

REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION

City of London: Dingman Creek EA Stakeholder Committee

The purpose of this email is to invite you to select a representative from your agency to participate in the Dingman Creek EA Stakeholder Committee for the “*Dingman Creek Subwatershed: Stormwater Servicing Strategy, Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment*” (Dingman Creek EA). The objective of the stakeholder consultation process is to improve the end product through discussion and education.

Background

The Dingman Creek currently has a “D” rating in the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority’s (UTRCA) Report Card for surface water quality and forest cover. The Dingman Creek EA is intended to develop an innovative stormwater servicing strategy to remediate the subwatershed and mitigate the impact of future development on water resources, with consideration for current and potential flooding, erosion concerns, as well as wildlife/aquatic habitat and natural corridor enhancement. The focus of the study will be providing stormwater management solutions to facilitate development within the Urban Growth Boundary for the next 20 years. As such, this is the most important stormwater EA to be completed for the next 15 years in South London.

The Dingman Creek EA will follow a comprehensive, environmentally sound planning process with public and stakeholder participation to balance the requirements of stormwater servicing relative to the natural and built environment. An initial design concept includes creation of a “complete corridor” option to assess the opportunities to convey stormwater, wildlife, and people. Please see attached Committee Report and Presentation for details.

Stakeholder Committee

As the stormwater servicing strategy is developed, there will be an opportunity for the stakeholder committee to review and provide comment on the critical elements. The stakeholder group will be led by the Stormwater Engineering Division and Aquafor Beech Ltd., the consulting engineer. Request for representation is being sent to the following groups, committees, associations and agencies. **Each group is requested to submit one (1) representative and one (1) alternate to participate in the stakeholder committee.**

- City Council
- Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC)
- Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC)
- Reforest London
- Lambeth Community Association
- Development community
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) – Innovations Branch
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) – Local Office
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)

The alternate would be invited to attend the meetings to listen to the discussion, and provide continuity in case the primary member is not available.

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Meetings

We currently plan for a **maximum of one monthly meeting**, though not all meetings will be necessary. The study will conclude with the completion of the environmental assessment process, approximately by the end of 2017. Meeting agendas will be provided for the stakeholder group to allow them to become familiar with the steps being taken in the EA process, and to solicit their comments on key phases of the work. The first meeting of the committee is expected to occur by January 2016.

Qualifications

This invitation is being sent to you as a meaningful stakeholder in the EA process. If you have an interest in the Dingman Creek, and in contributing to shaping the outcomes of the EA process, the committee would benefit from your membership.

To express an interest...

The short application (attached) will assist us in determining the interests and experience of the selected committee members. We request that the forms from the two selected representatives (1 representative and 1 alternate) be emailed or mailed to the undersigned **by November 30, 2015**.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Dingman EA or the Stakeholder Committee.

Best regards,



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1. Which stakeholder member do you represent?

Name of Agency/Committee/Other: _____

2. Field of expertise or area of interest: _____

3. Scope of your experience or background:

_____ Environmental Assessments

_____ Stormwater Management

_____ Ecology

_____ Development Industry

_____ Other/non-related(describe): _____

4. Do you or any direct family members have an interest in properties within the Dingman Creek Subwatershed that are eligible for development or subdivision?

5. Your area of interest in the Dingman Creek EA study?

6. Your contact information:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

Please complete this form and submit your application by November 30, 2015.