

### **TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA**

# BAYSHORE VILLAGE EFFLUENT SPRAY IRRIGATION SYSTEM MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

## NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

The Township of Ramara has updated the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) that was previously completed in 2017 for the effluent spray irrigation system at the Bayshore Village Sewage Works. Treated effluent from the Bayshore Village sewage treatment lagoons is currently spray irrigated on two fields near Concession Road 8 and Sideroad 20. The Class EA updated the evaluation of alternatives for effluent disposal to address current capacity and operational issues.

The Class EA Update was carried out in accordance with the Schedule B requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, as amended in 2023.

The Class EA Update concluded that the preferred solution is to discontinue the existing seasonal effluent spray irrigation system and replace it with a large subsurface effluent disposal system operated year-round and constructed on Township property west of the existing sewage treatment lagoons, which will be maintained. In addition, the Township is to continue its efforts to reduce inflow and infiltration in the Bayshore Village sanitary sewers to minimize the volume of treated effluent for disposal.

The Final Class EA Project File Update is posted for review and comments on the Township of Ramara website (www.ramara.ca). Written comments can be submitted by e-mail to the contacts below. They will be accepted until May 9, 2025. Comments and information received during this Class EA are collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be part of the public record unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. Subject to comments received following this Notice and the receipt of approvals, the Township intends to proceed with the construction of the recommended project as outlined in the Final Class EA Project File Update.

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If concerns that this Class EA Update may have potential adverse impacts on protected Aboriginal and treaty rights that cannot be resolved in discussions with the Township of Ramara, a person or party may request the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) issue an order for a project to comply with Part II of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Section 16(6)) or meet further conditions. Section 16(6) Order requests

must be sent to the Minister and to the Director of Environmental Assessment Branch at the addresses below. A copy of the request must also be sent to the contacts above.

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