Notice of Commencement

In order for the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to provide accessible and reliable services to its residents and to continue to grow and flourish, there is a strong need for expanded municipal drinking water and wastewater servicing. Within the Municipality, existing drinking water and wastewater services within the communities of Tobermory and Lion's Head are not meeting the current needs of the population. In particular, Tobermory has limited drinking water service and sewer service, and the Lion's Head Drinking Water System currently provides limited servicing and has no wastewater service or wastewater treatment facilities. As a result, the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) is undertaking two Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) studies on behalf of the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula to develop Water and Wastewater Master Plans for the communities.

The Water and Wastewater Master Plan studies will make recommendations on how the Municipality can expand municipal drinking water and wastewater servicing throughout Tobermory and Lion's Head, based on existing conditions, projected growth and climate risks. Each Master Plan will also identify necessary projects and implementation schedules to ensure timely phasing of future capital projects.

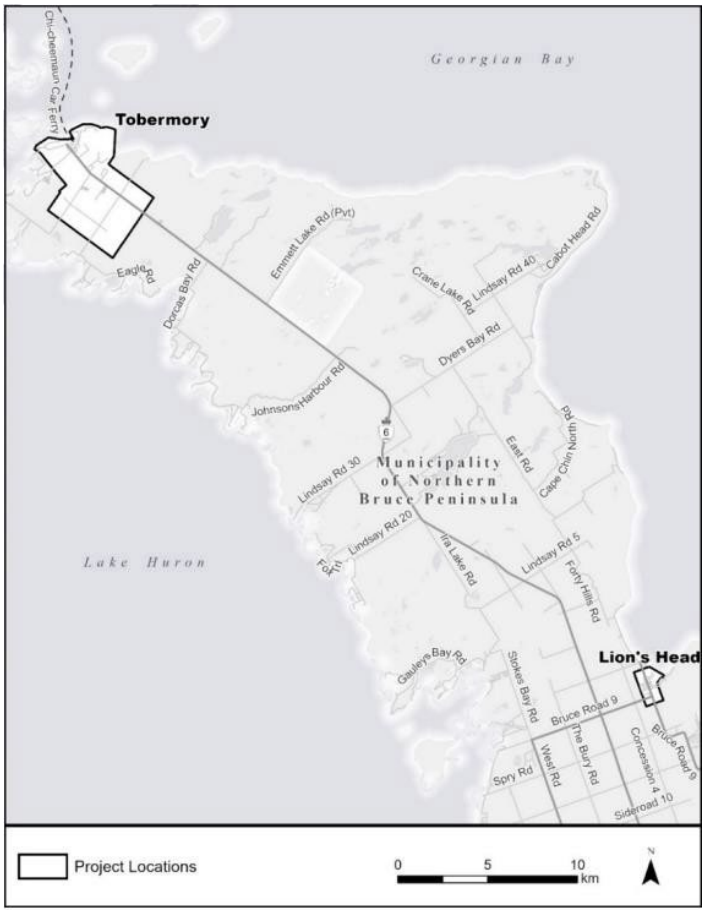
The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process

The Master Plan studies are being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phase 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, 2023, and 2024). The Master Plan studies will address future servicing alternative solutions for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in Tobermory and Lion's Head.

Public Information Centres

As part of the studies, Public Information Centres (PIC) are being planned for each community.

Each PIC will introduce the public to the Master Plan study and MCEA process, the existing infrastructure and problem and opportunity statement, the evaluation criteria, the alternative solutions and the preliminary preferred solution for both drinking water and wastewater services. Notifications will be provided in the near future for each PIC, to be completed in 2025.



How to Get Involved

Please direct comments or questions to the Project Team contact information provided below. For additional information about these studies or to be included on the study mailing list, please contact a Project Team member, or visit the project website: https://letstalknbp.ca.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members.

Next Steps

Notifications will be provided in the near future for each PIC, to be completed in 2025. Following the Public Information Centres, the Project Team will evaluate the alternative solutions and select a preferred approach for future drinking water and wastewater servicing in Tobermory and Lion's Head. Future opportunities to provide comments on the studies will be advertised on the project website and notices will be published.

This Notice is issued on January 29, 2025.