Township of Centre Wellington
New Water Supply Well Areas 3 and 7
– Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Public Information Centre #1

Script for Overview Video

May 29, 2025

Welcome to the first of two Virtual Public Information Centres for the Township of Centre Wellington's New Water Supply Well Areas 3 and 7 – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. This video will provide a brief introduction to the study.

The Township of Centre Wellington relies on municipal groundwater wells to supply water to residents and businesses. In 2019, our Water Supply Master Plan identified that we need more water to support future growth. The Master Plan found that by 2041, we need an additional 7,023,000 Litres of water per day to meet forecasted demands. To meet this need, potential water supply alternatives were introduced and evaluated in the Master Plan study.

One solution was the expansion of our water supply through new groundwater supply wells. The two locations, known as Area 3 and Area 7, showed promise through an exploration program conducted in 2024.

This study is a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and will look at the installation of these two new proposed municipal supply wells, including connections to the existing water distribution system (also known as watermains).

The study area includes two proposed municipal well focus areas. The first, Area 3, is located southwest of Salem on Wellington Road 18 near the intersection of Wellington Road 18 and 3rd Line West. The second, Area 7, is located North of Fergus along Sideroad 15, southwest of Beatty line.

The goals of this study are to:

- ensure the long-term sustainability of the municipal water supply;
- identify and evaluate alternative solutions;
- develop mitigation strategies to address any potential adverse impacts to natural, social, cultural and economic environments;

- consider feedback from consultation and engagement activities;
- recommend a preferred solution; and
- develop a municipal well implementation strategy

The development of alternative solutions and their evaluation will be supported by a number of field investigations and desktop studies, including:

- a Natural Environment Field Investigations and Inventory Study;
- a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment;
- a Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment;
- a Geotechnical Review; and
- a Noise Study.

There will also be municipal supply well and monitoring well drilling and installation, followed by pumping tests, from May to October 2025.

As part of Public Information Centre #1, we welcome your comments on the materials presented until June 12, 2025. We will also have a second Public Information Centre in Spring 2026, and your feedback is appreciated throughout the duration of the study.

The study is also scheduled to be completed by Spring 2026.

Visit our website at connectcw.ca for more information, including how to contact our team.

Thank you for your interest in learning about the Township of Centre Wellington's proposed new water supply wells.