

Appendix A – Public Consultation Centre Briefing



Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study:
Water and Wastewater Servicing in the Nobleton Community
Public Consultation Centre (PCC) #2, November 25, 2020
Briefing Summary

The second Public Consultation Centre (PCC) for the Water and Wastewater Servicing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Nobleton Community was held online on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. It was hosted virtually by York Region via Microsoft Teams Live Events. The PCC was held as a series of three 1-hour long town hall events throughout the day at 10 AM, 2 PM, and 7 PM. Identical presentations were shared at each session. All digital materials were made available online on York Region's website, at www.yorkregion.ca/nobleton.

The purpose of the Class EA is to identify long-term water and wastewater servicing solutions for the community of Nobleton. The purpose of the PCC was to present the water/wastewater servicing alternatives that were considered, share the evaluation of these alternatives, present the recommended solutions, and obtain public input on the alternatives and proposed solutions. The PCC provided attendees an opportunity to learn more about the project and engage with members of the project team through various means, including:

- Viewing one of three sessions hosted throughout the day which included:
 - Watching a recorded presentation on the evaluation of servicing alternatives and recommended servicing solutions (identical in each session)
 - Participating in a facilitated question and answer period (informed by public questions)
- Completing an online feedback form
- Viewing presentation boards and materials posted online
- Providing feedback directly to York Region's Project Manager

The PCC was attended by approximately 60 participants across all three sessions. Of the 60 participants, most joined via Microsoft Teams Live, and 9 joined via telephone. Municipal staff, consultants, and interested members of the public attended the PCC. No identified members of the media were present.

Questions asked by PCC attendees focused on planning policy, water servicing options, water quality, wastewater servicing, conservation, project costs, development, and further engagement opportunities for the project. Questions surrounding planning policy focused on the Greenbelt Plan and its guidance related to connecting to a lake-based supply for water servicing, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan regarding water regeneration. Questions about water servicing focused on new well locations and potential limitations of the aquifer. Water quality questions pertaining to iron levels of well-based water supply were raised by multiple participants. One participant asked whether recent changes to land uses were included in the project's calculations. Another asked if York Region would be implementing an education campaign to help share the benefits of conservation with the public. A few questions were asked about the overall cost of the EA and construction of the project. One participant asked why new development is frozen until new water supply is provided. Finally, one participant asked when PCC 3 will be held in 2021. These questions were responded to in the PCC sessions, and all feedback was logged for consideration by York Region and the project team.