

Coveside Sewage Pumping Station Forcemain Utility Corridor

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Schedule B)

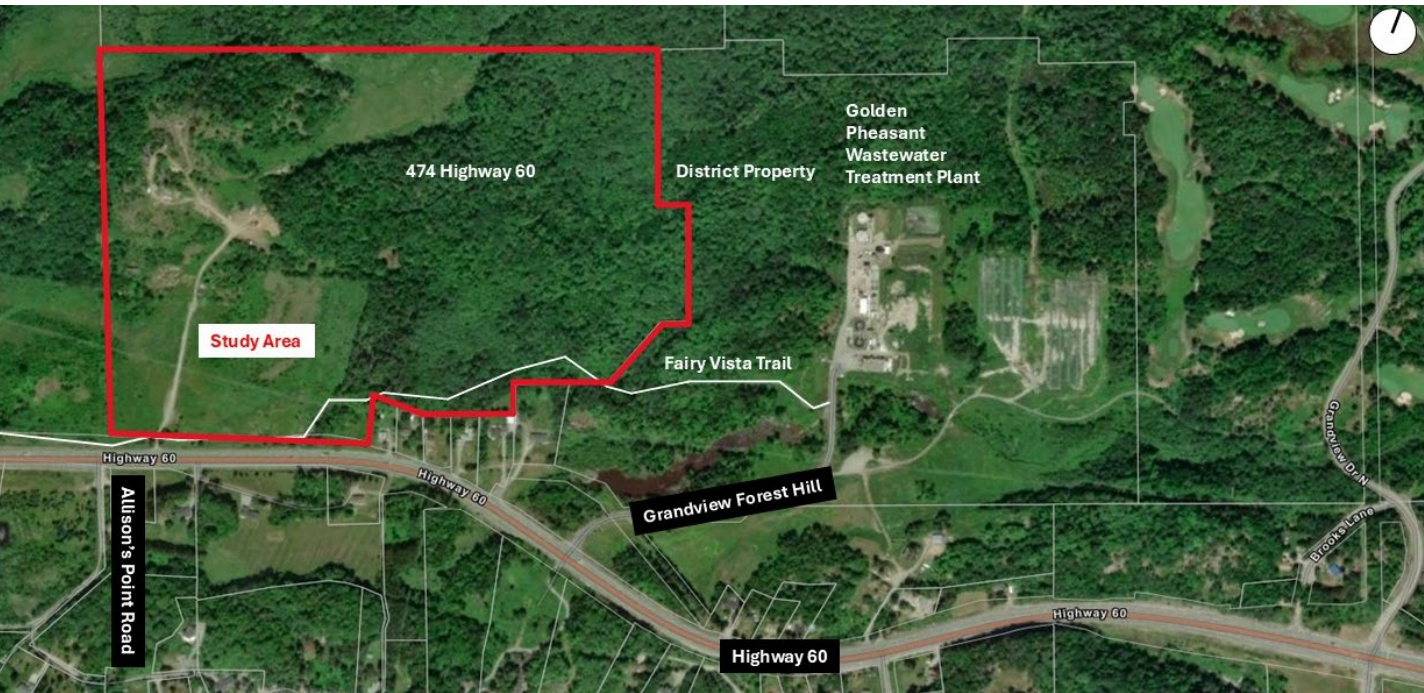
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Background

The District Municipality of Muskoka (District), in partnership with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), is undertaking required upgrades to the Coveside Sewage Pumping Station and forcemain in the Town of Huntsville. The existing forcemain is located within the Highway 60 right of way between the pumping station and the Golden Pheasant Wastewater Treatment Plant. As the current forcemain must remain operational during construction, the replacement forcemain will be constructed along a new alignment.

The Ministry of Transportation Ontario requires that utilities within provincial right of ways be located as close as possible to the right of way limits. The Highway 60 north boulevard, particularly east of Allison's Point Road, is congested with existing infrastructure, limiting the available space for the proposed forcemain.

To address these constraints, the District and OCWA are undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and pursuing a utility easement agreement with the property owner at 474 Highway 60 to establish a new utility corridor across private property connecting to the District owned wastewater treatment plant lands.



Study Process

The District and OCWA (the Proponent) have engaged Tatham Engineering (the Consultant) to complete a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment to consider the impacts associated with the creation of a utility corridor. The Class EA study will address the following:

- existing conditions and the location, extent, and sensitivity of the existing environments within the study area;
- the potential impacts of the utility corridor to the noted environments and possible mitigating measures;
- public and agency consultation and participation; and
- an assessment and evaluation of the alternatives culminating in a preferred solution.

Consultation

Members of the public, agencies, and Indigenous communities are invited to provide input and comment early in the study such that they can be incorporated into the planning and overall study design. Comments should be directed to the Consultant at the contact information below. A further opportunity for public input and comment will be provided at a future virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) during which time the proposed forcemain alignment will be presented.

Additional information and updates are available online at the project website:
<https://www.muskoka.on.ca/en/water-and-sewer/water-and-wastewater-facilities-and-information.aspx>

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