

HARBOURFRONT TRUNK SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL And KING STREET WATER TREATMENT PLANT WASTE MANAGEMENT CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

CLASS EA PROCESS

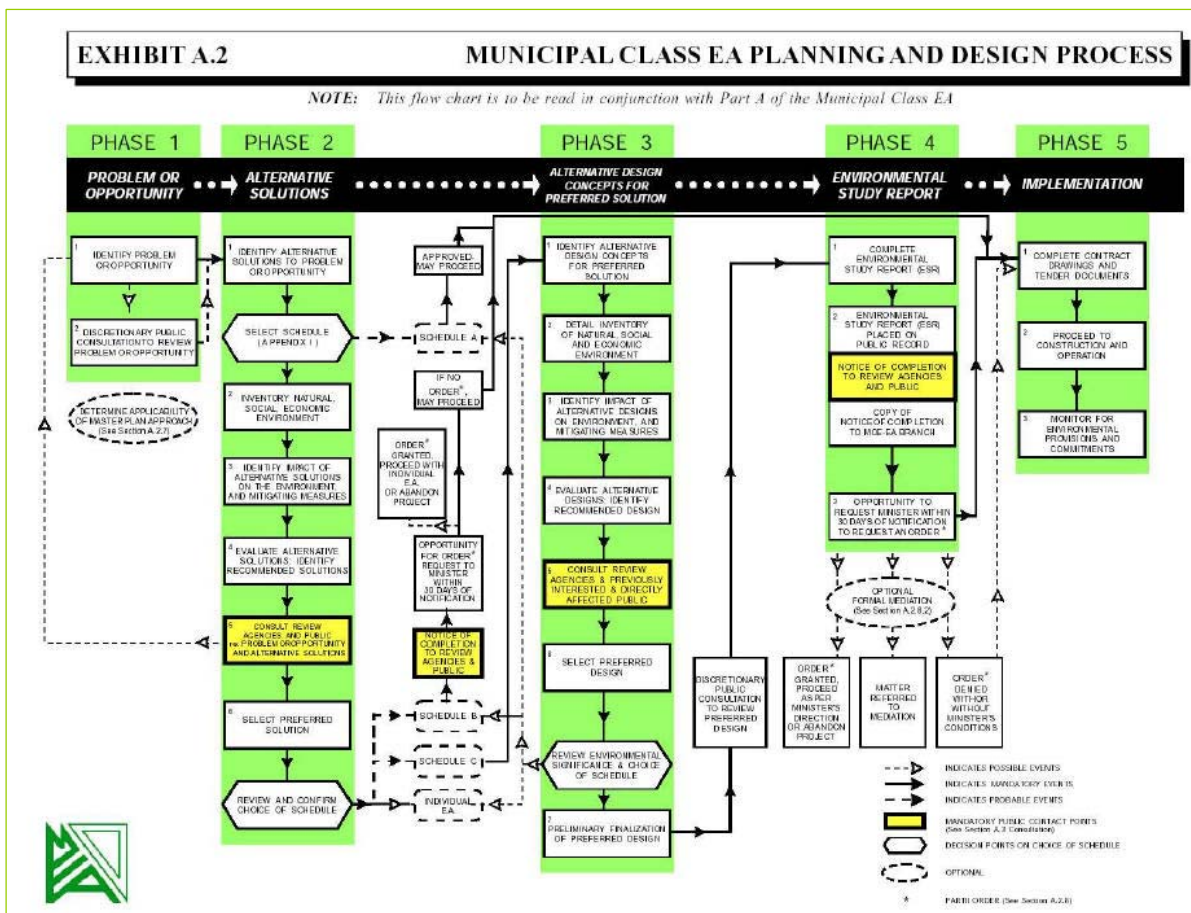
The planning, design and construction of municipal infrastructure projects must meet the requirements Province's Environmental Assessment Act. In accordance with the Act, the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) has developed a "Class Environmental Assessment" document that sets out the procedure that must be followed for municipal projects related to water supply infrastructure or sewage collection and treatment systems. The Class EA process is being followed for these two projects.

The two projects are being carried out as a single Class EA "Schedule C" undertaking by Utilities Kingston. The two projects are being considered together, since both are directly related to protecting and improving water quality along Kingston's valuable waterfront. As well, both projects deal with capacity and overflow issues along the Harbourfront Trunk Sewer. It therefore makes sense to consider these projects as one undertaking, so that the combined effect and impacts can be considered.

In brief, for Schedule C projects, the Class EA requires the project proponent to:

- ◆ Define the problem or issue being addressed
- ◆ Review existing environmental conditions within the project area
- ◆ Examine "alternative solutions" to solving the problem and compare them in terms of costs and environmental impacts.
- ◆ Consult with the public and regulatory agencies in the evaluation of alternative solutions
- ◆ Determine a preferred solution based on impact evaluations, public and government input
- ◆ Examine "design alternatives" for the preferred solution
- ◆ Consult with the public and government agencies in the evaluation of design alternatives
- ◆ Formulate a recommended design alternative
- ◆ Document the process and the recommendations in a Environmental Study Report (ESR) that is filed for public review for 30 days

The overall Class EA process is shown below.



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Here is the expected schedule for the Class EA

Activity	Schedule
First Public Consultation Meeting Was held to review the problems being addressed, alternative solutions and preferred solutions	June 26, 2002
Develop and analyze design concepts for sewer overflow control and for King Street Water Treatment Plant process waste disposal	July 2002 through January 2003
Second Public Consultation Meeting To review design alternatives	February 27, 2003
Finalize preferred design alternatives based on public and government agency review and input	March 2003
Prepare Environmental Study Report And file for public and government agency review	March 2003

Once the Environmental Study Report has received public and governmental review and acceptance, Utilities Kingston will proceed to final detailed design of the projects, in preparation for construction.