

**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND
VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC No.1)**

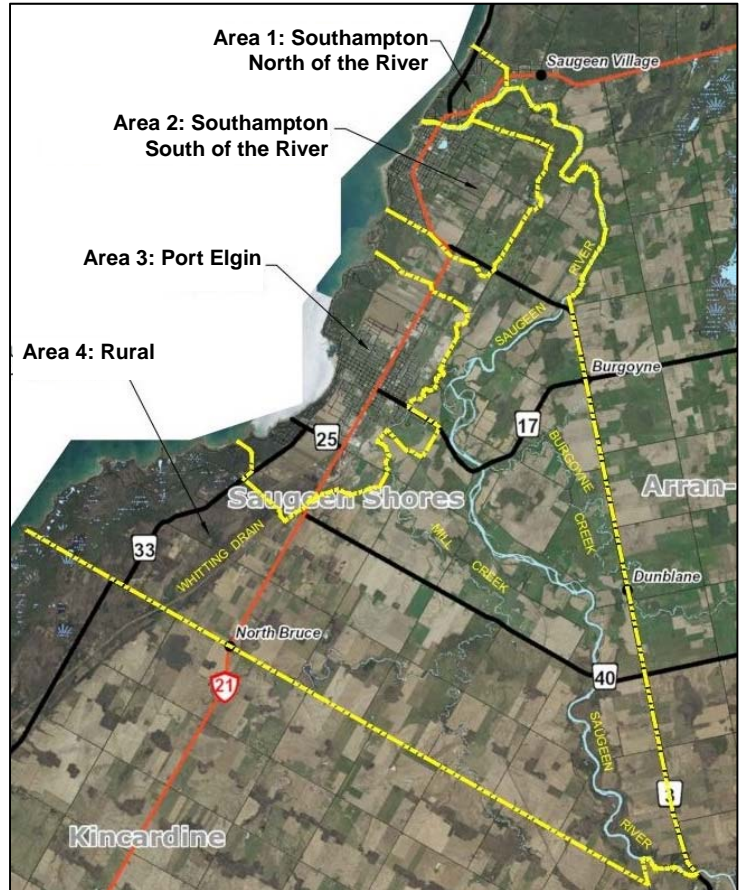
GM BluePlan Engineering Limited has been retained by the Town of Saugeen Shores (Town) to prepare a Master Drainage Plan (Plan) and to undertake a planning process towards identifying and addressing drainage deficiencies within the Town limits. The Master Plan is being completed in accordance with Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) and is intended to follow Approach #1 of the Master Planning process (Appendix 4, MCEA Manual 2015), which involves the completion of a Master Plan document.

The Town of Saugeen Shores has a complex system for surface water drainage, which includes overland sheet flow, natural water courses, municipal drains, tile drains, ditches, culverts and storm sewers. Certain areas occasionally experience some drainage related issues and, with recent and planned land development, the Town intends better to understand the drainage systems.

Drainage within the Town primarily flows either to the Saugeen River or to Lake Huron. The Study Area is bound by the municipal limits of the Town and is subdivided into the following main Drainage Study Areas, as shown on the Key Plan:

- Area 1: Southampton North of the River
- Area 2: Southampton South of the River
- Area 3: Port Elgin
- Area 4: Rural Areas

The Plan will assist in planning individual projects consistent with a comprehensive drainage strategy to assist with more fulsome decision making. This system wide approach provides for a strategic level of assessment of various options to better address the needs of the Town's drainage system and to appropriately plan various drainage undertakings within the Study Area in a comprehensive manner. Further, the Plan identifies specific projects that can be implemented with suggested timelines.



KEY PLAN: Town of Saugeen Shores

The Master Drainage Plan includes the development and assessment of alternative solutions to address the deficiencies identified within component catchment areas (or subcatchments), providing a *Recommended Solution(s)* for each area. The intent of the Plan is to complete a broad level of assessment that satisfies the EA requirements for Schedule A/A+ projects, however, more detailed project-specific investigations to fulfill the requirements for the identified Schedule B projects will be required. The Master Drainage Plan (Draft for Review), which includes drawings containing specific drainage information and a set of preliminary recommended solutions to the drainage issues and future drainage needs, is available on the Town's website for viewing purposes. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person services are not available at this time. When in-person services are possible, the Master Drainage Plan will be made available at the Town office for viewing purposes.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

With the circulation of this Notice and the Master Drainage Plan (Draft for Review), public, stakeholder, agency and indigenous community comments are invited for incorporation into the Plan. Written comments will be received by the Project Team until January 8th, 2021. Contact information is provided below. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Upon receipt of comments, new information received will be incorporated into the Plan and the *Recommended Solutions* will be re-evaluated. The updated Master Plan will then be made available to the public, stakeholders, agencies and indigenous communities prior to finalization of the preferred Master Plan. The Master Drainage Plan will then be presented to Council for approval (or otherwise).

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE No 1 (PIC No.1)

Public involvement is an important component of this project planning. The Town is hosting an EA Phase 2 PIC, which will include a brief presentation of the study process and findings, to receive input from interested parties. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting will be held virtually using Zoom video conferencing. Details of the PIC are as follows:

- DATE:** Wednesday December 16th, 2020
- TIME:** 4:30 pm
- LINK:** saugeenshores.ca/Meetings

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPTIONS:

WATCH: The PIC will be livestreamed on the Town's Website at saugeenshores.ca/Meetings . A full recording will subsequently be posted.

PARTICIPATE: If you wish to ask a question during the PIC, you are required to pre-register by Monday December 14th to be an attendee.
You may register to participate in advance by contacting the Clerk's Office at (519) 832-2008 x105 or email clerk@saugeenshores.ca

Registered participants will receive an e-mail with further instructions and provided a link to join the Zoom meeting.

COMMENTS: Written comments will be received until January 8th, 2021. You can provide comments or ask a question directly to the Project Team by submitting your comments or questions online at saugeenshores.ca/DMP. Alternatively, comments can be provided via mail or e-mail. Contact information is provided below.

This *Notice of Study Commencement and Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC No.1)* is advertised in the local newspapers and is also posted on the Town's website, where additional information is provided.

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