

## **2020-63 Attachment-8 Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Management Master Plan progress summary**

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**Q1, 2020-Q3, 2021; 15% complete**

#### **Recent progress/achievements to date**

- Progress on the Master Plan continues with a focus by Jacobs (CH2MHill) on technical memorandums (TM). A technical memo on Existing Plant Conditions has been drafted and is circulating within the project team for review. A subsequent technical memo regarding Future Wastewater and Biosolids Requirements is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for review by the project team in early June.
- The Assimilative Capacity Study (ACS) proceeds on schedule, which will inform the Speed River's capacity to receive the wastewater treatment plant's effluent while improving water quality and minimizing ecological impacts to the watershed. This is a key study that informs the Master Plan and is expected to conclude this winter.

#### **New opportunities or relevant challenges of public interest**

- COVID-19 has slowed public engagement efforts including postponing the Open House originally planned for May 2020. This has now moved to a tentative new date of Sept 2020.
- Community engagement mirrors the pace of the overall reopening schedule as determined by the Corporation, in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health.
- The Planning Department anticipates updated population projections to be available late fall. This new data will inform and validate this Master Plan's alternatives and assumptions.

#### **Next steps**

- Notice of Commencement plans are expected to be published over the summer to match the timing for a fall Open House.
- Website development is expected to continue and the launch will be coordinated with the Notice of Commencement.
- Community Liaison Groups are scheduled to be contacted over the summer; however, it will be dependent on the pace of pending business reopening efforts in Guelph.