# Township of Mulmur BURNSIDE Notice of Study Commencement Mansfield Water Supply and Storage Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study



## The Study

The Township of Mulmur has identified that the existing water system in Mansfield does not have capacity available to support water demands for growth that has been approved in the Official Plan. The Township is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify the preferred method of providing for these demands. The EA will review how to service the community of Mansfield.

### **Reasoning for Initiating the Study**

The Township has received development applications for lands within Mansfield. The existing water system has insufficient capacity for this additional development. The developers are funding the EA in order for the Township to identify and evaluate alternatives, and to receive input from the public, agencies, as well as Indigenous communities to develop an overall approach to meeting future water demands in Mansfield. The Developers will be required to finance upgrades to the water system based on the preferred alternative(s) to expand the water system to service the new developments. The Township has identified that additional supply wells will likely be required and alternatives for fire protection need to be identified and evaluated.



#### **Mansfield Drinking Water System**

The existing drinking water system consists of three productions wells, a pumphouse, a standpipe for storage of treated water, and a distribution system. The pumphouse is equipped with high lift and emergency pumping equipment, process piping, pressure tanks, and treatment equipment. The distribution system provides fire protection to the existing community with hydrants.

#### The Process

This study is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule "B" undertaking as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document* (2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023). A key component of the study will be consultation with interested stakeholders (public and agencies) as well as Indigenous communities.

This notice is intended to convey that the Township is initiating the study. The Township will be holding a Public Information Centre expected to occur in the Summer of 2024, where further information related to the study including alternatives will be available for input and comment. Notification for the date, location, and time of the upcoming Public Information Centre will be posted on the Township's website (www.mulmur.ca) and communication channels (electronic newsletters, email blast outs). If you wish to be placed on the contact list to receive future notices or have questions or comments related to this project, please contact Jeff Paznar.

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