

### Scarborough Waterfront Combined Sewer Overflows, Stormwater Outfall Control & Flood Protection Study

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Addendum

#### Virtual public drop-in event – November 26, 2020





# **Meeting Rules of Engagement**

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# **Study Area Location Map**

- Scarborough Waterfront (Area 33)
- Bounded by Brimley Rd to the east, Victoria Park Ave to the west, CN Rail to the north and Lake Ontario to the south.
- Study Area is based on the tributary drainage area for the combined sewer system





#### **City of Toronto – Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa Bands.



#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Process**

- EA was originally completed in 2010
- Current EA update is based on an updated collection system representation
- City is currently completing Phase 3 of the EA Process
- This study is following the Schedule C process since we are proposing a new combined sewage storage facility



### **Community input – What we heard at Public Events**





### **Typical House Connections to the City's Sewer** Case 1 – Combined Sewer



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### Typical House Connections to the City's Sewer Case 2 – Partially Separated Sewer





### Typical House Connections to the City's Sewer Case 3 – Separated Sewer – Isolated System





### **Targeted Level of Protection**

- Sanitary system solutions are proposed to improve the level of protection against basement flooding for May 12, 2000 storm
- Storm and combined systems solutions are proposed to improve the level of protection against basement flooding for a 100-year storm
- Where feasible, the solutions are sized to maintain the maximum water level in the sewers or below basement elevations, and keep the surface runoff within the public right-of-way
- The design criteria may not be achieved in cases where sewers are shallow and cannot be deepened, where no house connections / basements exist, or the level of receiving watercourse is close to nearby ground surface. In these instances, solutions improve the existing level of protection to the extent possible
- Capture and treat 90% of wet weather flow in the combined system and reduce combined sewer overflows to Lake Ontario to 2 events or less per season



# **Alternative Solutions**

Alternatives	Control Measures		
	At Source	Conveyance	End-of-Pipe
1. Do Nothing (as reference)	<ul> <li>Maintain current measures such as downspout disconnection, street sweeping and other bylaws</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain current capacity and maintenance frequency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain Dunkers facility</li> </ul>
2. 2010 EA Preferred Alternative	<ul> <li>Maintain current measures (Refer to Alt 1)</li> <li>Encourage tree planting, rain barrels, rain gardens and bioretention on private property:         <ul> <li>short-term uptake of 5 to 10%</li> <li>long-term uptake of 20 to 50%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Select sewer upgrades, new sewers and inline storage pipes to address flooding clusters identified in 2010</li> <li>Bioretention within City right-of-way:         <ul> <li>25% application over 10 years</li> <li>75% application over 50 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain Dunkers facility</li> <li>One wet pond and 2 infiltration units for runoff water quality improvements</li> <li>Four CSO storage tanks to reduce CSO volumes/frequency.</li> </ul>
3. Aggressive Source Controls	<ul> <li>Maintain current measures (Refer to Alt 1)</li> <li>Actively promote tree planting, rain barrels, rain gardens and bioretention on private property with a long-term uptake of 30%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain current capacity and maintenance frequency</li> <li>Bioretention within City right-of-way with long-term application of 50% of the area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain Dunkers facility</li> </ul>
4. Conveyance Upgrades	<ul> <li>Maintain current measures (Refer to Alt 1)</li> <li>Encourage tree planting, rain barrels, rain gardens and bioretention on private property with a 5 to 10% uptake</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Some combined sewer separation and sewer upgrades to address areas at risk of flooding</li> <li>Opportunistic application of bioretention within City right-of-way with 5% application rate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain Dunkers facility</li> </ul>
5. Conveyance Upgrades + CSO Storage Tank	<ul> <li>Maintain current measures (Refer to Alt 1)</li> <li>Encourage tree planting, rain barrels, rain gardens and bioretention on private property (long-term uptake of 20%)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Same as Alt 4 plus:</li> <li>Application of bioretention within City right- of-way with long-term application to 40% of the area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain Dunkers facility</li> <li>Underground combined sewage storage tank at Warden Ave to eliminate combined sewer overflows in the average year</li> </ul>



# **Evaluation Criteria for Alternatives**

Alternatives were evaluated based on their ability to address the Study's purpose, stakeholder input, and their potential impacts. Evaluation criteria considered included:

#### **Natural Environment**

Potential impacts on:

- Terrestrial systems (vegetation, trees, wildlife)
- ✓ Aquatic systems (aquatic life and vegetation)
- ✓ Receiving Water Quality

#### Socio-Cultural

- Land use impacts (parks, ravines, open spaces)
- Disruption to existing community during construction (traffic, noise)
- Disruption to existing community post construction (visual impact, odour, safety)
- Potential impacts to archaeological, cultural resources and First Nations

#### **Technical**

- Feasibility of implementation (available space, accessibility, constructability, approvals)
- Effectiveness in reducing surface and basement flooding and improving stormwater runoff quality
- Potential impacts on upstream, downstream and surrounding area infrastructure
- Impacts on operating and maintenance requirements

#### **Economics**

- ✓ Capital cost
- ✓ Life-cycle operating and maintenance costs
- ✓ Asset Renewal Integration Opportunities



#### Surface flow management

- The diversion of surface drainage away from low lying areas to reduce surface ponding depths on public property
  - Installation of High Capacity Inlets (HCI) at select locations
  - Installation of new catchbasins at select locations
  - Installation of Inlet Control Devices (ICD) at select locations







#### Catchbasin modifications:

- add catchbasins
- change catchbasin type
- use inlet control devices

Upgrade of Existing Combined, Storm and/or Sanitary Sewers

- Increase the size of sewer pipe by replacing the existing sewer with a larger one
- Optimize existing sewer capacity by redirecting sewer flow to new sewers
- Combined Sewer Separation by adding New Storm Sewers
  - Separate" existing combined sewers by adding new storm sewers
  - Redirect road drainage (catchbasins) away from the combined sewers toward new storm sewers



Storm Sewer Replacement in Road – During Construction



#### Underground Storage

- Chine Dr "In-line" Storage: Oversized sanitary sewer installed in-line with existing sewers temporarily stores water and helps relieve overloading during rainstorms.
- Warden Ave "Off-line" Storage: Tank located adjacent to the existing sewers and is used only during larger storm events to temporarily store runoff and sewage to prevent sewer overflows to the lake. After the storm has passed, a pump dewaters the tank back to the combined sewer system.







### Warden Ave Combined Sewage Storage Tank

The required storage volume for the proposed underground storage facility is 1,600m<sup>3</sup>.

Primary reasons for selecting this location:

- the proposed facility is located within municipal lands
- the impact on existing vegetation will be limited
- traffic disruption during construction will be minimized
- the impact on adjacent residents with respect to service disruption and access/egress will be minimized
- the selected site is cost effective and meets the technical considerations
- odour and noise control issues will be minimized
- temporary access to and from the waterfront may be maintained during construction
- good access for operation and maintenance

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#### Water Quality Improvements

- Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO)
  - Four (4) outfalls currently experience overflows.
  - The proposed solutions eliminate all overflows in the average year, exceeding Ministry of Environment & Climate Change guidelines.
- Stormwater quality improvement measures that can be implemented with the preferred solution:
  - Local Bioretention Filters vegetated depression with underground trench designed to filter stormwater runoff to remove pollutants and promote infiltration, evapotranspiration and treatment (various configurations possible).





Bioretention Area Treating Impervious Area Runoff (Source: Green Streets Technical Guidelines, 2017)



## **Next Steps**



- Gather and review public input
  - Please send comments by **December 10, 2020**
- Finalize recommended solution
- Prepare Environmental Assessment Addendum
- Post Environmental Assessment Addendum for 30-day review (spring 2021)
- Implementation of recommended projects has four key steps after completion of this EA Study:
  - Capital Planning
  - Preliminary Design
  - Detailed Design
  - Construction



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