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Notice of Commencement under the Class EA for Waterpower Projects

Notice of Public Information Centre

Parkhill Hydro Generating Station Waterpower Project

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) is planning to undertake an environmental evaluation and assessment for a proposed waterpower project, the Parkhill Hydro Generating Station located at the existing Parkhill Dam in the City of Cambridge. If approved and constructed, this waterpower project would have a nameplate capacity of 500 kW. The project's study area is presented in the map. The project is subject to the provisions of the Ontario Waterpower Association "Class Environmental Assessment for Waterpower Projects." Pursuant to the Class EA, this project is considered to be associated with existing infrastructure.

The Class EA process requires GRCA to undertake an evaluation of the project to evaluate its potential effects to the environment (positive and negative) and prepare a detailed Environmental Report. The project is also expected to require approvals under the *Navigation Protection Act*, *Fisheries Act*, *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act* and building permits from the City of Cambridge. This notice and the public consultation process for the project under the Class EA is intended to coordinate and meet the notification requirements relevant to the planning stage of the project under these statutes.

The evaluation and environmental report will assess potential effects of the proposed waterpower project on the environment during its construction and operation. GRCA has identified certain environmental components that are expected to be the focus of the proposed project. Public consultation is an integral component of this process. You are invited to provide comments on the issues to be addressed and/or to ask to be placed on the project's mailing list. GRCA invites you to attend a Public Information Centre to meet the project team and to learn more:

Tuesday June 27, 2017

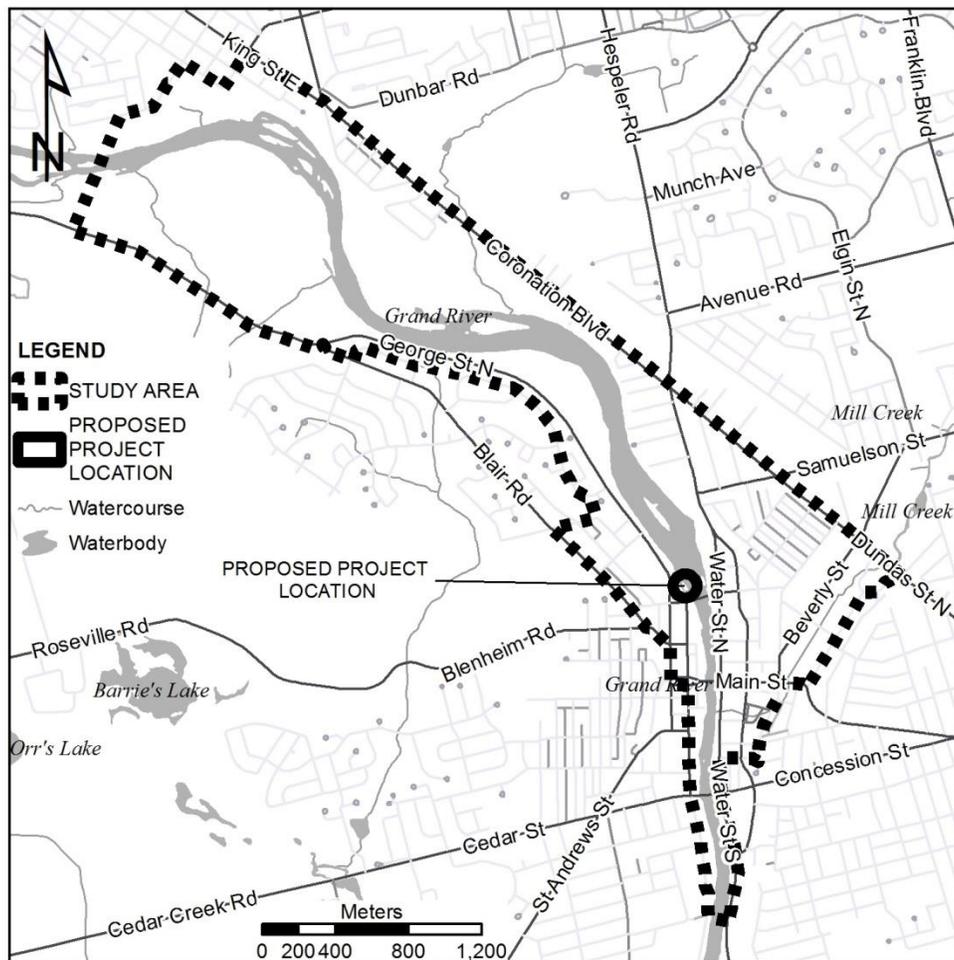
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Cambridge Mill (Falls Room)

130 Water Street North, Cambridge ON

For information on the project proposal, to raise any issues or concerns, or to be placed on the mailing list please contact:

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