Whitby Coastal Flood Hazard Risk Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Town of Whitby, in partnership with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA), has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to assess the risk of coastal flooding and erosion along the Lake Ontario shoreline from Lakeridge Road to Boundary Road, within the Town’s limit.

The study will assess the potential for flooding and erosion damages on the shoreline and identify anticipated 100-year flood hazards and inundation zones. The study will develop and evaluate a range of solutions to reduce the risk of flooding or erosion damage – the results of which will be made into a coastal flooding Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Alternative solutions will be evaluated, and a preferential solution will be suggested.

Shoreline structure inventory, visual condition assessment and GPS readings of shoreline structures will be part of the study. The Town of Whitby will be seeking access to private properties to collect survey data. Mail requests will be sent to those whose properties that have shoreline structures.

The Process
The study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule B projects as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000; amended 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Community Engagement
A Community Open House (COH) will be held in 2019 as part of the Class EA study to provide project details and obtain feedback from the public. The COH will be advertised in local newspapers and on the Town’s website. The recommended Coastal Strategy will be documented in a Project File Report, which will also be made available for public review at the conclusion of the study.

Community feedback is also encouraged now and over the course of the study. If you have comments, require further information or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Please note the information gathered throughout the study is being collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received become part of the public record and may be included in study documentation which will be available for public review.

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