

Latest News - Spring 2017

- **March 8th** - MRA hydrogeologist, **Tim Lotimer**, addresses Council with highlights of his analysis & conclusions regarding MSP Environmental Assessment water-related draft reports. Inadequate and misleading. Potentially significant threat to water quantity & quality once MSP is built. Expects negative impacts on existing private and municipal wells + 3 Barrie wells which service N. Barrie - all draw from same aquifer
- **March 12th** - Tim delivers his entire presentation at MRA public meeting.
[You can view the presentation here.](#)
- **Late April** - Project Manager Ainley on behalf of Council sends **Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR)** to Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for comment. Council decides to include lengthy letter outlining their concerns, many about water. Neither document is provided to public. Ainley expects MOECC feedback by late May leading to final public consultation and start of official 30 day appeal period in June. **NOTE: as of May 26th, no reply from MOECC . June timetable discarded**
- **May 17th** - MRA lawyer **Rod Northey (Environmental Specialist - partner at Gowling WLG)** made a presentation to Council on legal reasons why Council **MUST REJECT** the EA. Not only is EA deficient and unable to ensure no negative impacts on water availability and quality and natural environment, **BUT** it's also non-compliant with Provincial legislation and directives - *Places to Grow Act, Planning Act, Municipal Act and Provincial Policy Statement*. The latter has paramount authority re: the environment. Council's **DUTY** is to reject EA.
[You can view the presentation here.](#)
(The link to the audio for this meeting is given below. Rod Northey's clip starts 47 minutes into Part 1). <https://springwater.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/112748?expanded=118182>.
- **May 26th** - Staff and Township lawyer are studying Rod's brief.