

2021 Biosolids Management Master Plan Update Public Information Center No. 1 – Comments Received

Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) No. 1 was held from June 8 to June 15, 2022. This included an introductory video presentation, project materials for review, and opportunity for interested individuals to provide comments via an online submission form or through the project email.

PIC No. 1 materials for review included project introduction, the problem and opportunity statement, project approach, review of the existing biosolids and residuals management program and future needs, long list of alternatives, evaluation approach, screening criteria and preliminary project schedule. These materials will remain posted on the Biosolid Management Master Plan Update project website:

- Video Presentation: https://youtu.be/L6qxU8Bm_eM
- Project Information: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/biosolids-master-plan/pdf/pic1.pdf>

During the 2-week engagement period, the video presentation received 45 views. Numerous stakeholders signed-up to be on the mailing list and receive future project notices. Comments were also provided from interested stakeholders including:

- Requested consideration for reduced truck traffic related to biosolids hauling through the community of Cooks Mills
- Received approximate locations of pipeline infrastructure within the Study Area from Enbridge
- Received notification from Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) that the Queenston WWTP and Decew Falls WTP fall within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area and Area of Development Control and the NEC would like to be involved in the study

The feedback above will be considered in the development and evaluation of biosolids management alternatives. The Master Plan Update will satisfy Phases 1 & 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. The Region will host one (1) additional Public Information Centre to present the preliminary preferred biosolids management strategies.