Notice of Study Commencement and Virtual Public Information Centre No. 1

Project: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Lambton Area Water Supply System Master Plan Update

The Lambton Area Water Supply System (LAWSS) has initiated a study to review and update its 2021 Master Plan. The LAWSS is owned by its member municipalities and operated by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) on behalf of the LAWSS Joint Board of Management. LAWSS currently supplies water to over 100,000 customers within three supply systems that service the City of Sarnia, Village of Point Edward, Township of St. Clair, Municipality of Lambton Shores (Forest), Town of Plympton-Wyoming, Village of Watford/Township of Warwick, and Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston.

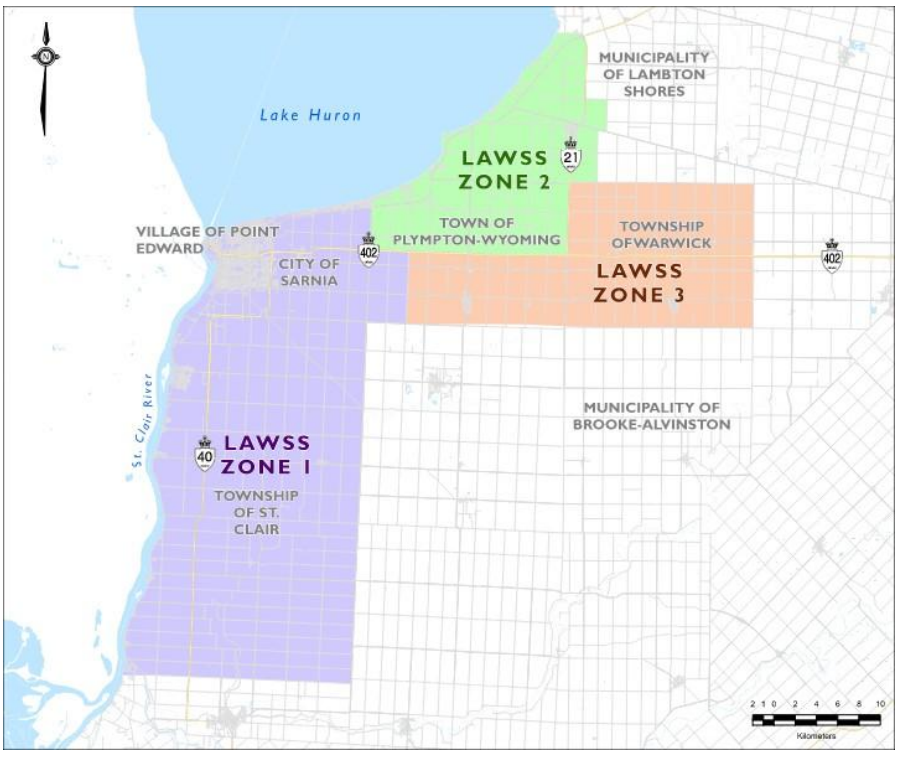

Figure 1: LAWSS service area (Master plan update study area)

The study will review previous capital plans and identify additional capital project upgrades (e.g., new watermains, pumping or storage facilities) needed to sustainably provide municipal water and accommodate future growth in LAWSS member municipalities over the next 20 years and beyond.

This Master Plan Update shall be subject to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process in accordance with requirements under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The update shall follow Approach No. 1 for Master Plans, meaning project-specific Environmental Assessment (EA) studies shall be undertaken separately for Schedule B and C projects identified in the update.

Virtual Public Information Centre No. 1

Members of the public, government 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.

The first of two virtual Public Information Centres (PICs) for this EA will present an overview of the existing system, current capital planning, problems/opportunities, and preliminary evaluation criteria. This Public Information Centre (PIC) will consist of a recorded presentation that will be made available online on July 23. A link to the recording will be provided on the LAWSS website. The public and other interested parties are encouraged to send comments or questions relating to PIC #1 to project team staff by August 13. Feedback from attendees will be used to inform the detailed evaluation of alternative solutions and preferred alternative selection (to be presented at the second virtual PIC).

PIC#1 Details

Dates Available: July 23, 2025 – August 13, 2025

Web Address: Access the recording at www.lawss.org

Additional project information will also be made available on the project webpage throughout the EA study process. The webpage can be accessed at www.lawss.org

Contact Information

Questions or comments regarding this Master Plan, requests for further information, and requests to be added to the study contact list can also be directed to the following project contacts:

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