following features of archaeological potential:

- Proximity to two previously identified 19<sup>th</sup> century Euro-Canadian sites archaeological sites;
- Proximity to Dingman Creek, a significant secondary water source, to the north of the Site G study area boundaries;



- General topographic variability of the area, soil texture, and drainage suitable for cultivation and agricultural use; and,
- Early Euro- Canadian settlement and industry, significant early transportation routes (i.e. Westminster Drive, Highbury Avenue South).

A Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment was previously conducted for the Site G study area as part of the Southeast Terminal Reservoir project. Despite the finding that Site G has features of archaeological potential, based on the results of the archaeological assessment and that the Southeast Terminal Reservoir has since been constructed, archaeological potential has been removed from Site G and a Stage 2 archaeological assessment is not required.

#### Site I: Arva Reservoir (1 potential site)

The study area for Site I, Arva Reservoir, includes a property parcel to the north of Medway Road and east of Wonderland Road. The study area is comprised of the existing Arva Reservoir and a small woodlot is located in the northwest corner of the study area. The proposed reservoir footprint is located in central portion of the study area within the existing reservoir land. The background review for the Site I study area identified the following features of archaeological potential:

- Proximity to six previously identified archaeological sites including both pre- and post-contact Indigenous sites as well as 19<sup>th</sup> century Euro-Canadian sites;
- Proximity to Medway Creek, a significant secondary water source, to the south of the Site I study area boundaries;
- General topographic variability of the area, soil texture, and drainage suitable for cultivation and agricultural use; and,
- Early Euro- Canadian settlement and industry, significant early transportation routes (i.e. Westminster Drive, Highbury Avenue South).

No reports for previous archaeological assessments within or in close proximity (i.e. within 50m) to the Site I study area were found in the MTCS' report register. Portions of the study area were determined to retain archaeological potential, specifically the woodlot in the northeast corner of the property. Given the proximity to the existing reservoir, the potential for the presence of archaeological resources within the proposed reservoir footprint is low to moderate; however, a Stage 1 property inspection and, potentially, a Stage 2 archaeological assessment, will be required to determine the extent of ground disturbance within the proposed Site I footprint.

## Recommendations

Based on the findings of this background review, it has been determined that archaeological potential has been removed from the entirety of Site G. Portions of the potential sites for Site A, three potential site areas for Site C, and the entirety of Site I were found to retain high potential for the recovery of archaeological resources. In



light of these preliminary findings, a Stage 2 archaeological assessment will be required for all land identified within the candidate sites that retain archaeological potential.

# **Limitations and Assumptions**

This preliminary background review was conducted as part the City of London Water Storage Options EA and includes large land parcels for several candidate reservoir sites. Once the project details preferred site, and areas of impact are determined, only land retaining archaeological potential within the preferred candidate site will be subject to further Stage 2 archaeological assessment, if required. The findings presented herein are limited to the four site options described above. As such, if additional land outside of the current study areas reviewed here be included in this project, additional background research will be required.

This preliminary memorandum has not been reviewed and/or accepted by the MTCS and is not intended to take the place of a full Stage 1 archaeological assessment. As such, the above stated recommendations are to be considered preliminary until accepted by the MTCS. In order to maintain compliance with the MTCS and the *Ontario Heritage Act* (1990), a Stage 1 archaeological assessment, and any subsequent archaeological work where required, must be completed and accepted into the MTCS' register of archaeological reports prior to ground disturbing activities.



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# **Appendix B.4**

**Cultural Heritage Assessment Report** 



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# Memorandum

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#### **Environmental Assessment**

The City of London is supplied with water from two lake based sources, the Lake Huron Region Water Supply System and the Elgin Area Water Supply Station (Lake Erie). In the event of a disruption or reduction in water supply, and to supply adequate water pressure, the City is connected to these regional reservoirs and benefits from the connection between the municipalities to maintain uninterrupted service. These reservoirs are shown in the attached figure below and include the Arva Reservoir & Pump Station, the Springbank Reservoirs & Pump Station, the Southeast Reservoir & Pump Station, and the Elgin-Middlesex Reservoir.

To address future water storage needs, the City is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to determine a preferred site (or sites) for additional water storage to meet future growth and ongoing emergency supply and distribution needs. Additionally, this project will consider the feasibility of retiring the existing Springbank Reservoir #2 and the previously disconnected McCormick Reservoir, as well as options for standby power for the water distribution pumps at the existing Arva Pump Station.

## **Cultural Heritage Screening**

As part of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Municipal Class EA, AECOM completed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport's (MTCS) *Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes* in order to help determine whether the project has the potential to impact cultural heritage resources. A single checklist was completed for the project and included the properties identified in each short list EA option, as well as consideration of the adjacent properties at each potential project site. In order to complete, the checklist, AECOM reviewed the following registers and databases to screen for recognized and potential cultural heritage resources:

- City of London's Inventory of Heritage Properties;
- Ontario Heritage Trust's online inventory of buildings, museum, and easement properties;



- Canadian Register of Historic Places; and
- Directory of Federal Heritage Designations.

Table 1 includes information related to the recognized cultural heritage resources that were identified as part of the desktop review undertaken to complete the checklist. A total of five (5) heritage properties were identified within the vicinity of the Site A, C-1, C-2, C-5, and G. Details related to each property and their respective sites are included below. Details related to the Priority levels included within the City of London's *Inventory of Heritage Resources* are included below for context.

Table 1: Recognized cultural heritage resources located within the EA study area

Municipal Address	Heritage Status	Notes in Register	EA Candidate Site	Anticipated Preliminary Impacts
1040 Flint	Designated	c.1837, Ontario	Site A	No impacts
Lane/1097	under Part IV	Cottage		anticipated. Identified
Commissioners	of Ontario			as adjacent property.
Road West	Heritage Act			
1588 Clarke Road	Listed,	c.1865, Ontario	Site C-1	Impacts unknown at
	Priority 2	Farmhouse		this time.
1511 Clarke Road	Listed,	c.1865, Ontario	Site C-2	Impacts unknown at
	Priority 2	Farmhouse		this time.
2056 Huron Street	Listed,	1840, Georgian	Site C-5	No impacts
	Priority 1			anticipated. Identified
				as adjacent property.
1889 Westminster	Listed,	1880, Queen	Site G	No impacts
Drive	Priority 2	Anne		anticipated. Identified
				as adjacent property.
5406-5426	Listed,	1870, Ontario	Site G	No impacts
Highbury Avenue	Priority 1	Farmhouse		anticipated. Identified
South				as adjacent property.

In addition, a municipal plaque is located within Reservoir Park at Site A, noting the Battle of Hungerford Hill, a lesser known battle that took place during the War of 1812.

The City of London's *Inventory of Heritage Properties* includes an inventory of approximately 2,900 buildings inventoried in the City of London for architectural, historical, and contextual reasons. The inventory includes properties that are listed and/or designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. Listed properties are each given a priority level to justify the heritage value of the resource. The following definitions are provided for each category:

**Priority 1** buildings are London's most important heritage structures and all merit designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. They are worthy of protection through whatever incentives may be provided in terms of zoning, bonusing or financial advantage and may be designated without the owner's consent. This group includes not only landmark buildings and buildings in pristine condition, but also lesser well-known structures with major architectural and/or historical significance and important structures that have been obscured by alterations which are reversible.



**Priority 2** buildings merit evaluation for designation under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. They have significant architectural and/or historical value and may be worthy of protection by whatever incentives may be provided through zoning considerations, bonusing or financial advantages.

**Priority 3** buildings may merit designation as part of a group of buildings designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* or as part of a Heritage Conservation District designated under Part V of the Act, even though these buildings are not often worthy of designation individually. They may have some important architectural features or historical associations, be part of a significant streetscape or provide an appropriate context for buildings of a higher priority.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations

A total of five (5) heritage properties were identified within the vicinity of the Site A, C-1, C-2, C-5, and G. Further cultural heritage reporting requirements are dependent upon the identified alternative or option for this Class EA. If Site A, C-1, C-2, C-5, or G are selected as a preferred alternative further investigation may be required in the form of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER), or a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) in order to fully evaluate the cultural heritage value or interest of the identified heritage properties, and to assess the potential impacts that the proposed project may have on the identified heritage value of the properties.

The City of London should continue to consider potential impacts to cultural heritage resources as part of this Class EA.



### **Appendix B.5**

**Geotechnical and Hydrogeological Summary** 



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### Memo

**Subject:** Geotechnical and Hydrogeological Data Summary Of Previous Investigations for Site A, Site C, Site G and Site I, City of London Water Storage Facility, London, ON

### 1. Introduction

Four (4) sites, i.e., Site A, Site C, Site G and Site I, are subjected to an Environment Assessment (EA) level of evaluation for the City of London Water Storage Facility. Within these four sites, Site A contains two (2) candidate areas (Area A1 and A2). Site C consists of seven (7) candidate areas (Area C1 to C7). This memorandum summarizes the historical geotechnical and hydrogeological data obtained during various field investigations completed by a number of other consultants at or near the candidate site areas to determine their relevance and suitability for use in the EA level of evaluation for the City of London Water Storage Facility.

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### 2. Site A – Springbank PS and Reservoir

### 2.1 Background

This section of the memorandum provides a summary of the geotechnical factual data for Site A. Site A is located adjacent to 869 Commissioners Road W, London, ON. Site A is divided into two areas by Commissioners Road, i.e., A1 and A2, as shown in Figure 1. The geotechnical information referenced in this section was obtained from the following geotechnical reports:

- 1. Geotechnical Investigation Springbank Reservoir No. 2 dated June 2012, prepared by exp Services Inc.
- 2. Preliminary Geotechnical Assessment- Commissioners Road West Realignment Environmental Assessment London, Ontario dated August 2016, prepared by Golder Associates
- 3. Geotechnical Investigation for Commissioner Road West Realignment, Springbank Drive to Crestwood Drive (Snake Hill), London, Ontario dated August 31, 2005, prepared by Atkinson, Davies Inc.

### 2.2 Previous Geotechnical Investigations



- Borehole (Golder Report 811-3508)
- Borehole (Golder Report 961-3153)
- Borehole (Atkinson Davies Investigation No. 1-3608)
- Borehole (exp Services Inc. Geotechnical Investigation Springbank Reservoir No. 2)

Figure 1 Borehole locations in and near Site A

A total of eight (8) boreholes, i.e. BH1 to BH8, were located inside Area A1 and one (1) borehole (BH-4\*) was drilled close to the western boundary of Area A1. There were two (2) boreholes at Area A2, i.e., BH-7 and BH-7a. BH-7 (Golder Associates) was drilled inside the Area A2 and BH-7a (exp Services) was located near the southeast boundary of Area A2.

### 2.2.1 Area A1

#### 2.2.1.1 Subsurface Conditions

Eight (8) boreholes were advanced in Area 1. BH-1 to BH-4 were drilled outside the reservoir slopes. A 50 to 100 mm thick layer of topsoil was encountered at the surface of the boreholes. Below the topsoil, a 4.5 to 6.1 m thick layer of loose to compact sand/silty sand/sand and gravel fill was encountered at the depth of 0.1 metres below ground surface (mbgs) and extended to depths of 4.6 to 6.2 mbgs. Below the sand fill, a 0.8 to 1.4 m thick layer of stiff clayey silt fill was encountered at depths of 4.6 to 6.2 mbgs and this extended to depths of 6.4 to 7.6 mbgs. Below the sand fill or the clayey silt fill, a layer of loose to dense sand was encountered at depths of 5.3 to 7.6 mbgs and this extended to the borehole termination depths. The details of the subsurface soil conditions beneath the outside reservoir slopes are summarized in Table 1.

BH-5 to BH-8 were drilled on the base of the reservoir. A 200 to 240 mm thick layer of concrete was encountered at the surface of the boreholes. Below the concrete, a 0.6 to 1.3 m thick layer of loose sand fill was encountered at a depth of 0.2 mbgs and this extended to depths of 0.8 to 1.5 mbgs. Below the sand fill or concrete, a 1.3 to 3.2 m thick layer of compact sand was encountered at depths of 0.2 to 1.5 mbgs and this extended to depths of 1.5 to 3.4 mbgs or to the termination depths. Below the sand, a layer of compact sand and gravel was encountered at a depth of 1.5 mbgs and this extended to the borehole termination depth in BH-7. Also below the sand, a layer of compact sandy silt was encountered at a depth of 3.4 mbgs and extended to the borehole termination depth in BH-5. The details are summarized in Table 2.

Atkinson Davies drilled BH-4\* on Commissioners Road W. The borehole encountered a 115mm asphalt concrete layer underlain by 135 mm of granular fill. A 1.2 m thick compact fine sand layer was encountered under the granular fill with a Standard Penetration Test (SPT) N of 18 indicating compact relative density. This was in turn underlain by a 0.7m thick compact sandy silt layer. The sandy silt layer had SPT N of 35 indicating a dense condition. A very dense sand layer was under the sandy silt layer extending to the borehole termination depth.

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Topsoil	0.1	·
Fill (Sand, Silty Sand, Sand and Gravel)	4.5 to 6.1	Loose to compact (SPT N= 4~20)
Fill (Clayey Silt)	0.8 to 1.4	Stiff (SPT N= 12~22)
Sand	-	Loose to dense (SPT N= 6~50)

Table 1: Subsurface Soils Conditions - Site A - Outside Reservoir Slopes (BH-1 to 4)

Table 2: Subsurface Soils Conditions - Site A - Base of the Reservoir (BH-5 to BH-8)

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Concrete	0.2	-
Fill (Sand)	0.6 to 1.3	Loose (SPT N= 5~8)
Sand	1.3 to 3.2	Compact (SPT N=17~32)
Sand and Gravel	0.2 (terminated)	Compact (SPT N= 17~21)
Sandy Silt	0.2 (terminated)	Compact (No N-Value available)

### 2.2.1.2 Groundwater

The groundwater generally flows to the north, toward the Thames River through the extensive granular deposit. The groundwater observations for boreholes located in Area A1 are summarized in Table 3. The measured groundwater level was 7.6 mbgs on May 14, 2012 in BH-1, which is a monitoring well. The groundwater level in BH-2 was measured at 4.9 mbgs in

the open hole upon completion of drilling. However, BH-3 to BH-8 were dry upon completion of drilling. Seasonal fluctuations in groundwater levels may be expected.

**Table 3: Groundwater conditions in Area A1** 

Borehole ID	Groundwater Level (mbgs)	GW measured from
BH-1	7.6	Monitoring Well
BH-2	4.9	Open hole (on completion of drilling)
BH-3 to BH-8	Dry	Open hole (on completion of drilling)

### 2.2.2 Area A2

### 2.2.2.1 Subsurface Conditions

Two (2) boreholes were advanced in Area A2. BH-7 was drilled inside Area 2 on the reservoir floor slab by means of a hand auger. The depth of the borehole was 3.5m, and the soils encountered in BH-7 were compact sand. The detailed subsurface conditions in BH-7a are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4: Subsurface Soils Conditions - BH-7a

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Topsoil	0.46	
Clayey Silt (Till)	1.90	Brown stiff to very stiff (SPT N=14~16)
Sand	5.24	Compact to dense brown fine to medium (SPT N=16~33)
Clayey Silt	0.3	Hard brown with silt seams
Sand	0.46	Dense brown fine to medium (SPT N=45)
Silt	0.76	Very dense, brown (SPT N=80)
Sand	0.31	Compact brown fine to medium
Sand and Gravel	-	Grey

#### 2.2.2.2 Groundwater

No groundwater information is available for the boreholes drilled in Area A2.

### 2.2.3 Site A - Hydrogeological Overview

The subsurface conditions at Site A generally consist of a unit of sand and gravel. The hydraulic conductivity of the sand and gravel is estimated to range from  $1 \times 10^{-4} - 1 \times 10^{-3}$  m/s based on Figure 2 (Freeze and Cherry, 1979), which is considered to be relatively high. The only stabilized groundwater elevation was measured in BH-2 at 7.6 mbgs. Ground surface elevation at the site is approximately 300 metres Above Sea Level (mASL), and thus the water table is at approximately 292 mASL. Historically, the groundwater elevation in the Byron Gravel Pit (to the west of the site) was approximately 240 mASL, and the North Thames River has a surface water elevation of approximately 228 mASL. Thus, the groundwater flow direction is toward the north and west of the site. No groundwater samples were collected for water quality analysis.

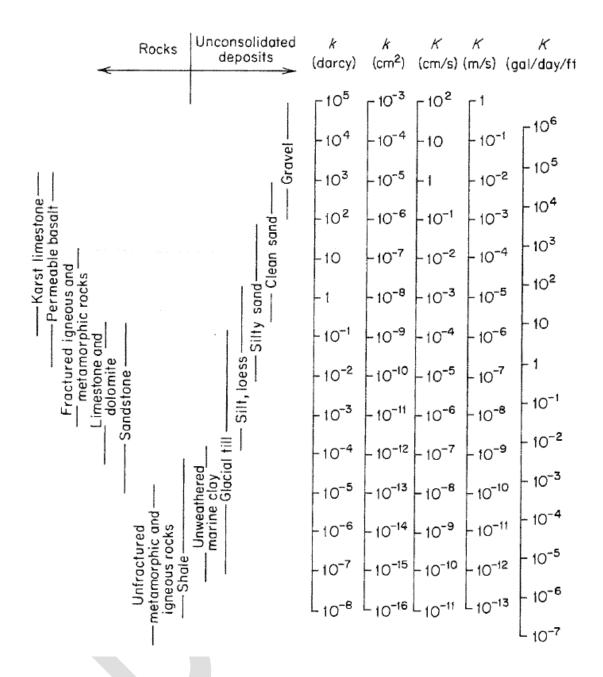


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### 3. Site C - Huron Street and Clarke Road

### 3.1 Background

This section provides a summary of the geotechnical factual information for Site C. The Site C is located between Clarke Road and Robison Hill Rd, and on either side of Huron Street, London, ON as shown in Figure 3. Site C is divided into seven (7) areas (C1 to C7). The geotechnical information in this section was obtained from the following geotechnical reports:

- Geotechnical Investigation Veterans Memorial Parkway Extension Huron Street to Clarke Road London Ontario dated June 2016, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd.
- Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Watermain Huron-Crumlin-Oxford London, Ontario dated August 1988, prepared by Trow Ontario Ltd.



- Borehole (Golder Investigation 021-3132)
- Borehole (Golder Investigation 041-130270-3)
- Borehole (Golder Investigation 1540637-1000-R01 Veterans Memorial Parkway Extension Huron Street to Clarke Rd London, Ontario)
- Borehole (Golder Investigation 11-1132-004-R01)
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- Borehole (Trow Geotechnical Report Proposed Water Main Huron-Crumlin-Oxford)
- Borehole (Ontario Geological Survey)

Figure 3 Borehole locations in and near Site C

### 3.2 Previous Geotechnical Investigations

### 3.2.1 Area C1

#### 3.2.1.1 Subsurface Conditions

Five (5) boreholes were advanced in Area C1. BH-102 was drilled in the middle of Area C1. BH-17 to BH-19 were drilled to depths of 3.5 to 4.0m respectively at the north boundary. BH-8 was drilled to a depth of 1.5m on the Clarke Rd at west boundary.

A 0.2 to 0.3 m of topsoil layer was encountered in BH-17 to BH-19, and this was underlain by a 0.9 to 2.0 m of compact to dense sand layer. A layer of very dense silt till/clayey silt till was found under the sand layer at BHs 17 and 19 while a very stiff clayey silt layer was encountered under the sand layer in BH 18.

A layer of 0.13m asphalt was found in BH-8, and this was underlain by 0.17m granular base and 0.5m granular subbase. A layer of silty sand was found below the granular subbase, and it extended to the borehole termination depth.

The subsurface conditions in BH-102 are summarized in Table 5. The subsurface conditions in BH-17 to BH-19 are summarized in Table 6.

Table 5: Subsurface Soils Conditions – BH-102 (Inside Area C1)

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Topsoil	0.52	
Clayey Silt (Till)	1.61	Brown stiff to very stiff (SPT N = 11~17)
Sandy Silt (Till)	1.53	Grey dense to very dense (SPT N = 45~60)
Clayey Silt (Till)	-	Grey hard (SPT N=34~58)

Table 6: Subsurface Soils Conditions – BH-17 to 19 (North boundary at Area C1)

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Topsoil	0.21-0.3	
Sand/silty sand	0.92-2.14	Brown compact to dense (SPT N = 19~36)
Clayey silt/ Clay silt	-	Grey dense to very dense (SPT N = 46~120)
(Till)/ Silt (Till)		

### 3.2.1.2 Groundwater

In this area, the groundwater levels were measured at 0.75 mbgs in BH-8 (this may be a perched water table level), and at 2.0 mbgs in BH-19, as shown in Table 7.

Table 7: Subsurface Soils Conditions - BH-17 to 19

Borehole ID	Groundwater Level (mbgs)	GW measured from
BH-8	0.75	Open hole (on completion of drilling)
BH-19	2.0	Monitoring well
Other boreholes	Dry	

### 3.2.2 Area C2

### 3.2.2.1 Subsurface Conditions

Three (3) boreholes were advanced in Area C. BH-104 was drilled at north part of Area C2 and BH-3 and BH-4 were drilled at the south boundary of Area C2. The subsurface conditions of Area C2 are summarized in Tables 8 and 9.

Table 8: Subsurface Soils Conditions - BH-104

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Top Soil	0.4	
Sandy Silt (Till)	2.5	Brown compact to dense (SPT N = 18~31)
Sandy Silt (Till)	3.65 (terminated)	Grey dense to very dense (SPT N= 41~101)

Table 9: Subsurface Soils Conditions - BH-3 and BH-4

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Asphaltic concrete	0.05	
Fill	0.8~0.9	Granular intermixed with clayey silt( SPT N = 8~20)
Silt (Till)	2.05~2.15	Clayey silt till, very stiff, becoming sandy, gravelly and very dense with depth
	(terminated)	(SPT N= 20~120)

### 3.2.2.2 Groundwater

In this area, no groundwater was encountered in the depths of boreholes drilled.

### 3.2.3 Area C3

### 3.2.3.1 Subsurface Conditions

Eleven (11) boreholes were advanced in Area C3. BH-105 to BH-108, and BHs 7 and 9 (black dots) were drilled in Area C3. BHs 8a, 9a, 7, and 8 were drilled on Huron Street. The soil conditions in Area C3 are summarized in Table 10.

At the south boundary of Area C3, BH-8a and BH-9a were drilled to a 2 m depth and BH-7 was drilled to 3 m. A 0.5 to 0.8 m granular fill layer was encounterred below the ground surface. Below the fill layer, a 0.6 to 1.0 m topsoil or sandy silt layer underlained by a layer of sandy silt/silt till was encounterred.

Table 10: Subsurface Soils Conditions – BH-105 to 108; BHs 7 and 9

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Topsoil	0.15~0.98m	
Sandy Silt (Till)		Very dense; Brown closed to the surface and turning to grey with depth 0.39-0.46m clayey silt was found in some area overlain the sandy silt (Till) layer in some area 0.5-1.5m silty sand was found to separate the brown sandy silt (Till) and grey sandy silt (Till) in some area.

### 3.2.3.2 Groundwater

Groundwater was encounterred at the ground surface in BH 9. The groundwater level was initially encounted at 3.38 mbgs after completion of the drilling (March 15, 2011) but it later rose to 0.61 mbgs (April 8, 2011). At the south boundary of this area, the groundwater table was measured from 0.6 to 2.0mbgs.

Table 11: Groundwater conditions in Area C3

Borehole ID	Groundwater Level (mbgs)	GW measured from
BH 9	0	Open hole
	3.38	During drilling (March 15, 2011)
BH 7	1.27	Monitoring well (March 19, 2011)
	0.61	Monitoring well (April 8, 2011)
Others	Dry	

### 3.2.4 Area C4

#### 3.2.4.1 Subsurface Conditions

One (1) borehole is availabe at the south boudary of Area C4. BH-9 was drilled at the southwest corner of Area C4 to the depth of 5 m. A 1.4 m fill layer underlain by 1.0 sand layer was found in BH-9. The sandy silt till was found under the sand layer unitl the end of borehole. The subsurface conditions are summarized in Table 12.

Table 12: Subsurface Soils Conditions - BH-9

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Fill	1.4	Granular, organic stained, brown moist
Sand	1.0	Trace to some silt, fine to medium grained, compact (SPT N=22)
Sandy Silt (Till)	-	Grey very dense with depth (SPT N=16~52)

#### 3.2.4.2 Groundwater

The groundwater table was encountered at 1.8 mbgs in BH-9.

Table 13: Groundwater conditions in Area C4

Borehole ID	Groundwater Level (mbgs)	GW measured from
BH-9	1.8	Open hole

### 3.2.5 Area C5

### 3.2.5.1 Subsurface condtions

One (1) borehole (BH-103) was drilled to a depth of 6.55 m inside of Area C5 near the northeastern corner. Two (2) boreholes (BH3 and BH7), which are shallow boreholes drilled on Clarke Road, closed to the west boundary of Area C5. A 0.55 m thick of topsoil layer underlain by a 0.43 m sand layer was encounterred in BH-103. A 3.44 m thick of dense sandy silt till layer was encountered under the sand layer followed by a clayey silt till layer with a 0.61m silty sand seam. The subsurface conditions based on BH-103 are summarized in Table 14.

Table 14: Subsurface Soils Conditions - BH-103

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Topsoil	0.55	Black silty sand
Sand	0.43	Brown, compact (SPT N=15)
Sandy silt (Till)	3.44	Brown turning grey at 2.1mbgs, dense to very dense, trace to some gravel,
		trace clay (SPT N=14~50/125mm)
Clayey silt (Till)	0.76	Grey, hard, trace gravel and sand (SPT N=62)
Silty sand	0.61	Grey, very dense, with clayey silt seams (SPT N=77)
Clayey silt (Till)	-	Grey, hard, trace gravel and sand (SPT N=50)

### 3.2.5.2 Groundwater

The groundwater table was encountered at 0.75 mbgs in BH-7 on completion of drilling (this may be a perched water table level).

Table 15: Groundwater conditions in Area C5

Borehole ID	Groundwater Level (mbgs)	GW measured from
BH-7	0.75	Open hole (on completion of drilling)
Others	Dry	

### 3.2.6 Area C6

### 3.2.6.1 Subsurface condtions

One (1) boreholes, BH-101, were advanced to the depth of 6.37 m in Area C6. Four (4) shallow borholes, BH 1, 2, 9 and ID 602299 were drilled to a depth about 1.5m on Clarke Road at the west boundary of Area C6. BH 10 and ID602300 were advanced at the northwestern corner of Area C6 to depths of 1.52 m and 4.4 m, respectively.

According to BH-101 and ID 602300, a 0.3m thick of topsoil was encountered underlain by layers of silt to silty sand to sand (i.e., cohesionless layers). The thickness of the silt to sand layer increased from south to north. A very stiff clayey silt layer was found under the cohesionless layers underlain by a layer of dense to very dens sandy silt till. The subsurface conditions are summarized in Table 16.

Table 16: Subsurface Soils Conditions based on BH-101 and ID602300

Borehole ID	Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness	
BH-101	Topsoil	0.37	Black silty	
	Silty sand	0.33	Brown	
	Clayey silt	1.43	Brown very stiff, with some sand and trace gravel (SPT N=18~22)	
	Sandy silt till	-	Grey, dense to very dense, trace to some gravel, trace to some clay (SPT N=42~50/75mm)	
ID 602300	Topsoil	0.3		
	Silt	0.9	Brown, with clay and gravel	
	Sand	3.2	Brown, with gravel and silt, dense	

### 3.2.6.2 Groundwater

No groundwater was encountered in the depths of boreholes drilled.

### 3.2.7 Area C7

### 3.2.7.1 Subsurface conditions

One (1) boreholes, ID 600171, were found in Area C7. Five (5) shallow BHs 1, 2, 8, 9 and ID 602299 were drilled to a depth of 1.5m on Clarke Road at the east boundary of Area C7. The subsurface conditions according to borehole ID 600171 are summarized in Table 17. According to borehole ID 600171, top 1.5 m below the ground surface contained gravel mixed with sand and silt underlain by a 22.3m thick of clay layer. A 6.7m thick of gravel layer containing clay, sand and silt was encountered under the clay layer. A lower layer of clay was found under the gravel layer, likely extended to the bedrock surface at a depth of approximately 31 mbgs.

Table 17: Subsurface Soils Conditions based on ID600171

Borehole ID	Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
ID 602300	Gravel with sand and silt	1.5	
	Clay	22.3	With sand, gravel and boulders
	Gravel	1.2	With clay
	Gravel	5.5	With sand and silt
	Clay	-	With gravel

### 3.2.7.2 Groundwater

No groundwater information was founded in this area.

### 3.2.8 Area C8

#### 3.2.8.1 Subsurface conditions

No borehole was found in Area C8. Two (2) shallow borholes, BH-3 and BH-7 were drilled to a depth of 1.5m on Clarke Road at the east boundary of Area C8. Two (2) boreholes, ID 600208 and ID600206 at the adjacent land that is about 30m south from the southern boundary of Area C8 were advanced to depths of 6.3 m and 6.2 m, respectively,

According to these two boreholes, a 0.5 m thick of layer black topsoil was encountered at this area underlain by a compact to dense silt layer. The subsurface conditions according to boreholes ID 600206 and 600208 are summarized in Table 18.

Table 18: Subsurface Soils Conditions based on ID 600206 and ID600208

Borehole ID	Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness	
ID 600208	Topsoil	0.5	Black with organic materials	
	Silt		Brown at top, dense, with sand, gravel and clay	
ID 600206	Topsoil	0.5	Black with organic materials	
	Silt		Brown to grey, compact to dense, with sand and clay, more clayey with depth	

### 3.2.8.2 Groundwater

The groundwater table was encountered at 0.75 mbgs in BH-7 on completion of drilling (this may be a perched water table level).

Table 19: Groundwater conditions in Area C5

Borehole ID	Groundwater Level (mbgs)	GW measured from
BH-7	0.75	Open hole (on completion of drilling)
Others	Dry	

### 3.2.9 Site C – Hydrogeological Overview

The subsurface at Site C consists, in general, of sandy silt till to clayey silt till. The hydraulic conductivity of silty clayey till is in the range of 1 x  $10^{-8}$  – 1 x  $10^{-7}$  m/s (Freeze and Cherry, 1979), which is considered to be relatively low. The stabilized groundwater elevation, as measured in monitoring wells, is in the range of 0.61 - 2.0 mbgs. The North Thames River is located to the north of the Site C, and the surface water elevation is approximately 250 mASL. Thus, the groundwater flow direction is northward toward the North Thames River, and the water table will occur deeper below ground surface in the table lands as you move northward toward Kilally Road. No groundwater samples were collected for water quality analysis.



### 4. Site G – Southeast PS and Reservoir

### 4.1 Background

This section provides a summary of the geotechnical factual data at Site G. The geotechnical information in this section was obtained from the following geotechnical report:

1. **Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed Southeast Terminal Reservoir and Pumping Station** dated January 10, 2005, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd.

### 4.2 Previous Geotechnical Investigations

Eleven (11) boreholes in total were investigated at the proposed Southeast Terminal Reservoir and Pumping Station. Table 20 presents the borehole information. The borehole locations are shown in Figure 4. The existing



- Golder report 2005 (Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed Southeast Terminal Reservoir and Pumping Station)
- Golder report 1994 (Preliminary Pre-Design Report, Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed Southeast Terminal Reservoir and Pumping Station

Figure 4 Borehole locations in Site G

Table 20: Existing Borehole Data - Site G

Borehole ID	Borehole Depth (mbgs)	Location Description	
2005-BH1	15.7	North Property Line	
2005-BH2	15.7	North Property Line	
2005-BH3	15.7	North Property Line	
2005-BH4	15.7	North Property Line	
2005-BH5	14.2	East of Proposed Reservoir Area	
2005-BH6	14.2	Proposed Reservoir Area	
2005-BH7	14.2	Proposed Reservoir Area	
2005-BH8	13.4	Pumping Station Location	
2005-BH9	13.4	Pumping Station Location	
1994-BH1	11.1	Proposed Reservoir Area	
1994-BH2	11.9	Ease of Proposed Reservoir Area	

### 4.2.1 Subsurface Conditions

2005-BH1 to 2005-BH9 and 1994-BH1 and 1994-BH2 were advanced near the proposed reservoir location. A 0.3 to 0.4 m thick layer of topsoil was encountered in the boreholes at the surface. Below the topsoil, a 0.2 to 0.8 m thick layer of loose sandy silt/sand was encountered at a depth of 0.3 mbgs and this extended to depths of 0.5 to 1.1 mbgs. Below the silty sand/sand or topsoil, a 14.8 m thick layer of stiff to hard clayey silt till was encountered at depths of 0.3 to 1.1 mbgs and this extended to a depth of 15.1 mbgs or to the borehole termination depths. Below the clayey silt till, a layer of silty sand till was encountered at a depth of 15.1 mbgs and this extended to the borehole termination depths. The subsurface soil conditions outside the reservoir slopes are summarized in Table 21.

**Table 21: Subsurface Soils Conditions - Outside Reservoir Slopes** 

Soil Type	Thickness (m)	Consistency/ Compactness
Topsoil	0.3 to 0.4	-
Sandy Silt, Sand	0.2 to 0.8	Loose
Silty Clay Till	14.8	Stiff to hard
Silty Sand Till		

### 4.2.2 Groundwater

The groundwater level ranged from 3.66 to 7.00 mbgs (270.92 to 267.58 masl) between May 12, 1994 and May 27, 1994 in the 1994-BH1 and 1994-BH2, respectively. During the drilling the open boreholes 2005-BH1 to 2005-BH9 were found to be dry upon completion of drilling. No piezometers were installed in these boreholes.

Table 22: Groundwater conditions in Site G

Borehole ID	Groundwater Level (mbgs)	Date of Measurement	
2005-BH1	3.66	Monitoring well (May 12, 1994)	
	7.0	Monitoring well (May 27, 1994)	
<b>2005 BH2</b> 4.72		Monitoring well (May 12, 1994)	
	3.95	Monitoring well (May 27, 1994)	
Others	Dry/no piezometers		

### 4.2.3 Site G – Hydrogeological Overview

The subsurface at Site G consists, in general, of silty clay till. The hydraulic conductivity of silty clayey till is in the range of 1 x  $10^{-9} - 1$  x  $10^{-8}$  m/s (Freeze and Cherry, 1979), which is considered to be relatively low. The stabilized groundwater elevation, as measured in Monitoring Wells, is in the range of 3.66 - 7.0 mbgs. From previous geotechnical investigations on the southern portion of the site, groundwater levels are near the existing ground surface at 0.0 - 3.9 mbgs. The site is located in the headwaters of Kettle Creek, which flows in a southerly direction toward Lake Erie. Thus, the groundwater flow direction is likely southward toward the Kettle Creek. No groundwater samples were collected for water quality analysis.



### 5. Site I – Arva PS and Reservoir

### 5.1 Background

This section provides a summary of the geotechnical factual data for Site I. The geotechnical information in this section was obtained from the Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) and the following geotechnical reports:

- 1. **Soil Investigation Proposed Arva to London Waterline Arva Reservoir to Huron Street** dated November 1965 prepared by Golder Associates.
- Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Arva Reservoir Expansion Lake Huron Water Supply System Ministry of The Environment Project No. 5-0001-06 Arva, Ontario dated May, 1990 prepared by Golder Associates.
- 3. Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Arva Booster Pumping Station, Kilworth-Mount Brydges Transmission Main, Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System, and Municipality of Middlesex Centre, Ontario dated April 29, 2009, prepared by Golder Associates.

### 5.2 Previous Geotechnical Investigations

There are thirteen (13) boreholes and five (5) test pits that were investigated at or near the Site I land as shown in Figure 5. The borehole and test pit information is summarized in Table 23Table 23.



- Borehole from Ontario Geological Survey
- Borehole from Golder report 2009 (Geotechnical Investigation- Proposed Arva Booster Pumping Station, Kilworth-Mount Brydges Transmission Main, Lake Huron Primary Water Supply System, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, Ontario)
- Test pit from Golder report 1990 (Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Arva Reservoir Expansion Lake Huron Water Supply System Ministry of The Environment Project No. 5-0001-06 Arva, Ontario)

Figure 5 Borehole locations near Site I

Table 23: Borehole and test pit information for Site I

Borehole ID	Borehole Depth (mbgs)	Completion year	Ground Surface Elevation (m)
602493	6.1	1966	279.3
601373	6.1	1966	276.7
601372	6.6	1966	279
602494	6.2	1964	276.7
TP1	4.3	1990	284.6
TP2	4.4	1990	284.3
TP3	4.4	1990	285.3
TP4	4.4	1990	285.9
TP5	5.7	1990	287.3
201	5.0	2009	278.9
202	3.5	2009	278.6
203	1.5	2009	282.9
204	3.5	2009	283.0
205	1.5	2009	283.6
206	1.5	2009	283.6
207	5.0	2009	283.8
208	5.0	2009	283.9
209	3.5	2009	284.1

### **5.2.1** Subsurface Conditions

This site generally consists of sand or silt soils below the fill layer. The top 2.4m soil varied from a loose to dense condition. The soils below 2.4 mbgs are generally compact to dense or hard. The detailed soil profiles are shown in Table 24.

**Table 24: Subsurface Soils Conditions** 

Borehole ID	Depth	Soil Types	Descriptions	
602493	0~0.6m	fill	sand, gravel	
	0.6~2m	sand	with silt, clay, gravel brown, dense, medium grained	
	2~6.1m	silt	with sand, clay, brown, dense, medium grained	
601373	0~0.6	fill	Sand	
	0.6~2.4 m	fill	with sand, silt, clay, brown, compact	
	2.4~3.7 m	silt	with gravel, clay, organic, brown, compact	
	3.7~6.1 m	sand	with gravel, silt, brown, dense, coarse grained	
601372	0~2.4m	silt	organic material, brown, firm	
	2.4~4.6m	sand	with silt, organic, grey, compact, medium grained	
	4.6~5m	sand	with silt, gravel, grey, compact, medium grain	
	5~6.6m	silt	with clay, grey, hard	
602494	0~2.4 m	silt	with clay, brown, loose	
	2.4~6.2 m	silt	with sand, clay, gravel, brown, dense, coarse grained	
TP1	0~0.4	fill	brown clayey silt with some topsoil	
	0.4~1.4	silty sand	brown, gravel and cobbles	
	1.4~4.3	clayey silt till	brown becoming grey at 3.5 m, with sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders	
TP2	0~0.3	topsoil	brown, silty	
	0.3~0.6	clayey silt	brown, with topsoil pockets	
	0.6~4.4	clayey silt till	brown becoming grey at 3.5 m, with trace sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders	
TP3	0~0.2	clayey silt fill	brown, with some topsoil, wood fragments	
	0.2~4.4	clayey silt till	brown becoming grey at 0.8 m, with gravel, cobbles and boulders	

Borehole ID	Depth	Soil Types	Descriptions	
TP4	0~0.2	clayey silt fill	brown, with some topsoil, numerous rootlets	
	0.2~4.4	clayey silt till	brown becoming grey at 2 m, with gravel, cobbles and boulders	
TP5	0~0.1	topsoil	brown, silty	
	0.1~5.7	clayey silt till	brown becoming grey at 3.5 m, with gravel, cobbles and boulders	
201	0~0.4m	topsoil	brown	
	0.4~5.0m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, brown to grey, very stiff to hard	
202	0~0.4m	topsoil	brown	
	0.4~3.5m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, brown to grey, stiff to hard	
203	0~0.1m	topsoil	brown	
	0.1~0.4m	fill	clayey silt with sand, gravel, brown	
	0.4~1.5m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, brown	
204	0~0.1m	topsoil	brown	
	0.1~0.4m	fill	sand and gravel, brown	
	0.4~2.1m	fill	clayey silt with sand, gravel, grey, firm to stiff	
	2.1~3.5m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, brown, very stiff to hard	
205	0~0.1m	topsoil	brown	
	0.1~1.5m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, brown	
206	0~0.2m	topsoil	brown	
	0.2~0.3m	fill	sand and gravel, brown	
	0.4~2.1m	fill	clayey silt with sand, gravel, brown and grey	
207	0~0.2m	topsoil	brown	
	0.2~0.3m	fill	sand and gravel, brown	
	0.3~1.4m	fill	sandy silt with clay, gravel, brown, loose	
	1.4~4.3m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, brown to grey, very stiff to hard	
	4.3~4.4m	sand	with silt, grey	
	4.4~5.0m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, grey, very stiff	
208	0~0.1m	topsoil	brown	
	0.1~0.3m	fill	sand and gravel with silt, brown	
	0.3~5.0m	clayey silt till	with sand, gravel, brown to grey, very stiff	
209	0~0.1m	asphalt	asphalt pavement	
	0.1~0.6m	fill	sand and gravel with silt, brown.	
	0.6~1.4m	fill	clayey silt with sand, gravel, grey, very stiff	
	1.4~2.1m	clayey silt	with sand, gravel, grey, very stiff	
	2.1~2.5m	clayey silt	with sand, grey, stiff	
	2.5~3.5m	clayey silt till	With sand, gravel, brown, very stiff to hard	

According to the Golder report dated November 1965, three (3) boreholes, i.e., BH-24 to BH-26 were drilled in the high area near Arva Reservoir. However, the location of these boreholes was not clearly reported. The subsurface soils consist of stratified silts and silty fine sands extending either to the borehole termination depth in BH-25 or overlaying stiff to hard till in BH-24 and BH-26. The soil conditions are summarized in Table 25.

Table 25: Subsurface Soils Conditions - BH-24 to BH-26

Soil Type	Depth (m)	Description
Sand and Gravel fill	0~0.15	
Sandy silt/ silt	2.1~2.4	Brown, loose to compact (SPT N= 5~17)
Sand/ Silt fine Sand (BH-25)	3.8 (terminated)	Brown, compact to very dense (SPT N=28~81)
Sandy silt till/clayey silt till (BH-24 and	2.1~3.1(terminated)	Brown to grey, compact to dense or hard (SPT
BH-26)		N=24~81)

### 5.2.2 Groundwater

In this area, no groundwater monitoring wells were installed in boreholes shown in Figure 5 adjacent to Site I. However, the unstabilized groundwater was measured during drilling to range from 279.6 to 281.6 masl in boreholes 207 to 209 in January, 2009. Boreholes 201 to 206 were found to be dry during drilling operations. Based on the 1965 Golder report, the groundwater levels were measured in the sandy silt deposit in BH-24 and BH-25 at depths of 1.7 m and 3.4 m respectively in early Decmeber 1964 while BH-26 was dry. According to 1990 Golder Report, the groundwater was encountered at 284 masl (0.6mbgs) in TP1, while TP2 to TP5 were dry. Grain size analysis that was completed on soil samples from three (3) boreholes (BH-201, BH-204, BH-207) and one (1) test pit indicates that the hydraulic conductivity of the clayey silt till is in the range of  $6 \times 10^{-8} - 3 \times 10^{-7}$  m/s.

### 5.2.3 Site I – Hydrogeological Overview

The subsurface condition at Site I generally consists of clayey silt till / clayey silt / silt. The hydraulic conductivity of clayey silt till is in the range of  $6 \times 10^{-8} - 3 \times 10^{-7}$  m/s, based on grain size analysis, which is considered to be relatively low. Groundwater elevations, as measured in open boreholes nearby this site, are in the range of 2.5 m to 4.2 mbgs (281.6 to 279.6 mASL), and based on change in soil color and water content profile in the boreholes, the long-term groundwater elevation is estimated to be at approximately 281 mASL. The site is located to the northwest of Medway Creek. Ground surface topography slope southeastward toward Medway Creek, and thus, the groundwater flow direction is expected to be southeasterly toward Medway Creek, as well. No groundwater samples were collected for water quality analysis.



### 6. Summary and Future Works

The geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of foundations are related to the compactness and consistency of the native soils, and the seasonal groundwater table. Based on the results of this desktop review of the available data for new Water Storage facility the following is a summary of the available information:

- 1. It is noted that there is sufficient geotechnical information for Site A-Area A1, Site C-Area C3, and Site G;
- 2. The subsurface conditions at Site A –Area 1 are mainly sand or sandy silt soils. The compactness of the sandy soils was loose to very dense, which is suitable for the foundation of the proposed structure. The groundwater table was observed to range from 4.9 mbgs to 7.6 mbgs from two boreholes. The groundwater generally flows to the north, toward the Thames River through an extensive granular deposit. However, an additional investigation at this site is required to understand the seasonal groundwater fluctuations;
- 3. The subsurface conditions at Site C-Area C3 are uniform with dense to very dense sandy silt till, which is suitable for the foundation of the proposed storage facilities. However, further investigation is required at this site to understand the groundwater conditions for the preliminary and final designs.; and
- 4. Site G contains hard to stiff silty clay till, which is also suitable for the proposed storage facilities. The groundwater level elevation at site G was observed to range from 3.67 mbgs to 7.0 mbgs from two boreholes. Supplementary investigation/assessment is required at this site to understand the seasonal groundwater fluctuations.

From a hydrogeological perspective, there are a number of issues that will affect the design and construction of a water storage reservoir:

- 1. Construction dewatering: Hydrogeological conditions will impact the rate and quality of groundwater flow into the construction area.
  - a. Groundwater flow is generally related to the hydraulic conductivity of the soil material and the elevation of the water table in the construction area.
  - b. No hydraulic conductivity test results are available for the Sites A, C, G and I.
- 2. Long-term maintenance: Groundwater elevations may impact the long-term effectiveness of the chosen storage reservoir design.
  - a. Groundwater table elevations: a high groundwater table may impact the material used to construct the reservoir (e.g. concrete). Site C has a high groundwater table. Sites A and G have relatively lower groundwater levels. However, seasonal monitoring is required to understand the groundwater table fluctuations for all the Areas.
  - b. Groundwater quality: there are soluble constituents in groundwater that can attack the material used to construct the reservoir and shorten its design life. Further groundwater sampling and testing is required for all Areas.



# Appendix C Design Details

- **C.1 Preliminary Design Report**
- **C.2 Preliminary Cost Estimate**

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### **Appendix C.1**

**Preliminary Design Report** 



### **Appendix C.2**

**Preliminary Cost Estimate** 

## Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Report

The 4th Meeting of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee March 21, 2019

Committee Rooms #1 and #2

Attendance

PRESENT: S. Levin (Chair), E. Arellano, A. Boyer, R. Doyle, A. Duarte, C. Dyck, P. Ferguson, S. Hall, I. Mohamed, K. Moser, S. Sivakumar and I. Whiteside and H. Lysynski (Secretary)

ABSENT: B. Krichker and R. Trudeau

ALSO PRESENT: C. Creighton, J. MacKay and L. Pompilii

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

#### 1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

#### 2. Scheduled Items

None.

#### 3. Consent

3.1 3rd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 3rd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 21, 2019, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 2nd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on February 12, 2019, with respect to the 2nd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, was received.

3.3 Proposed 2019 City Funded ESA Capital Projects

That consideration of the proposed 2019 City-Funded Environmentally Significant Areas Capital Projects BE POSTPONED to the next meeting.

### 4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 ESA Management Committee Minutes

That consideration of the Environmentally Significant Management Committee Minutes from its meeting held on October 24, 2018, BE POSTPONED to the next meeting.

#### 5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Clarke Road Environmental Assessment Working Group Comments

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Clarke Road Environmental Assessment:

- a) the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee BE ALLOWED to review the Environmental Study Report (ESR) prior to the thirty day review; and,
- b) the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee BE INVOLVED in the detailed design phase of the project.
- 5.2 Environmentally Significant Areas and Your Dog Pamphlet

That it BE NOTED that a review of the proposed "Environmentally Significant Areas and Your Dog" pamphlet was undertaken and further amendments will be made.

5.3 Zoning By-law Amendment - 348 Sunningdale Road East Working Group Comments

That the <u>attached</u>, revised, Working Group comments relating to the property located at 348 Sunningdale Road East BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

5.4 Meadowlily Woods Environmentally Significant Area Conservation Plan - Phase 1 Working Group Comments

That the <u>attached</u> Working Group comments relating to the Meadowlily Woods Environmentally Significant Area Conservation Plan - Phase 1 BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

5.5 Notice of Planning Application - Draft Plan Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment - 1938 and 1964 Commissioners Road East and Portion of 1645 Hamilton Road

That the existing Working Group consisting of S. Levin, C. Dyck, S. Hall, K. Moser and I. Whiteside BE REQUESTED to review and report back at the next Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee meeting with respect to the draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment relating to the properties located at 1938 and 1964 Commissioners Road East and a portion of 1656 Hamilton Road.

5.6 Notice of Planning Application - Zoning By-law Amendment - 3900 Scotland Drive and Other Properties

That it BE NOTED that the Notice of Planning Application for the Zoning By-law Amendment relating to the property located at 3900 Scotland Drive, from C. Lowery, Planner II, was received.

5.7 Notice of Planning Application - Zoning By-law Amendment - 4680 Wellington Road South

That it BE NOTED that the Notice of Planning Application for the Zoning By-law Amendment relating to the property located at 4680 Wellington Road South, from M. Sundercock, Site Development Planner, was received.

#### 5.8 2019 Work Plan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Workplan:

- a) the <u>attached</u> 2019 Work Plan for the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for consideration; and,
- b) the <u>attached</u> 2018 Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Workplan Summary BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for information.

#### 6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (ADDED) Mud Creek Project - Phase 1 Construction - Update 2

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee reviewed and received a communication dated March 15, 2019, from S. Chambers, Division Manager, Stormwater Engineering, with respect to an update on the Mud Creek Phase 1 construction.

6.2 (ADDED) Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee reviewed and received a communication from L. Livingstone, Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children & Fire Services and S. Stafford, Managing Director, Parks and Recreation, with respect to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; it being noted that representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department will be presenting at the next Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee with respect to this matter.

6.3 (ADDED) Is Your Cat Safe Outdoors? Brochure

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to mail the "Is Your Cat Safe Outdoors" brochure to new homeowners living adjacent to natural heritage areas.

#### 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

# Trees and Forests Advisory Committee Report

3rd Meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee March 27, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: C. Linton (Acting Chair), T. Khan, J.

Kogelheide, A. Meilutis, A. Morrison, M. Szabo, S. Teichert, R.

Walker; and P. Shack (Secretary)

ABSENT: C. Haindl, R. Mannella and G. Mitchell

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton and J. Spence

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM.

#### 1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

#### 2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Oak Wilt

That it BE NOTED that the <u>attached</u> presentation from J. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to Oak Wilt, was received.

#### 3. Consent

3.1 2nd Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That the 2nd Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, BE DEFERRED to next meeting.

### 4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

#### 5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Boulevard Tree Protection By-Law

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from J. Spence, Manager Urban Forestry, with respect to the Boulevard Tree Protection By-Law.

### 5.2 Tree Protection By-Law

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from J. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the Tree Protection By-Law.

### 5.3 Dingman SWM EA Update

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from C. Linton, with respect to the Dingman Stormwater Management Environmental Assessment.

### 5.4 City Emerald Ash Borer Program

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee heard verbal update from A. Beaton, Manager Operations-Forestry, and J. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the Emerald Ash Borer Program.

5.5 Tree Location Policy for projects that impact lands not covered under the Boulevard or Private Tree By-Laws

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee held a general discussion, with respect to Tree Location Policy for projects that impact lands not covered under the Boulevard or Private Tree By-Laws.

### 6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

### 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM



P.O. Box 5035 300 Dufferin Avenue London, ON N6A 4L9

March 27, 2019

A. Rammeloo Manager III

K. Grabowski Transportation Design Engineer

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on March 26, 2019 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2nd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee from its meeting held on February 21, 2019:

- a) the Civic Administration BE ADVISED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) agrees, in principle, only with the Springbank Dam Environmental Assessment for the preferred solution of the partial decommissioning of the Springbank Dam pending the EEPAC review of the completed Environmental Impact Study and accompanying documentation including the hydrogeological assessment contained in the River Characterization Study and the Natural Heritage Setting Study; it being noted that the EEPAC has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement and has met with Civic Administration to discuss this matter;
- b) the revised Working Group comments appended to the 3rd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee relating to the Thames Valley Parkway North Branch Connection BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration; and,
- c) clauses 1.1, 2.1, 3.1 to 3.5, inclusive, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1 to 5.8, inclusive, 6.1 and 6.2, BE RECEIVED for information. (4.1/6/PEC)

C. Saunders City Clerk /lm

cc. Chair and Members, Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee External cc List in the City Clerk's Office

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### **Proposed 2019 City Funded ESA Capital Projects**

#### **Project Category**

#### **Master Plans and Studies**

Meadowlily Woods CMP

#### **Invasive Species Management / Habitat Restoration:**

- All ESAs Phragmites management & monitoring as per Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework
- Killaly Dog Strangling Vine control as per Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC) BMP
- Medway and Killaly Purple Loosestrife biological control as per OIPC Best Management Practice (BMP)
- Westminster Buckthorn control touch-ups in 4ha restoration area south of Saunders Pond
- All ESAs Monitor using EDRR approach and touch ups of all 2018 work under operational budget

#### **Trail Improvements/Lifecycle Renewal**

- Medway Metamora access replace railing & install crib steps and plantings as per Trails Advisory Group Jan. 31/2019
- Westminster Lifecycle renewal with AODA best practices for boardwalk #13 (replace a 105m long, 1 meter wide, wooden boardwalk)

#### Stewardship / Education / Signs

- 15 "Protect Ground Nesting Woodcocks Birds" signs for enhanced Dogs on Leash/Stay on Trail compliance
- Medway kiosk sign at Sunningdale Rd. W. access with Friends of Medway Creek Adopt an ESA Group

#### **ESA Management Committee Meeting Minutes**

#### October 24th, 2018 UTRCA Boardroom

#### **Present**

City - Linda McDougall, Andrew Macpherson, Christine Jarvis, Heather Chapman

UTRCA - Alex Shivas, Cathy Quinlan, Christine Creighton

ESA Team - Dan Jones, Brandon Williamson, Cole Volkaert, Richard Brewer, Kaitlyn Muma

#### 1) Welcome

- 2) Minutes of Previous Meeting, April 25th, 2018
  - No changes

#### 3) ESA Team Operations Report

- a) Power Point (Operations April 2018 to Sept 2018)
- b) Encampments
  - New City protocol on dealing with encampments in ESAs was shared

#### 4) Environmentally Significant Areas (ESA) – Conservation Master Plans and General Updates

#### 4a. Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA

- 2018 Invasive species work continues in RO1, 2, 5, 14 and 15 including work to protect Species at Risk (False Rue-anemone) from Goutweed/Knotweed. Phragmites work and monitoring continues.
- Loosestrife Beetle Releases continued in 2018 in additional locations.
- Council approved trail plan implementation for north part of ESA is nearing completion now expropriation is completed.
- Julie and FOMC have requested a Kiosk Sign at Sunningdale Access as 2019 Capital Project UTRCA staff and FOMC to assist with mapping and graphics etc.

#### 4b. The Coves ESA

- Euston Meadow, East Pond, and Elmwood Gateway restoration work by Quiet Nature and others continues (as per CMP, funded by FOTCSI and City)
- Briscoe Woods woodchip trail implementation 2018 completed as per CMP/LIC.
   City/Reforest London tree planting/restoration projects proposed for 2019 for Briscoe Woods and along granular trail west of Silver Creek ravine.
- Buckthorn management 2018 (Silver Creek primarily)
- FOTCSI has submitted several funding applications for implementing stream channel restoration implementation as per CMP.
- Western Engineering students developing conceptual bridge designs over Silver Creek as a student design competition and term project.

#### 4c. Meadowlily Woods ESA

- Update on Conservation Master Plan by Natural Resource Solutions Inc.; James McKay leading process; a Community Open House expected in 2018
- Buckthorn, Knotweed, Phragmites management continues in 2018

#### 4d. Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA

- ESA Team taking on next steps in the adaptive management process in the Restoration Plan for the 4.0 ha buckthorn site behind tourism building.
- Boardwalk lifecycle replacements/AODA upgrades in 2018
- Ongoing Phragmites work and innovative control successes by ESA Team

#### 4e. Sifton Bog ESA

- Hydrology report on monitoring; City's Stormwater Management Unit to take lead
- Buckthorn and Periwinkle management 2018

#### 4f. Kains Woods ESA

- Buckthorn and Honeysuckle and Autumn Olive work completed in 2018
- Reforest London coordinated tree planting around SWM Pond with City.

#### 4g. Warbler Woods ESA

- TAG walk was coordinated in 2018, ESA Team implementing TAG trail
- New lands were brought into ESA team's responsibility in 2018
- Buckthorn and Phragmites management 2018

#### 4h. Kilally Meadows ESA

- DSV/Buckthorn being managed north and south of river in 2018 including Hypena biological control research work with Silv-Econ (at no cost to City for 2018, local Adopt an ESA groups consulted and fully support this work).
- TVTA volunteer group buckthorn baggie project on north side continues
- ESA Ecological Restoration Plan with local Adopt an ESA community engagement is underway (as a 2018 capital project by Parsons Consulting) Draft Report expected March 2019
- Loosestrife Beetle Release Community Events in Kilally 2018 was a success.

#### 4i) Lower Dingman ESA

- Buckthorn, Norway Maple, Yellow Iris and other invasive species management and restoration implemented in 2018
- Kiosk AODA information update to reflect new trails reviewed by TAG in 2018 and implemented by ESA Team
- Phragmites control along Homewood Lane completed as part of ~30km of roadside Phragmites treated by City/LTVCA in effort to control all Phragmites in LTVCA watershed inside City limits. Touchups and monitoring in 2019.

#### 4h) Pottersburg Valley ESA

- Half hectare of Phragmites management in 2018
- ESA Team developing Ecological Restoration Plan for Oak Savanah area for 2019 implementation, community engagement is key part of process and could include future prescribed burns
- Bridge over rail line complete, restoration underway

#### 4i) Kelly Stanton ESA

- Adopt an ESA group volunteers led by Will Van Hemessen collecting 3 season inventory and potentially developing an Ecological Restoration Plan
- Phragmites control and monitoring ongoing

#### 5) Other

- a) Management Agreement Maps
  - Updates completed by UTRCA GIS staff
- b) **Brochure Updates** 
  - Draft Coves brochure (text and map) circulated and edits ongoing
  - Lower Dingman brochure to follow
- c) 2019 Budget and Work Plan
  - Followup meeting to be scheduled in November between UTRCA and City
- d) Potential Byron ESA?
- 6) **Next Meeting** March 2019



#### Dingman Drive East of Wellington Road to Highway 401 and Area Intersections Municipal Class Environmental Assessment



#### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

#### The Study

The City of London has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to determine road improvements for Dingman Drive, East of Wellington Road to Highway 401. This study will also address traffic capacity and road operational improvements to the associated Exeter Road/Wellington Road and Dingman Drive/White Oak Road intersections (Figure 1). This project was identified as a priority in response to the future growth of the London Gateway development (formerly PenEquity) near Wellington Road and Highway 401 and the corresponding increased traffic and pedestrian volumes. The proposed improvements will assess opportunities to improve existing cycling and pedestrian facilities connections to encourage active transportation.

#### The Process

The Municipal Class EA study will be completed in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and will fulfill the requirements of the Municipal Class EA process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) for Schedule C projects. The project team will examine a full range of alternatives and identify a preferred strategy for addressing the project needs. The project will include extensive public and agency consultation and require the completion of an Environmental Study Report (ESR).

#### **Public Comments Invited**

The City of London wants anyone with an interest in the study to have an opportunity to provide input, which will help the project team in the decision-making process. Two (2) Public Information Centres (PIC) will be held. The first PIC will be scheduled in early June to present the purpose and scope of this study, review alternative planning solutions to address the problems/opportunities, and identify a recommended planning solution. Advanced notification of the PIC will be advertised on the City of London website and in The Londoner, in addition to being sent by mail to those on the study mailing list.

To provide comments, receive additional information, or be added to the study mailing list, please visit http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/Dingman-Road-Environmental-Assesment.aspx or contact either of the following team members below:

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Project Manager, Corporation of the City of London 300 Dufferin Avenue London ON, N6A 4L9 Tel: 519-661-CITY (2489) x. 4934

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#### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Information collected for the study will be used in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Except for personal information, including your name, address and property location, all comments received throughout the study will become part of the public record and included in project documentation.

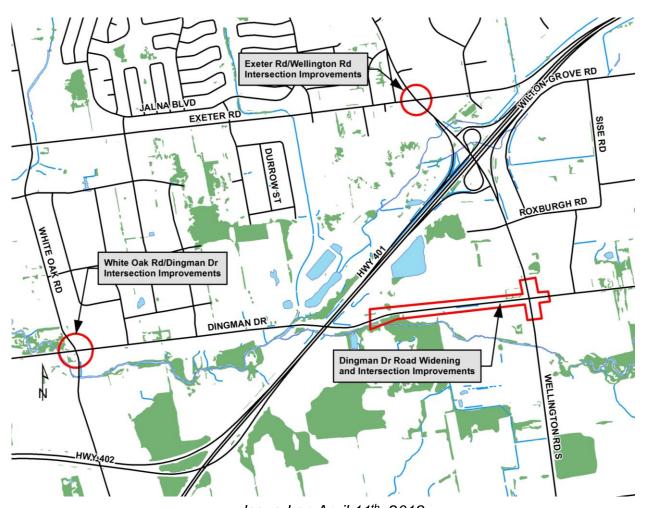


Figure 1: Study Area

Issued on April 11th, 2019.



# NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATION

# Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments

# Address - 146 Exeter Road (Richardson Subdivision 39T-15501, Lots 7-18)



File: OZ-9038

**Applicant: City of London** 

What is Proposed?

Official Plan and Zoning amendments to allow:

• Single detached dwellings on a portion of the site.



# LEARN MORE & PROVIDE INPUT

Please provide any comments by **May 1, 2019**Nancy Pasato
npasato@london.ca
519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 4586

Development Services, City of London, 300 Dufferin Avenue, 6th Floor,

London ON PO BOX 5035 N6A 4L9

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london.ca/planapps

You may also discuss any concerns you have with your Ward Councillor: Elizabeth Peloza epeloza@london.ca 519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 4012

If you are a landlord, please post a copy of this notice where your tenants can see it. We want to make sure they have a chance to take part.

Date of Notice: April 2, 2019

### **Application Details**

Commonly Used Planning Terms are available at london.ca/planapps.

#### **Requested Amendment to the Current Official Plan**

To change the designation of the property from "Multi-Family, Medium Density Residential" to "Low Density Residential" to permit single detached dwellings; and to amend Section 20.5 of the Official Plan (Southwest Area Secondary Plan), Schedule 4 (Southwest Area Land Use Plan), from "Medium Density Residential" to "Low Density Residential" to permit single detached dwellings; and Schedule 10 (Central Longwoods Residential Neighbourhood Land Use Designations), from "Medium Density Residential" to "Low Density Residential" to permit single detached dwellings.

#### Requested Amendment to The London Plan (New Official Plan)

As per policy 1565, to amend the Southwest Area Secondary Plan, Schedule 4 (Southwest Area Land Use Plan), from "Medium Density Residential" to "Low Density Residential" to permit single detached dwellings; and Schedule 10 (Central Longwoods Residential Neighbourhood Land Use Designations), from "Medium Density Residential" to "Low Density Residential" to permit single detached dwellings.

#### **Requested Zoning By-law Amendment**

To change the zoning from an Open Space (OS1) Zone to a Residential R1 Special Provision (R1-4(29)) Zone to permit single detached dwelling with a minimum lot frontage of 12 meters and a minimum lot area of 360 square meters, with a special provision to limit garages from projecting beyond the façade of the dwelling or façade (front face) of any porch, limiting garages to no more than 50% of lot frontage. Changes to the currently permitted land uses and development regulations are summarized below. The complete Zoning By-law is available at london.ca/planapps.

#### **Current Zoning**

Zone: Open Space (OS1)

**Permitted Uses:** conservation lands, conservation works, cultivation of land for agricultural/horticultural purposes, golf courses, private parks, public parks, recreational golf courses, recreational buildings associated with conservation lands and public parks, campground, managed forest.

#### **Requested Zoning**

**Zone:** Residential R1 Special Provision (R1-4(29))

**Permitted Uses:** single detached dwelling with a minimum lot frontage of 12 meters and a minimum lot area of 360 square meters

**Special Provision(s):** limit garages from projecting beyond the façade of the dwelling or façade (front face) of any porch, limiting garages to no more than 50% of lot frontage **Residential Density:** one unit per lot

Height: 9.0 meters

This property is also the subject of an application for draft plan of subdivision (39T-15501 - Richardson Subdivision - granted draft approval January 27, 2019).

#### **Planning Policies**

Any change to the Zoning By-law must conform to the policies of the Official Plan, London's long-range planning document. These lands are currently designated as Multi-Family, Medium Density Residential in the Official Plan, which permits [--->insert current permitted uses <---] as the main uses.

The subject lands are in the Neighbourhoods Place Type in *The London Plan*, permitting a range of residential uses, including singe detached dwellings.

## How Can You Participate in the Planning Process?

You have received this Notice because someone has applied to change the Official Plan designation and the zoning of land located within 120 metres of a property you own, or your landlord has posted the notice of application in your building. The City reviews and makes decisions on such planning applications in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*. The ways you can participate in the City's planning review and decision making process are summarized below. For more detailed information about the public process, go to the <u>Participating in the Planning Process</u> page at <u>london.ca</u>.

#### See More Information

You can review additional information and material about this application by:

- visiting Development Services at 300 Dufferin Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm;
- contacting the City's Planner listed on the first page of this Notice; or
- viewing the application-specific page at <u>london.ca/planapps</u>.

#### **Reply to this Notice of Application**

We are inviting your comments on the requested changes at this time so that we can consider them as we review the application and prepare a report that will include Development Services staff's recommendation to the City's Planning and Environment Committee. Planning considerations usually include such matters as land use, development intensity, and form of development.

#### **Attend a Future Public Participation Meeting**

The Planning and Environment Committee will consider the requested Official Plan and zoning changes on a date that has not yet been scheduled. The City will send you another notice inviting you to attend this meeting, which is required by the *Planning Act.* You will also be invited to provide your comments at this public participation meeting. The Planning and Environment Committee will make a recommendation to Council, which will make its decision at a future Council meeting.

## What Are Your Legal Rights?

#### **Notification of Council Decision**

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of London on the proposed official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9, or at <a href="docservices@london.ca">docservices@london.ca</a>. You will also be notified if you speak to the Planning and Environment Committee at the public meeting about this application and leave your name and address with the Secretary of the Committee.

#### Right to Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information go to <a href="http://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/omb/about-the-omb/">http://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/omb/about-the-omb/</a>.

#### **Notice of Collection of Personal Information**

Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Participation Meeting, or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, and the *Planning Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and will be used by Members of Council and City of London staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Participation Meeting may also be posted to the City of London's website. Questions about this collection should be referred to Cathy Saunders, City Clerk, 519-661-CITY(2489) ext. 4937.

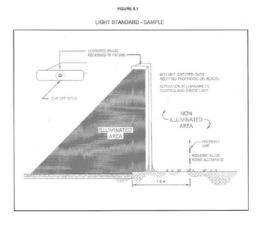
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# NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SITE PLAN CONTROL BY-LAW

## Bird Friendly Development – Site Plan Control By-law Proposed Changes

# Amendments to the Site Plan Control By-law



- The City of London is considering changes to the Site Plan Control By-law to address Bird-Friendly development requirements.
- The changes proposed are specific to lighting and rely on changes to the existing site plan review process for implementation.
- The proposed changes were provided at the January 21, 2019 meeting of PEC and can be viewed online at london.ca or by contacting the file planner.
- Please provide any comments to the file planner by April 18, 2019.



# LEARN MORE & PROVIDE INPUT

Please provide any comments by **April 18, 2019**Leif Maitland
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Development Services, City of London, 300 Dufferin Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,

London ON PO BOX 5035 N6A 4L9 File: Bird Friendly Development

Date of Notice: March 21, 2019

Outcome 2: London has	a strong and healthy environment (continued)					
Expected Result	Strategy	Metric				
b) Increase community knowledge and action to support the environment	BSC-16 Collaborate on environmental actions with community groups through the London Environmental Network (LEN) and businesses as part of Green Economy London.	# of businesses/institutions that have joined because of City collaboration # of collaborative projects with community groups undertaken				
	BSC-17 Increase community environmental outreach for the built environme through CityGreen.	# of CityGreen activities or events hosted # of participants in environmental education programs at provided by Conservation Authorities				
c) Protect and enhance waterways, wetlands, and natural areas	BSC-18 Implement strategies, policies, and programs to conserve natural areas and features.	# of Conservation master plans/ecological restoration plans completed # of hectares of buckthorn removed since 2018 # of hectares of Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) land managed through Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) contract # of Hectares of invasive species other than buckthorn or phragmites removed since 2018 # of ecological assessments reviewed # of Environmental Impact Studies reviewed monitoring compliance prior to subdivision assumption 2.5 hectares of phragmites removed # of hectares of wetlands created by Conservation Authorities # of trees planted by Conservation Authorities # of hectares of grasslands created by Conservation Authorities				
	BSC-19 Improve water quality in the Thames River	# of litres per day increase in ability to treat sewage during large rain storms  # of Thames River water quality samples taken  # of homeowner grants provided to reduce basement flooding and treatment plant bypasses  # of kilometers of combined sewer replaced  # of litres reduction in raw sewage bypasses to the Thames River during large rain storms				
	<b>BSC-20</b> Bring Londoners 'Back to the River' by revitalizing the Thames River radiating from the Forks.	% completion of the Forks Inaugural Project % completion of the SoHo Back to the River Environmental Assessment % completion of the SoHo Inaugural Construction Project				

### STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

Outcome 1: Londoners have access to the supports they need to be successful (continued)

Expected Result	Strateg	у	Metric				
e) Increase opportunities for individuals and families	SOC-10	7 9 11 1	% of reported sexual assaults that are cleared as unfounded (London Police)				
		response to victims, the vulnerable, and racialized persons and groups.	% of respondents satisfied with the quality of police services in helping victims of crime				
	SOC-11	Fund and partner with the London Public Library to increase opportunities for people to access the services they need.	% increase in accessible and relevant collections in circulation to meet demand for collections				
			% of Indigenous people served				
	SOC-12	Improve access to licensed child care and early years opportunities.	# of additional licensed child care spaces created				
			# of children in receipt of child care fee subsidy monthly, each year				
			# of EarlyON visits made by children-families				
	SOC-13	Work collectively with community partners to improve outcomes and integrated responses for children, youth, families, and older adults.	# of community organizations support collective community agendas				
			# of community-based plans implemented				
			# of community-supported initiatives implemented annually				
			\$ invested to support collective community agendas				
			% of seniors population of older adults served at library locations				
			# of youth served at library locations				
	SOC-14	1 0	\$ invested in auditorium expansion				
		Dearness Home.	# of programs and events offered				
f) Improve the health and well-being of Londoners	SOC-15	Continue to provide access to planned and managed pathway systems and nature trails within parks and open spaces.	% of population using paths/trails # of user trips on the Thames Valley Parkway (TVP)				
			# of kilometres of pathways (including TVP multi-use pathways and Secondary multi-use paths)				
			# of kilometres of trails (dirt, woodchip, and gravel)				
	SOC-16	Create programs and exhibitions to foster health and well-being.	% of program participants reporting increased levels of physical activity				
			% of program participants reporting increased self-esteem				
			# of classes, exhibits, and other programs offered at Museum London				

	Metrics	Targets				Incremental Operating	Total Capital	
Strategy		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		Cost (2020-2023)
BSC-18 Implement strategies, policies, and programs to conserve natural areas and features.	4 Conservation master plans/ecological restoration plans completed	1	1	1	1	0	-	\$500,000
	37.5 hectares of buckthorn removed	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	-	-
	<b>795</b> hectares of Environmentally Significant Area (ESA) land managed through Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) contract	735	750	765	780	795	-	-
	<b>37.5</b> hectares of invasive species other than buckthorn or phragmites removed	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	-	-
	50 ecological assessments reviewed	10	10	10	10	10	-	-
	<b>100%</b> of Environmental Impact Study monitoring compliance prior to subdivision assumption	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	\$100,000	\$80,000
	2.5 hectares of phragmites removed	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-	-
	# of hectares of wetlands created by Conservation Authorities	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	# of trees planted by Conservation Authorities	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	# of hectares of grasslands created by Conservation Authorities	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>BSC-19</b> Improve water quality in the Thames River	131 million litres per day increase in ability to treat sewage during large rain storms	27,000,000	74,000,000	0	0	30,000,000	_	\$10,000,000
	<b>590</b> million litres reduction in raw sewage bypasses to the Thames River during large rain storms	100	200	200	200	250		
	25,000 Thames River water quality samples taken	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-
	250 homeowner grants provided to reduce basement flooding and treatment plant bypasses	50	50	50	50	50	-	-
	4.4 kilometers of combined sewer replaced	0.5	0.3	1.9	0.4	1.3	-	-









April 8, 2019

City of London, Long Range Planning and Sustainability Department ATTN: Linda McDougall

Dear Ms. McDougall,

The Invasive Species Centre commends the City of London for the excellent work completed under its London Invasive Plant Management Strategy. Not only was London the first municipality in Ontario to create, approve and implement an invasive species strategy, but your implementation can now act as a model for other Ontario municipalities to follow. Beyond the tremendous ecological benefits of this strategy, London is enabling community-led engagement around invasive species control such as the notable buckthorn removal work undertaken at the Kilally Meadows Environmentally Significant Area.

The implementation of the strategy has been thoughtful and well-advised. Use of provincial standards for invasive species management as well as investing in biological control efforts such as those targeting purple loosestrife and dog-strangling vine are but two examples of a thoughtful approach to addressing established invasive species within your municipality.

City staff have also worked to develop partnerships with organizations such as the Invasive Species Centre to work collaboratively on invasive species issues facing London and other communities alike. Recent examples include partnering to deliver a workshop on oak wilt, and invasive disease threatening native oak trees. Staff from the City of London also recently participated in the Invasive Species Centre's municipal economic survey, which helps all Ontarians better understand just how costly invasive species are at the community level. With the average Ontario municipality spending \$3.06 per person, per year on invasive species control, London is making strides towards costs saving through prevention and action. The Invasive Species Centre looks forward to working with the City and the broader London community to help prevent and reduce the spread of invasive species.

Sincerely,

Tracey Cooke
Executive Director

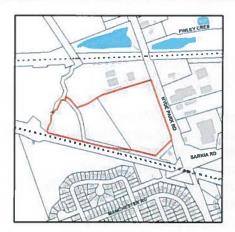
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# NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATION

# Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment

# 1176, 1200 and 1230 Hyde Park Road and a Portion of 1150 Gainsborough Rd



File: 39T-19502 / Z-9040

**Applicant: Northwest Crossings London Limited** 

What is Proposed?

Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning amendment to allow:

 Two (2) mixed use residential blocks, five (5) residential blocks, two (2) open space blocks, served by one (1) new local street.





# LEARN MORE & PROVIDE INPUT

Please provide any comments by **May 24, 2019**Craig Smith
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519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 5924
Development Services, City of London, 300 Dufferin Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, London ON PO BOX 5035 N6A 4L9

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You may also discuss any concerns you have with your Ward Councillor: Steve Lehman slehman@london.ca 519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 4008

If you are a landlord, please post a copy of this notice where your tenants can see it. We want to make sure they have a chance to take part.

Date of Notice: April 9, 2019

### **Application Details**

Commonly Used Planning Terms are available at london.ca/planapps.

#### **Requested Draft Plan of Subdivision**

Consideration of a Draft Plan of Subdivision consisting of Two (2) mixed use residential blocks, five (5) residential blocks, two (2) open space blocks, served by one (1) new local street.

#### Requested Zoning By-law Amendment

To change the zoning from Holding Restricted Service Commercial Special Provision (h\*RSC1(13)/RSC2(9)/RSC3(11)/RSC4(8)/RSC5(6)/RSC5(4)) Zone and an Open Space (OS1) Zone to a Business District Commercial Special Provision Bonus (BDC2(\*)\*B(\*)\*H22, a Residential Special Provision (R5-7(\*)/R6-5(\*)/R7(\*)\*H14/R8-4(\*)) Zone, a Residential Special Provision (R5-7(\*\*)/R6-5(\*\*)/R7(\*\*)\*H12/R8-4(\*\*) Zone, an Open Space Special Provision (OS1(\*) Zone and an Open Space Special Provision (OS5 (\*) Zone . Changes to the currently permitted land uses and development regulations are summarized below. The complete Zoning By-law is available at <a href="Iondon.ca/planapps">Iondon.ca/planapps</a>.

# Requested Zoning (Please refer to attached map) Zone(s):

- BDC 2 (\*)\*B Zone to permit a range of commercial uses on the first floor and residential use above the first floor to a maximum height of 22 metres (approx. 6 storeys) and maximum density of 75 units per hectare;
- (R5-7(\*)/R6-5(\*)/R7(\*)\*H14/R8-4(\*)) Zone- to permit a range of cluster forms of residential dwellings, including townhouses, street townhouses and apartments with 75 units per hectare and a maximum height of 14 metres (approx. 4 storeys);
- (R5-7(\*\*)/R6-5(\*\*)/R7(\*\*)\*H12/R8-4(\*\*) Zone- to permit a range of cluster forms of residential dwellings, including townhouses, street townhouses and apartments with 75 units per hectare and a maximum height of 12 metres (approx. 3 storeys);
- (OS1(\*) Zone to permit conservation lands, conservation works, public and private parks, with a minimum 5 metre lot frontage: and
- (OS5 (\*) to permit conservation lands with no lot frontage.

The City may also consider applying holding provisions in the zoning to ensure adequate provision of municipal services, that a subdivision agreement or development agreement is entered into and to ensure the completion of an archaeological assessment.

An Environmental Impact Study has been prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. dated February 9, 2019 to assist in the evaluation of this application. The EIS report is available for public review during regular business hours at the City of London Development Services, 6th floor, City Hall, or on the website at. <a href="london.ca/planapps">london.ca/planapps</a>.

#### **Planning Policies**

Any change to the Zoning By-law must conform to the policies of the Official Plan, London's long-range planning document. These lands are currently designated as Site Specific Policy 10.1.3 in the Official Plan, which permits mixed use buildings and cluster forms of residential development, as the main uses. The subject lands are in the 'Neighbourhoods' and 'Green Space' Place Types in *The London Plan*.

## **How Can You Participate in the Planning Process?**

You have received this Notice because someone has applied for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and to change the zoning of land located within 120 metres of a property you own, or your landlord has posted the notice of application in your building. The City reviews and makes decisions on such planning applications in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*. The ways you can participate in the City's planning review and decision making process are summarized below. For more detailed information about the public process, go to the <u>Participating in the Planning Process</u> page at <u>london.ca</u>.

#### **See More Information**

You can review additional information and material about this application by:

- visiting Development Services at 300 Dufferin Ave, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm;
- contacting the City's Planner listed on the first page of this Notice; or
- viewing the application-specific page at london.ca/planapps.

#### Reply to this Notice of Application

We are inviting your comments on the requested changes at this time so that we can consider them as we review the application and prepare a report that will include Development Services staff's recommendation to the City's Planning and Environment Committee. Planning considerations usually include such matters as land use, development intensity, and form of development.

#### **Attend a Future Public Participation Meeting**

The Planning and Environment Committee will consider the requested Draft Plan of Subdivision and zoning changes on a date that has not yet been scheduled. The City will send you another notice inviting you to attend this meeting, which is required by the *Planning Act*. You will also be invited to provide your comments at this public participation meeting. The Planning and Environment Committee will make a recommendation to Council, which will make its decision at a future Council meeting. The Council Decision will inform the decision of the Director, Development Services, who is the Approval Authority for Draft Plans of Subdivision.

### What Are Your Legal Rights?

#### **Notification of Council and Approval Authority's Decision**

If you wish to be notified of the Approval Authority's decision in respect of the proposed draft plan of subdivision, you must make a written request to the Director, Development Services, City of London, 300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035, London ON N6A 4L9, or at <a href="mailto:developmentservices@london.ca">developmentservices@london.ca</a>. You will also be notified if you provide written comments, or make a written request to the City of London for conditions of draft approval to be included in the Decision.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of London on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9, or at <a href="mailto:docservices@london.ca">docservices@london.ca</a>. You will also be notified if you speak to the Planning and Environment Committee at the public meeting about this application and leave your name and address with the Secretary of the Committee.

#### Right to Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the City of London in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Director, Development Services to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the City of London in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information go to http://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/.

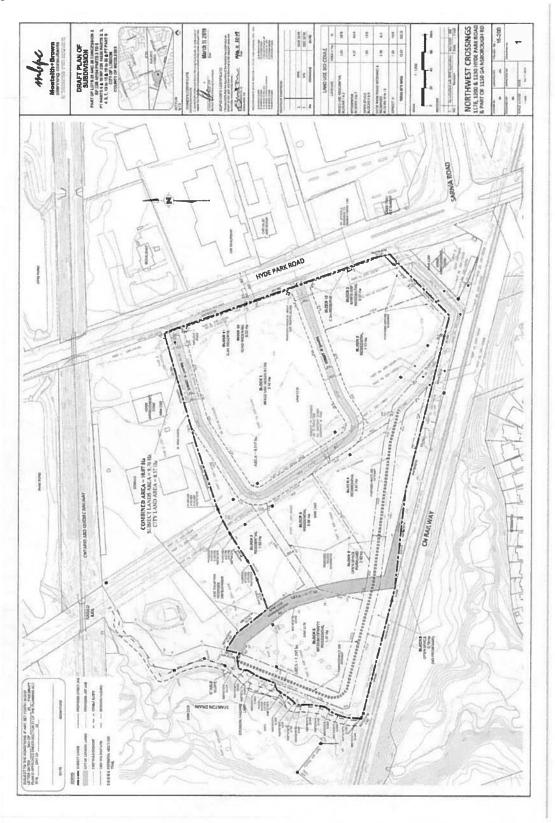
#### **Notice of Collection of Personal Information**

Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Participation Meeting, or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, and the *Planning Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and will be used by Members of Council and City of London staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Participation Meeting may also be posted to the City of

London's website. Questions about this collection should be referred to Cathy Saunders, City Clerk, 519-661-CITY(2489) ext. 4937.

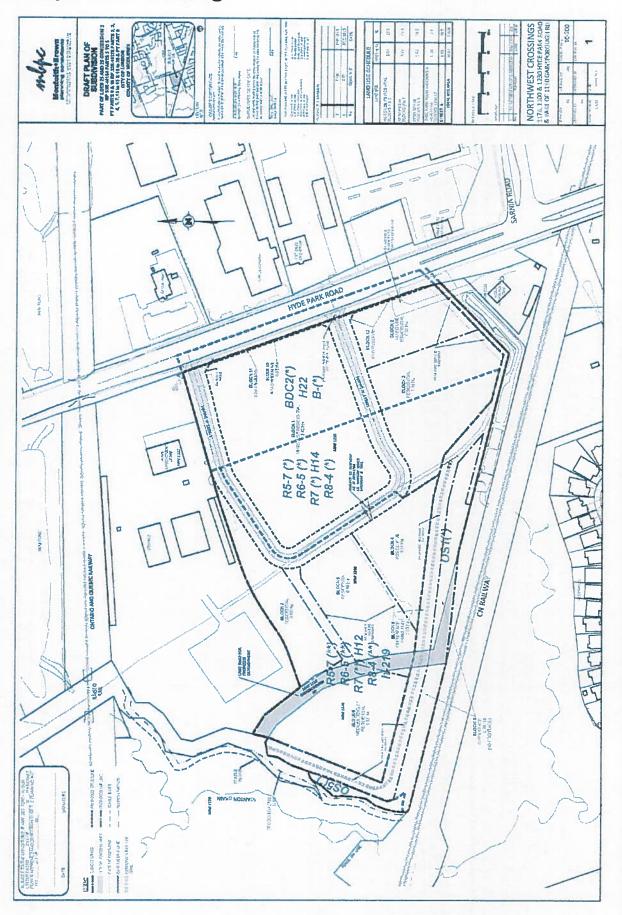
Accessibility – Alternative accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request. Please contact <u>accessibility@london.ca</u> or 519-661-CITY(2489) extension 2425 for more information.

## **Requested Draft Plan of Subdivision**



The above image represents the applicant's proposal as submitted and may change.

## **Requested Zoning**



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