# **Bluffer's Park Forcemain Replacement** Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

#### **Virtual Public Meeting #1**

May 26, 2022



#### Land Acknowledgement

The land we are meeting about today 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.

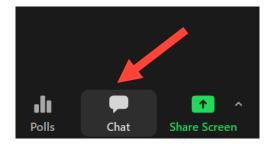
We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.



Lake Ontario near the study area



#### Zoom 101



**Chat** to send a message directly to the Project Team. The Project Team will answer your comments aloud during the presentation or as part of the Question and Answer period.



**Raise Hand** when you have a question or comment. A member of the Project Team will ask to unmute you when it is your turn to speak.



Lower Hand when your question or comment has been answered.



#### **Purpose of this Virtual Public Meeting**

To introduce you to the study and learn more about the **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process** being followed

To review the study area and existing conditions, problem to be addressed, proposed alternatives and criteria that will be used to evaluate the alternatives.

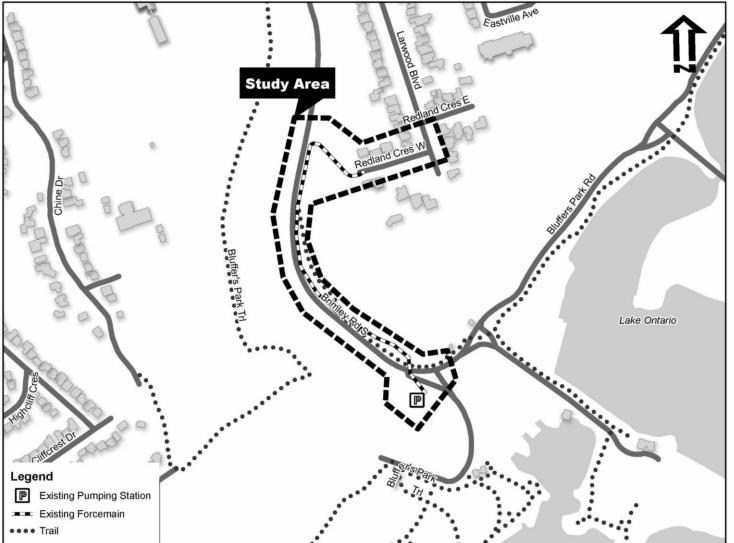


To outline how you can provide your **feedback** on the information presented and **stay informed** and **involved**. At this event, we are seeking your feedback on the proposed alternatives.



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#### **Project Description**



The City of Toronto is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to explore opportunities to improve the reliability of the aging sanitary forcemain that serves the Bluffer's Park Sewage Pumping Station (SPS).

#### **Proposed Work**

The work includes:

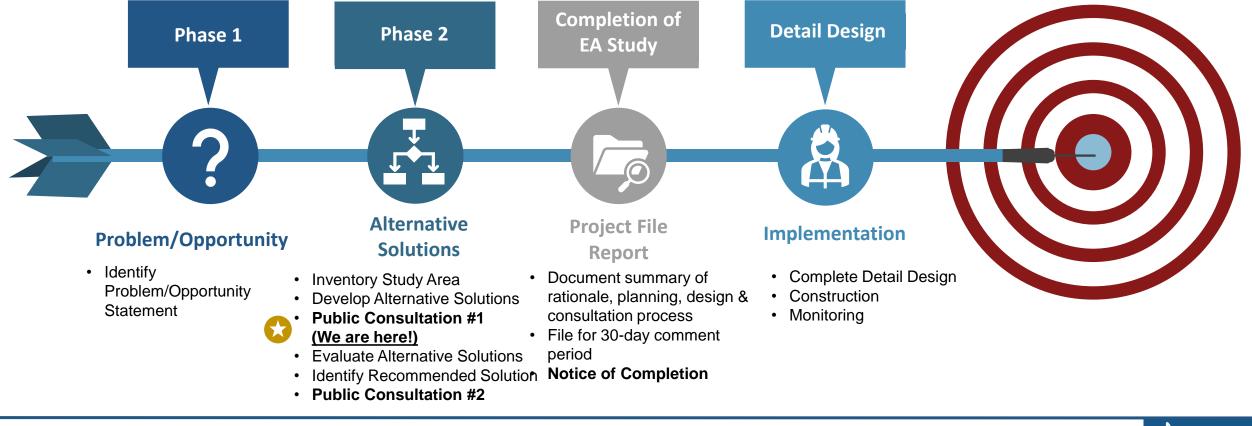
- Replacement of the existing forcemain with two new forcemains; and
- Modifications to the existing Bluffer's Park SPS to accommodate the additional forcemain.

Construction for section of the project along Brimley Road South will be taking place in June 2022 under a Schedule A+ MCEA process to coordinate with nearby construction.



#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process**

This study is being carried out as a Schedule 'B' project in accordance with the Municipal Class EA process. This is a planning process for municipal infrastructure projects approved under the provincial Environmental Assessment Act. As a Schedule 'B' project, the study requires the completion of **Phases 1** and **2** of the MCEA process. Upon completion of the study, a **Project File Report** will be prepared and placed on the public record for a 30-day review period.



#### **Problem Statement**

The problem statement for the Bluffer's Park Forcemain Replacement is defined as follows:

The Bluffer's Park Forcemain is nearing the end of its service life. In order to ensure reliable future operation of the pumping station, an upgrade to the existing infrastructure will be required to provide redundancy and backup to the existing forcemain.

The City of Toronto has initiated a Municipal Class EA Study to select and evaluate alternatives for the forcemain upgrade and identify a preferred solution that minimizes effects to the environment while ensuring continued reliable operations of the pumping station.



### **Existing Conditions: Natural Environment**

An Environmental Impact Study is underway to determine the effects that the project may have on the natural environment.

- The study area is located northwest of Lake Ontario.
- Vegetation present in the study area includes cultural meadow, as well as some planted trees and naturally occurring trees within heavily forested areas.







Examples of vegetation in the study area adjacent to the multi-use pathway along Brimley Road South



Lake Ontario near the study area



Example of vegetation along Brimley Road South



### **Existing Conditions: Social and Cultural**



Example of potential cultural heritage resource



Parking lot near Bluffer's Park



Bluffer's Park boat launch



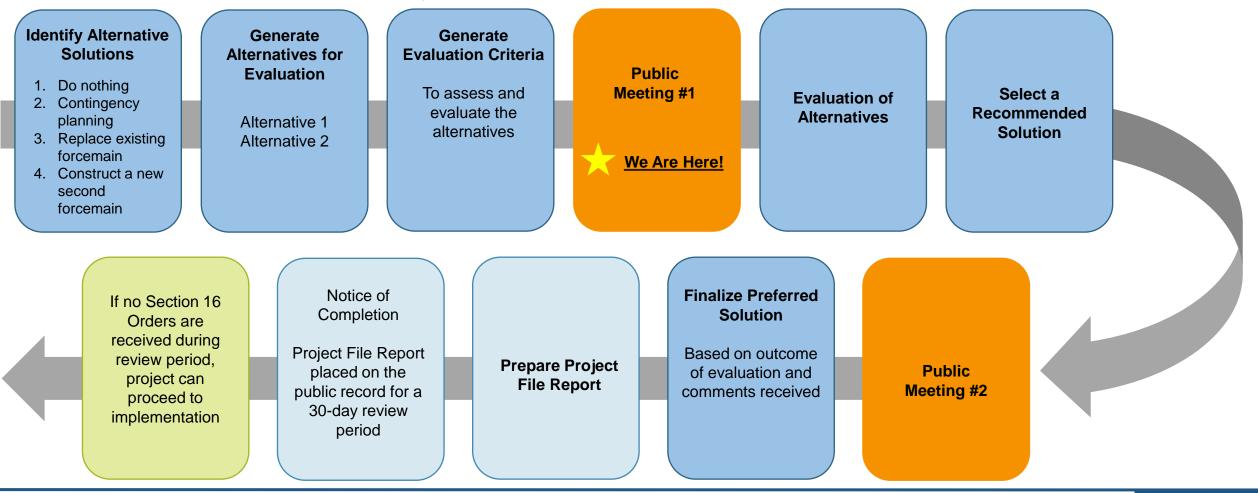
Multi-use path on the east side of Brimley Road South

- There are a variety of **residential properties** within the study area, particularly at the intersection of Redland Crescent West and Larwood Boulevard.
  - One house was identified as having potential cultural heritage value or interest.
- A **paved multi-use path** is located on the east side of Brimley Road South.
- In the southern portion of the study area, there are park trails and parking lots serving Bluffer's Park and a boat launch.
- A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment was completed for the study and determined there is archaeological potential in the study area.



#### **Assessment and Evaluation Process**

This study is following the process outlined below to identify and evaluate alternatives to select the preferred alternative for the Bluffer's Park Forcemain Replacement study.



## **Alternative Solutions**

Approach	Description	Comments	Carry Forward?
Do Nothing	No change to current infrastructure.	Does not address the requirement to providing redundancy and backup to the existing forcemain	×
Contingency Planning	Provide for emergency pumping during times of failure	Provides a short-term solution but does not address the requirement to provide redundancy and backup to the existing forcemain.	×
Replace Existing Forcemain	Replace existing forcemain pipe with a larger diameter pipe.	Does not address the requirement to provide redundancy and backup to the existing forcemain in the case of pipe failure.	×
Twin Forcemain	Construct a new, second forcemain in addition to replacing the existing forcemain.	Addresses the problem of redundancy and backup to the existing forcemain.	



## **Twinned Forcemain Alignment**

- New forcemain located along the existing alignment from the Bluffer's Park Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) north along Brimley Road South.
- Alignment crosses east to the discharge maintenance hole (MH) on Redland Crescent W and terminates at the discharge MH in front of the Redland SPS.
- The exact location of the alignment from Brimley Road South to Redland Crescent W will be determined as part of the EA study. Construction methodology via open cut or trenchless methods will be evaluated as part of the project.

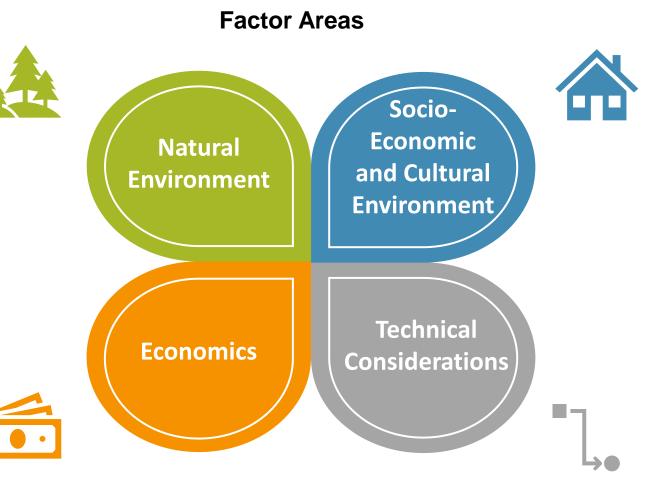




### **Evaluation of Alternatives**



- **Evaluation process** to determine the location of the alignment and recommended alternative based on the factor areas shown.
- Further **refined to minimize impacts** and **disruption** during construction.
- Recommended alternative, including the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures to be presented at the second Public Meeting.



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#### **Next Steps**



The project team will respond to any questions received, evaluate the alternatives presented and select a preferred alternative.



The second virtual Public Meeting will present the recommended alternative. Notification of the event will be advertised on the project website and mailed to residents in the study area.





For more information about this project, please visit our project webpage:

www.toronto.ca/bluffersparkstudy

**Stay Informed!** 

Please submit any questions or comments you may have by **June 9, 2022** to:

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