

# INFORMATION NOTE

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**Title:** “What We Heard” – Long Pond Flow Control Structure and Flood Mitigation – Public Engagement

**Date Prepared:** December 9, 2021

**Report To:** Mayor and Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Maggie Burton & Councillor Ian Froude, Sustainability

**Ward:** Ward 4

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## Issue:

As a part of the submission process for the environmental registration of the Long Pond Flow Control Structure and Flood Mitigation Project, a Virtual Public Meeting was held on December 7, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to present the project scope to the general public in an effort to gain feedback and comments prior to submitting the environmental registration documentation to the Province.

## Discussion – Background and Current Status:

In advance of the Virtual Public Meeting, a project Engage page was set-up to provide the public with the project details and offer a forum for Q & A. The Engage page garnered a lot of interest and had 236 visits to the web page, with 192 unique visitors. There were 41 people who attended the Virtual meeting.

Attached for your information is the detailed “What We Heard” document. For the most part all comments were critical of the project. The following is a summary of key concerns / issues from all feedback:

- That the sidewalk on Allandale Rd bridge be suitable for pedestrians and other active transportation modes.
- Water levels in Long Pond following a major flooding event, after the structure is in place, and how long the increase would impact the natural environment.
- Effectiveness of solution at preventing catastrophic damage.
- General sense that the proposal is a tradeoff between additional flooding at Long Pond, to benefit a small number of homeowners, or to allow flooding downstream.
- Concerns over unanticipated impacts in the future,

It is to be noted that nobody (on the Engage page or during the Virtual meeting) made any direct commentary on being in favor of the project to help mitigate downstream flooding.

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**Key Considerations/Implications:**

## 1. Budget/Financial Implications:

None related to the engagement process.

## 2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

Pippy Park Commission

Eastern Health

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Quidi Vidi Rennies River Development Foundation

City's Environment & Sustainability Experts Panel

City Residents

Long Pond and Rennies River Trail users

Stakeholders will also have an opportunity to take part in the Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) review process for the project.

## 3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

A City that is Environmentally Sustainable today and for future generations.

## 4. Legal or Policy Implications:

N/A

## 5. Privacy Implications:

N/A

## 6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

Public engagement work undertaken by staff in Organizational Performance and Strategy. Future public engagement sessions may be required as a part of the EA process.

## 7. Human Resource Implications:

N/A

## 8. Procurement Implications:

N/A

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9. Information Technology Implications:

N/A

10. Other Implications:

N/A

**Conclusion/Next Steps:**

Share the “What We Heard” document on the Long Pond Flow Control Structure and Flood Mitigation Engage page.

The “What We Heard” document will be given consideration in finalizing the environmental registration documentation to be submitted to the Provinces Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC). As a part of the Provincial Environmental Assessment review process, the general public will have another opportunity to comment on the project before the Minister makes a decision on the undertaking.

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**Approved by: Jason Sinyard – Deputy City Manager PERS**

Attachment

1. “What We Heard” – Long Pond Flow Control Structure and Flood Mitigation Public Engagement (December. 2021)

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**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Jason Sinyard - Dec 9, 2021 - 3:57 PM**