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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

Project: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Union-WUC Water System Interconnection

The Union Water Supply System (UWSS) owns and operates the water system servicing the Town of Kingsville, Town of Essex, Municipality of Leamington, and Municipality of Lakeshore. The Windsor Utilities Commission (WUC) operates the water system servicing the City of Windsor, the Town of LaSalle, and the Town of Tecumseh. Currently, these two independent water systems each have one supply source. The UWSS and WUC have identified an opportunity to improve supply resilience by connecting the two systems. Water supply resiliency is increasingly important for water utility emergency preparedness as climate change introduces more uncertainty in supply quality and quantity. An environmental assessment study is being undertaken to identify strategy alternatives, evaluate the potential environmental impacts, and seek input from the public and other interested parties. Figure 1 shows a map of the areas serviced by the two water systems to be connected.

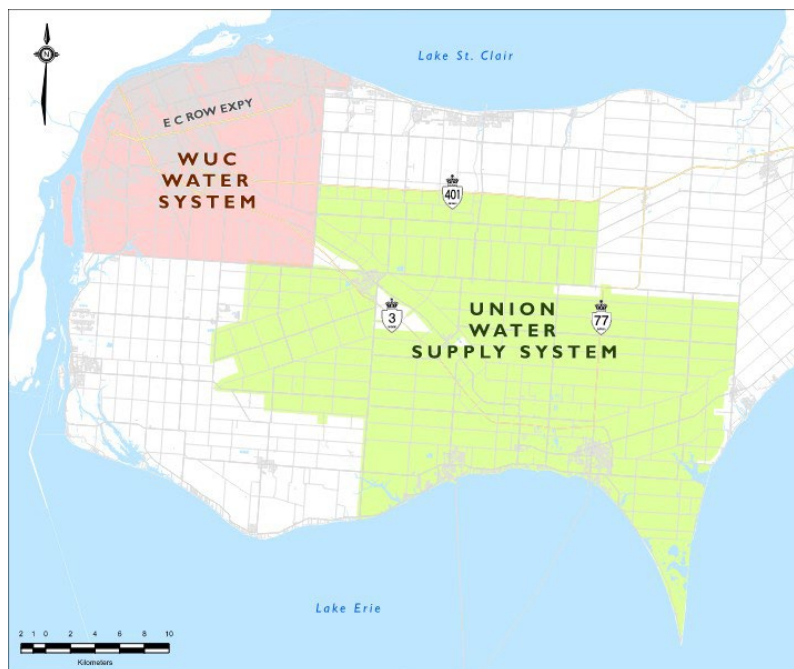


Figure 1: Service Areas of the WUC and Union Water Supply Systems

This project shall be subject to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process in accordance with requirements under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. As this project shall involve modifications to existing water systems, it is anticipated to be classified as Schedule B and will therefore meet all requirements for Phase I and II of the MCEA process. Additional public consultation points are also planned.

Public Consultation Opportunities

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. At this time, all questions or comments regarding this Class EA, requests for further information, and requests to be added to the project contact list can be directed to the following project contacts:

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ENWIN Utilities, on behalf of WUC - Christopher Manzon, cmanzon@enwin.com
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Input and comments from interested parties are welcome. Public Information Centres shall be held at two points throughout the project, with details to be announced to the public once available.

A project webpage is under development to provide a publicly accessible repository for project information as well as a channel for the public to provide comments. Once ready, a link to the project webpage will be made available at <https://www.unionwater.ca/news-alerts-studies/projects/> and <https://www.enwin.com/projects/water-projects-and-construction>.

Section 16 Order Requests

Interested parties may request a Section 16 Order to require an Individual EA or to mandate that the project proponent meet requirements in addition to those for the Class EA. Section 16 Order requests may be made on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests are to be submitted to the following contacts:

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch (EAB)
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Notice of Collection

All personal information included in a submission or request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public, as well as for consultation about the Schedule “B” Class Environmental Assessment described herein. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

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