Town of Erin

Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF)

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Our commitment to the community

Protection of our environment remains at the forefront

A sustainable solution to an unsustainable system

Stakeholder and community engagement throughout the project

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Approved Environmental Assessment

- The project has been planned using the very thorough Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process and was approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
- The Town received formal response from MECP on August 29, 2019 allowing the project to proceed
- The EA included an Assimilative Capacity Study & Thermal Impact Assessment of the West Credit River
- These studies and reports were taken into consideration when the effluent limits and objectives were determined
- The Erin WRRF will adhere to one of the strictest effluent requirements in North America
- The approved Erin WRRF limits the maximum urban growth to a population of 14,500 people

Project Highlights

- The full build out of the Erin WRRF is 7.2 million litres
- Full build out flow will occur in stages
- The treated water from the Erin WRRF will be treated using ultrafiltration membranes
- The Erin WRRF is designed with several mitigation measures to reduce solar or temperature gain such as:
 - Reflective coatings for aeration pipes
 - Underground tanks or partially below grade tanks
 - A 2 km effluent forcemain from the plant to the West Credit River to allow for additional oxygen to dissolve and for the effluent temperature to lower further

Monitoring

- The Town and WSP are working closely, hand in hand, with MECP and CVC, to jointly develop a Receiver Monitoring Plan. The plan will include monitoring of parameters such as temperature, dissolved oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus and ammonia both upstream and downstream of the Erin WRRF outfall
- Additionally, fish monitoring and Benthic monitoring, which are good indicators of the health of the river, will be undertaken at the upstream and downstream monitoring locations
- The collected data will be compiled into a report and made publicly accessible on the Town's website
- The Report will be reviewed jointly with MECP and CVC to identify and implement, if required, mitigation measures to protect the West Credit River
- The above is in addition to the monitoring of the effluent at the Erin WRRF, before it reaches the West Credit River

Conclusion

- Town of Erin is committed to ensuring, protecting and managing the natural resources of the West Credit River and its ecosystem
- The Erin WRRF is a key infrastructure project that is required for the sustainable growth of the community and to discontinue the use of septic tanks to avoid possible groundwater contamination
- We are fully dedicated to ensuring that the protection of our environment remains at the forefront of our discussions as this project moves forward



Thank you

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