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VIA Mail

Dear Resident

**Re: Notice of Commencement
County of Renfrew Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Broomes Creek Dam Review**

The County of Renfrew has recently initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study at the Broomes Creek Dam (County Structure C201) located on Forester Falls Road, approximately 0.1 km east of Foresters Falls, Ontario.

The Broomes Creek Dam consists of two concrete spill channels located directly east (downstream) of the Broomes Creek Culvert, which is located on County Road 7 (Foresters Falls Road). Historically the dam was constructed to service a mill located downstream. Today the mill and diversion channel appear to have been removed while the dam remains in place.

Recent structural review of the dam and culvert have identified that these structure are in poor condition. As a result, the County is considering addressing the deteriorating state of these structures. Specifically the following options are being reviewed through the Class EA process:

1. Do nothing;
2. Decommission the dam in its entirety to remove the asset and restore the natural landscape; or
3. Remove and Replace dam in its entirety.

The County is proposing to proceed with the second option of “Decommission the dam in its entirety to remove the asset and restore the natural landscape”. The County will select the preferred solution that will benefit the community over the long-term following the Public Information Centre.

In order to provide information regarding this project to the public, the County will be undertaking a Schedule B Municipal Class EA. Schedule B activities includes the process of providing Notice of Commencement of the project to be given to the public, as well as performing several environmental studies (geotechnical, water quality sampling, terrestrial and vegetation surveys, etc.) of the surrounding area. Staff from the Consultant’s team will be intermittently performing the studies during the Class EA process.

Stakeholder consultation is a key element of this process. This Notice of Commencement is being mailed to residents in the study area that may have an interest in the study and posted on the County’s website. A copy of the Notice of Commencement is attached to this letter for your information.

You are invited to join the mailing list and/or provide comments as the Class EA progresses. You will also receive a separate invitation for a Public Information Centre, which will be scheduled in the fall of 2020.

Further comments are invited for incorporation into the planning and design of this project and will be received until 30 days following the Public Information Centre.

If you are interested in being on the mailing list for this project, please provide a letter or return the comment sheet attached, indicating your interest in receiving project updates.

Also, if you have any questions or concerns at this time, please contact either Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works & Engineering for the County of Renfrew (613-732-4353 ext. 441 or LPerkins@countyofrenfrew.on.ca) or the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosures