




# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	October 24, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Chedoke Creek Remediation - MECP Order Amendment - HW.23.07
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Cari Vanderperk Director, Watershed Management Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

On March 14, 2023, the City of Hamilton (City) was issued an Amendment to Director's Order No.1-PE3L3 (Order) by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), to complete dredging activities by October 31, 2023, with the remaining activities in the approved Chedoke Creek Workplan completed by December 31, 2023.

The targeted dredging, as described in the Chedoke Creek Workplan, will remediate the impacts of the Main/King combined sewer overflow discharge that occurred between January 2014 and July 2018, which discharged 24 billion litres of combined sewage.

As a follow up to the Chedoke Creek Order Remediation Update (PW19008(u)), presented to General Issues Committee on September 20, 2023, the project team has requested an extension to the MECP Director's Order deadline.

While the dredging is currently moving along well, it has become apparent to the project team that the in-water portion of the dredging work will not be completed by the October 31, 2023 deadline. Scheduling impacts have occurred as a result of the above average rainfall in July and August, along with the dredged material causing equipment challenges.

A 1-month extension was requested under Item #6 of the MECP Order. A response to the extension request has not yet been received, however the MECP has been kept apprised of the scheduling impacts to date. The project team is confident that this extension request remains sufficient. If the extension is granted, the current project

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pace will not change as the project team is committed to completing the in-water work as soon as possible and continues to progress through the targeted dredging which began in-water work on July 17, 2023.

Once a response is received from the MECP, the project team will advise the Mayor and Council, media outlets and the public of the outcome to the extension request via a Council Communication Update.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Not Applicable