

NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC No.2)

In 2019, the Town of Saugeen Shores (the Town) retained GM BluePlan Engineering Limited to prepare a Master Drainage Plan and to undertake a planning process towards identifying and addressing drainage deficiencies within the Town limits.

THE PROCESS

The process follows Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) and is intended to follow Approach #1 of the Master Planning process (Appendix 4, MCEA Manual 2023), which involves the completion of a Master Plan document.

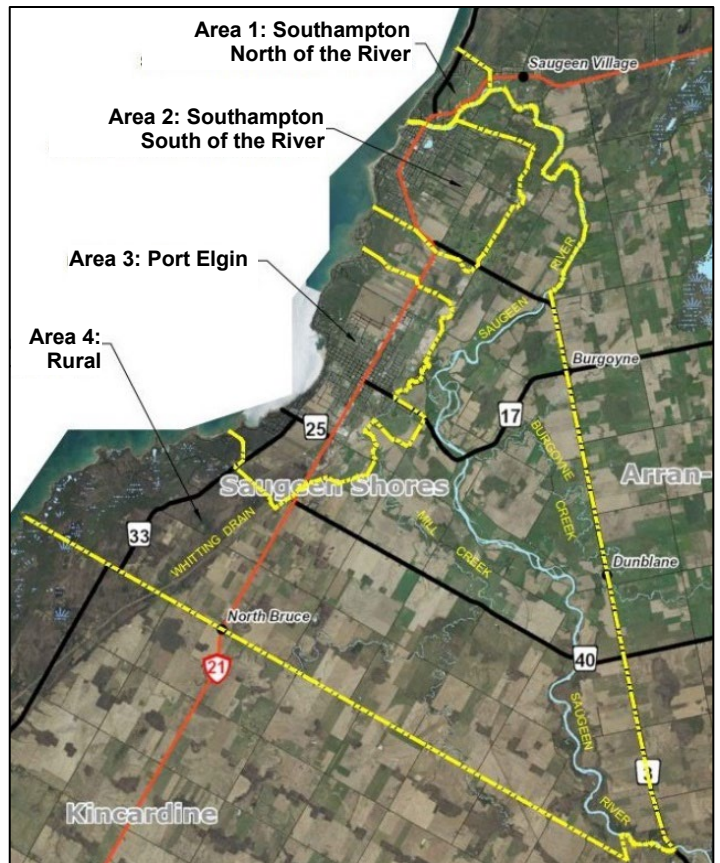
PROJECT OVERVIEW

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 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 Master Drainage Plan (the Plan) is a living document and will continue to assist in identifying and 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 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 identifies projects that are exempt (or eligible for exemption) from the Environmental Assessment Act and can be used as support for projects that require more detailed project-specific investigations to fulfill the requirements for Schedule B or Schedule C projects.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation provides interested persons an opportunity to review the project, share information and provide comments related to the project. The first Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project was held on December 16th, 2020. As part of the initial consultation efforts, the Master Drainage Plan (Version 1), which included drawings containing specific drainage information and a set of preliminary recommended solutions to the drainage issues and future drainage needs, was circulated for review and comment.

This second PIC is being held to provide an opportunity review the Master Drainage Plan (Version 2), as updated, and to present and receive feedback on the recommendations. The Project Team welcomes your input. PIC No.2 is planned to be held as follows:

- Date:** Wednesday October 4th, 2023
- Time:** 5 pm to 7pm (Public open house followed by a presentation at 6 pm)
- Location:** The Plex: Rotary Hall
600 Tomlinson Drive, Port Elgin

A copy of the Master Drainage Plan (Version 2), updated to address previous comments received, has been posted on the Town's Project Website where project information is made available as the study progresses (<https://www.saugeenshores.ca/en/town-hall/town-hall-reports-studies-and-plans.aspx#Drainage-Master-Plan>). In addition, a copy of the Master Drainage Plan has been made available at the Town office for viewing purposes.

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments to the Project Team by **October 20th, 2023**. To submit comments, request to be added to the project mailing list to receive future project notifications, or if you require further information or accommodations, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below. New information received will be incorporated into the Master Plan. The Master Drainage Plan will then be presented to Town Council for approval (or otherwise). With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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This Notice is advertised in the Shoreline Beacon and is also posted on the Town's website, where additional information is provided. This Notice first issued on September 19th, 2023.

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