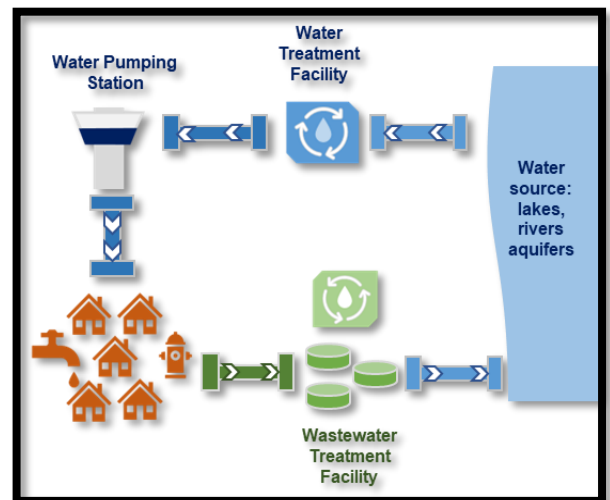


What is a Master Servicing Plan?

WHAT: The future direction of a Municipality is set out in an “Official Plan”, which identifies land use policies and maps designated land throughout the Municipality. Generally, Master Plans are broad-based studies that consider alternative solutions to delivering specific municipality-provided services, and ultimately, selecting the most appropriate alternative solution in support of the Official Plan direction. Municipalities typically provide many services, including transportation, parks and recreation facilities, waste management, wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater management. Each service area can benefit from a review of alternative solutions, through a Master Plan process. Master Servicing Plans (MSP) focus on the provision of public drinking water supply systems and / or wastewater management systems. They establish existing water and wastewater service levels and capacities, apply growth and development forecasts to help plan for future needs, and consider alternative solutions, including maintaining existing, or improving upon, the current level of service provided to residents.

WHY: The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) gives policy direction on key land use planning issues. Municipal water and wastewater systems are identified as “*the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety.*” (PPS Section 1.6.6.2)

WHO: GM BluePlan, in cooperation with Municipal staff, is leading this study on behalf of the Municipality. Residents and other stakeholders are asked to help the study team by reviewing background information and assisting in the development of alternative solutions by providing feedback on presented materials. All comments are considered and included in the final Study Report, which is presented to Council for final approval.



WHEN: The current study is planned to be completed by November 2024. There will be at least two more Public Consultation Periods, and a final notification period, as the report is developed and finalized. Each Public Consultation period will be a period of at least 30 days.

Master Plans are intended to be “living documents” that consider long-range plans based on growth and development projections of 20 to 30 years into the future. Master Plans are recommended to be reviewed and updated every five (5) years to be able to incorporate unpredicted changes in growth and development. This Master Plan study is intended to update the MSP finalized in 2017. The next review and update would be expected to be initiated in 2029 or 2030.

WHERE: This MSP is focused on the central area of the Municipality of Grey Highlands. The communities of Markdale, Flesherton, Kimberley, Amik, and Talisman are partially or fully serviced with water and wastewater services. Eugenia, Eugenia Lake, and Beaver Valley are included as potential opportunities for servicing and are geographically relevant.

All documents and recordings will be made available on the Municipality’s Connect Grey Highlands project website (<https://connectgreyhighlands.ca/MSP>). Physical copies will also be available upon request at the Municipal Office located at 206 Toronto Street South Unit 1, Markdale. Public Consultations will be held in-person at locations within the community. Presentations will be made in-person to Council of the Draft and Final Master Servicing Plan Report.

HOW: How does this affect me? – The 2017 MSP recommended a series of phased capital projects throughout Grey Highlands to expand water and sewer servicing into areas that are not serviced or only partially serviced. Phase 1-1 was completed with the construction of a new water tower in Markdale and expansion of the Markdale wastewater treatment system. This update to the MSP is intended to review the timeline and feasibility of the next phases of implementation. The conclusions of this study may include a revised timeline for when and/or where new or expanded systems are recommended to occur. Your feedback will help to inform a next implementation phase.

What is a Master Servicing Plan?

How to be involved? Attend and participate in person, listen to the recording of the presentation, and read the documents. Share your thoughts by filling out the questionnaire online or in person or by sending the project team your comments. Sign up in-person or send the project team a request to be notified of future public consultations for this study.

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What is the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process? What are the steps in a Master Plan?

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process is a tool for planning Municipal projects, as outlined on the chart below. The process is intended to formalize, and make transparent, the following:

- The identification of specific problems or opportunities intended to be addressed.
- The development of alternative solutions to address the problem or opportunity.
- The screening of each alternative solution as it may affect natural, social, and economic “environments”.
- The consultation process with the public, stakeholders, and review agencies, including required 30 day public comment periods with each Notice, PIC, and Report consultation.
- The documentation of the process toward selecting a preferred alternative.

Master Plans can include only Phases 1 & 2, which is called “Approach 1” and ends with high-level recommendations for a preferred general solution or direction. Further, Master Plans can also include Phases 3, 4 and 5, which is called “Approach 2”, which involve additional steps towards more project-specific planning, and, ultimately, the design and construction of a preferred project.

This Master Plan will be carried out via “Approach 1” and will include:

1. Notice of Commencement
2. Discretionary PIC No. 1 to receive feedback prior to reviewing alternatives
3. Mandatory PIC No. 2 to present alternative and recommended solutions and the draft Master Plan Report
4. Presentation to Council of the draft Master Plan Report
5. Public comment period on the final Master Plan Report
6. “Notice of Master Plan”
7. Presentation to Council of the final Master Plan Report.

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5
Problem or Opportunity	Alternative Solutions	Alternative Design Concepts for Preferred Solution	Environmental Study Report (ESR)	Implementation
Identify Problem or Opportunity	Identify Alternative Solutions to Problem or Opportunity	Identify Alternative Solutions to Problem or Opportunity	Complete Environmental Study Report (ESR)	Complete Contract Drawings and Tender Documents
Discretionary Public Consultation to Review Problem or Opportunity	Inventory Natural, Social, Economic Environment	Detail Inventory Natural, Social, Economic Environment	Environmental Study Report (ESR) Placed on Public Record	Proceed to Construction and Operation
	Identify Impact of Alternative Solutions on the Environment, and Mitigating Measures	Identify Impact of Alternative Designs on Environment, and Mitigating Measures	Notice of Completion to Review Agencies and Public	Monitor for Environmental Provisions and Commitments
	Evaluate Alternative Solutions: Identify Recommended Solutions	Evaluate Alternative Designs: Identify Recommended Solutions	Copy of Notice of Completion to MOE-EA Branch	
	Consult Review Agencies and Public. RE: Problem or Opportunity and Alternative Solutions	Consult Review Agencies and Previously Interested and Directly Affected Public.	Opportunity to Request Minister Within 30 Days of Notification to Request and Order*	
	Select Preferred Solution	Select Preferred Design		
		Preliminary Finalization of Preferred Design		