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Public Input into Stormwater Management Continues Master Plan Address Future Policies for Cambridge

Cambridge, Ontario. May 21, 2009...A city-wide examination of flooding and surface water quality issues continues as experts work to develop a long term strategy for stormwater management. A second Public Information Centre (PIC) will move forward paving the way for further community input into the vital process of planning and prioritizing the future needs.

Slated for Tuesday, June 23rd from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the multi-purpose room of the Cambridge Centre for the Arts (60 Dickson Street), the evening session will include a brief overview presentation at 6:00 pm. In addition, participants will find out how the City is planning for stormwater management in areas of land use intensification and learn about the various stormwater management retrofits that have initially been identified.

"It's especially important to hear the views of business leaders and residents who have been impacted by flooding or surface water issues in the past," says Cambridge Councillor Karl Kiefer. "These observations are critical to the process of long term management." Understanding private stormwater management processes is also a key ingredient of the mix.

The first phase of the extensive Groff Mill Creek Flood Management Program was successfully completed in Council Kiefer's Ward 2. This involved the construction of creek improvements across the Galt Country Club. The second phase of the Groff Mill Creek Flood Control project involved constructing a flood control berm in the Dumfries Conservation Area. The berm construction concluded in May of this year. The remaining surface restoration work, which required drier conditions, will be completed over the next several weeks.

"The final phase of the project, which will be completed by Waterloo Region, is scheduled to begin in July. The timing is based on minimizing impacts on the creek's fish population," says Cathy Robertson, Director of Engineering Services. Timed best for fisheries, the next step involves replacement of Coronation Boulevard culvert to increase its capacity to better serve the community.

Cambridge staff is encouraging the public to get involved. The community has two ways in which to provide feedback: in person at the PIC meeting or by a newly introduced online survey found at http://www.cambridge.ca/transportation_public_works/engineering_services_division/stormwater_management_master_plan. The website also includes a number of frequently asked questions about the process to provide further insight into the study.

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