

#### Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

# Class Environmental Assessment Harrington Dam



#### **Public Information Centre - Comment Form**

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lan Ring

To:

"harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca" <harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

Rick Goldt

Date:

6/2/2016 9:38 PM

Subject:

Rebuild the Harrington Dam

#### Dear Mr. Goldt,

I have many cherished memories of the Harrington pond. I would like it to be preserved. My great-grandparents and grandparents farmed and lived in that area, are buried nearby, and my parents were married in Harrington church on the hill.

I still go there on lovely summer days to enjoy the peaceful scenery, and own children recognize that the Harrington pond has a prominent role in their own heritage.

Please register my vote to restore the dam (#7 option), and it would be nice if there was a way for pedestrians to cross over it too.

Cheers

lan Ring

Nancy Skillings 4

To:

"harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca" <harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

Rick Goldt

Date: Subject: 6/2/2016 9:38 PM Harrington Dam survey.... Attention Rick Goldt C.E.T.

Dear Mr Goldt,

I am a resident of Harrington, having lived here almost 16 years. When explaining where I live, many people know Harrington because of the mill pond, as many people have childhood and adult memories of fishing at this pond. I have come to realize and appreciate just what a historical part the mill and mill pond are to this area. They are a core part of the community and the surrounding area. I live across from the mill and am amazed at how many people come to inquire about and visit the mill and pond area. It is indeed a valuable historical landmark. The mlll is a direct connection to the mill. Without a mill pond the future of the mill is forever changed.

I congratulate and admire the work and dedication of the people in this community that have worked to preserve the mill and feel strongly that their efforts and commitment should be recognized and considered in the future planning of the pond. I feel that whatever decisions are made in regard to the Harrington Dam, they need to ensure a system that can connect water source to the mill that is strong enough to run the water wheel.

I have attended several meetings over the years where discussions and plans for the future of the Harrington dam have been presented. I have engaged in conversations with people that have been part of Harrington for a much longer time than I, as well as new people that have moved into the community and people feel strongly that the protection of the mill pond is of utmost importance.

I have studied the seven plans that were presented at the recent meeting at the Harrington hall.

I congratulate you and your team that have spent long hours and much effort into the research and plans you have presented.

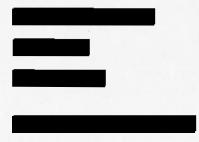
I feel that the preservation of the existing dam is the priority, so if changes are necessary then reconstructing with new materials in the current location would seem the best plan.

I felt I would like to send my thoughts in a letter rather than the survey form.

I hope this is acceptable as input for the survey.

Sincerely

Nancy Skillings



Anna Hewitt ¶

To:

"harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca" <harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

Rick Goldt

Date:

6/2/2016 9:03 PM

Subject:

The dam

#### Hello

Just wanted to make sure I was able to vote for number 7 and that I voted in the right area. My in laws grew up in Harrington and I would like to see the existing dam stay. Thank you Anna hewitt

Dan Ring ◀

To:

"harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca" <harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

Rick Goldt

Date: Subject: 6/2/2016 5:16 PM Harrington Pond / Dam

Dear Mr. Goldt,

My name is Dan Ring and I have roots in the Harrington area. My great-grandparents and grandparents farmed and lived in the area and are buried in the cemetery there. My mother lived in Harrington within sight of the pond. I am interested in preserving the heritage of Harrington and I would like to see the Harrington dam restored (option # 7 rebuild the dam) and a pedestrian walkway included. Thank you for your time. I don't believe that the other options will provide the same level of recreation and community enjoyment as maintaining the existing pond will.

Thank-you, Dan Ring

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To:

<harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

**Rick Goldt** 

Date: Subject: 6/2/2016 12:18 PM Vote for Harrington

Dear Mr. Goldt,

My name is Barb Westelaken. I live in St. Marys now and was raised in Harrington, as were both my mother and father. They bought a property and raised us there where we enjoyed the pond, in the summer, swimming in it and in the winter, skating on it. My brother Bernard Schaefer still lives in the village. My grandparents and parents, on both sides of my family farmed and lived in the area and are buried in the cemetery there. The pond has always been a beautiful wildlife sanctuary. A walk around the pond is a tranquil experience and a nature lover's dream. I am interested in preserving the heritage of Harrington and I would like to see the Harrington dam restored with a pedestrian walk (option # 7 rebuild the dam). Thank you for your time.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Barb Weatelaken

Sent from my iPhone

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Luther Hewitt-Smith (

To:

"harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca" < harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

Rick Goldt

Date: Subject: 6/1/2016 4:05 PM Rebuild the Dam

Dear Mr. Goldt,

My name is Luther Hewitt-Smith and I have roots in the Harrington area. My great-grandparents and grandparents farmed and lived In the area and are buried in the cemetery there. My mother grew up in Harrington within sight of the pond. I am interested in preserving the heritage of Harrington and I would like to see the Harrington dam restored (option # & rebuild the dam). Thank you for your time.

Isaac Hewitt-Smith

To:

<a href="mailto:</a> <a href="mailto:left">harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca></a>

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**Rick Goldt** 

Date: Subject: 6/1/2016 9:06 AM Harrington pond alternatives vote

Dear Mr. Goldt,

My name is Isaac Hewitt-Smith and I have roots in the Harrington area. My great-grandparents and grandparents farmed and lived in the area and are buried in the cemetery there. My mother grew up in Harrington within sight of the pond. I am interested in preserving the heritage of Harrington and I would like to see the Harrington dam restored (option # & rebuild the dam). Thank you for your time. Sent from my iPhone



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Please submit comments by June 2, 2016

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susan graham e

To:

<harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

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Rick Goldt

Date: Subject: 5/31/2016 8:02 PM

Harrington pond voting

My name is Steve Graham. I am married to Susan Hewitt from Harrington. I have spent many occasions around the Harrington pond for over 50 years - camping, courting, picnicking, walking, relaxing etc. I was upset when access was reduced and grass cutting eliminated around 25 years ago. Most decisions regarding the pond seem to have been made by bureaucrats from afar. I personally am tired of the Toronto crowd controlling what gets done to rural Ontario - for instance, who in their right mind could even consider putting Toronto's garbage in a Ilmestone pit in Ingersoll, right in the Thames River watershed. Surely the Zorra decision makers can stick up for our heritage and our ancestors achievements. My vote is for option # 7.

Sincerely

Steve Graham

Sent from my iPad

susan graham 🗐

To:

<harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

**Rick Goldt** 

Date:

5/31/2016 7:46 PM

Subject:

Harrington Dam voting

#### Dear Rick

My name is Susan Hewitt Graham, and I am a visual artist. My family and I lived in Harrington area for at least 3 generations.

Our family lived right beside the Harrington Pond and it was an integral part of our lives.

As a child I learned to swim, skate and paint landscapes at the pond. The pond was at the centre of the community.

My vote for the pond is option #7.

Just a few days ago myself and my high school friends drove to the pond. It is as beautiful as I remember it. We would be loosing a part of our heritage by not helping restore the dam and making the structure

Our traditions need to be celebrated, and preserved. We need to stand up for our homes and heritage.

Sincerely,

Susan Hewitt Graham

Sent from my iPad



May 30, 2016

Mr. Rick Goldt C.E.T.
Supervisor, Water Control Structures
Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

Re: Environmental Assessment for the Harrington Dam

Dear Mr. Goldt,

I have been a naturalist since I was a child. I have always been interested and concerned about wildlife, including birds and fish. I have never felt, however, that concerns in these areas should always take precedence over social elements such as history.

I observed from the presentation at Harrington Hall on May 12, that there was a great emphasis being placed on the free flow of fish though the watercourse. While I can understand the importance of this, I also believe that Harrington's history, heritage, reason for being, must be given equal stress.

I know that I don't need to review, for you, the amount of work that the community has put into restoring the Harrington Grist Mill, but I would like to remind you that this restoration process is not finished, and that one of the next steps will be restoring water force to the mill via a sluice way.

Whatever solution is chosen for the new form of the pond, I believe that it must be big enough and provide the elements necessary to run the mill via a restored sluice way. I also believe that a fish ladder should be part of the plan and I understand, from your presentation, that grants may be available to help offset some of these costs.

Thank you for your attention to this letter, and I look forward to the community and UTRCA working together to find a solution agreeable to all concerned.

Sincerely,

Philip D. Kerr B. Tech., Architecture Chair, Harrington and Area Community Association

Jennifer Hewitt ◀

To:

"harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca" < harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC

Rick Goldt

Date:

5/30/2016 8:01 PM

Subject:

comments on Harrington pond alternatives

Attachments:

social history of the pond.docx

Hello Mr. Goldt,

I am a former resident of Harrington; my family is from there as my grandparents farmed there; my aunts and uncles, siblings and cousins all grew up there. My cousin now resides in his former family home in **Harrington**.

We all have an interest in the pond. We all learned to swim and fish and skate there, and we visit regularly for recreation and to see the cemetery where many friends and relatives (including both my parents and one set of grandparents) are buried.

I have kept current with the developments on the EA and the information presented at the meetings about the pond.

I would like to cast my "vote" for a full replacement of the existing dam (#7). My reasons are several. First, I feel that each of the alternatives (other than "do nothing" which is suggested as unfeasible due to potential dam failure and flooding) will be costly, perhaps more costly than can be anticipated. It is my experience that any kind of building project ends up costing much more than planned! I feel this pond gets a lot of use from the community, from anglers, and from tourists and visitors. If the village is to have any economic development in future it is probably by tapping the existing tourist base in Stratford, and the pond is the best potential tourist attraction as well as the only thing the village currenty has as a draw.

Also, because considerable time and expense has been put into refurbishing the grist mill using government funds, I believe it is important to keep the option open to re-establish the sleuceway (we used to call it the mill run) so that the mill could be restored to working order. I think this historic site could be developed into a tourist attraction with visitors and school groups paying a fee to visit, especially with its proximity to Stratford and its existing tourist base. Although I recognize that this kind of development would require a considerable effort and expense, I feel that cutting off the option of re-establishing the sleuceway would be short-sited.

If replacement of the dam is deemed unfeasible, I would like the planning committee to consider choosing an alternative that keeps the option open to re-establish the sleuceway so the grist mill could be brought to working order again as a historic site/tourist attraction. It is unclear to me which of the options make the sleuceway a possibility, but I assume it is those in which there is a pond with some kind of dam to allow pressure to build to speed the water through the channel. If I understood more fully which alternatives keep this option open I would rank them second, third choice.

I have also attached an essay I wrote on the social history of the pond from my point of view. It is perhaps a little sentimental but I would like it to be included in your considerations.

Thank you.

Jennifer Hewitt

To:

"harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca" <harrington\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca>

BC R

Date: Subject: Rick Goldt 5/29/2016 11:52 AM

Harrington Dam

I vote for Alternative 7 – Reconstruct the Existing Dam in Current Location with New Materials, and include a pedestrian bridge over the dam. This looks like the most attractive and useful alternative. I grew up in Harrington and like to visit there. The pond, mill and conservation area is the best attraction the area has. It would be helpful to know the approximate costs of the various options.

Name: Lynn (Hewitt) RingAddress & Postal Code:

Address: I.ring

Tim Van de Kemp ◀

To:

<goldtr@thamesriver.on.ca>

Date:

5/27/2016 6:53 PM

Subject:

Fwd: Public Information Centre - Comment Form

Attachments: Harrington Dam LE to UTRCA.doc

Hello Rick,

Attached please find a letter from the Harrington MIII Restoration Committee regarding the pond alternatives as presented at the PIC #2. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding content of the letter.

Tim Van de Kemp, Chair Harrington Mill Restoration Committee

Bonnie Di Bernardo <

To:

"goldtr@thamesriver.on.ca" < goldtr@thamesriver.on.ca>

Date: Subject: 6/6/2016 9:33 AM Harrington Damn

Dear Mr. Goldt,

I grew up in Harrington and so did my parents and grandparents. I still have family there. The pond is an integral part of the area.

I believe the area should be preserved for the wildlife found there, for the folks who live there, and for the people that come there

for recreational reasons.

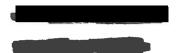
We as a society are slowly running out of these special places. We need to save Harrington Conservation area with its pond and damn

for future generations to enjoy as I did as a child and young adult.

I vote for Alternative 7 - Reconstruct the Existing Dam in Current Location with New Materials.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bonnie Di Bernardo



The years teach much

which the days never knew.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Jeanie & Gary

To:

"goldtr@thamesriver.on.ca" <goldtr@thamesriver.on.ca>

Date:

6/2/2016 9:37 PM

Subject:

my vote regarding the Harrington pond dam

Dear Mr. Gold: I'd like to vote for Alternative #7--reconstruct the existing Dam in the current location with new materials with a pedestrian walk way over the dam.

My entire childhood from age 6 to 19 was spent in and around this pond as I grew up in one of the houses right by the pond. I learned to swim in the creek which was dammed when they were building the bridge on the road that runs through Harrington. That would have been around 1964 or so, maybe a bit later. After that we spent literally 8 hours a day swimming at the dam and when not swimming we were boating, fishing, catching tadpoles at the bottom of the dam which we "gave" to fishermen--we were not allowed to sell them but were "paid" in pop bottles or donations enough to have an ice cream cone or bag of chips. The beginning of fishing season was always a big event. I remember eating the delicious fish for dinner that my brother caught and brought home for Mom to cook. Of course I learned to skate on the pond in the winter as well. I believe I knew every foot that that pond/dam/river. Some of my best memories are the endless hours spent in and around the Harrington pond. As children we took for granted that we had this summer wonderland all day, every day and as adults we realize what a gem Harrington pond is for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your time Jeanie Zamecnik



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# Class Environmental Assessment Harrington Dam



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| Please provide your comments in the areas that interest you.  |
| comments: Preserve Flow so all the work  on renovating Grist Mill is  not wasted!   |
| Considering the evaluation criteria required to be assessed through the Environmental Assessment process, what I like and/or dislike about each alternative for the Harrington Dam is as follows: |
| Alternative 1 – Do Nothing  |
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| catastrophic consequences if  |
| Alternative 2 – Remove Dam and Install Rocky Ramp   |
| # 2 choice  |
| Alternative 3 – Remove Dam and Construct a Natural Channel  |
| Alternative 4 – Remove Dam and Construct an Offline Pond and Natural Channel  |

| Alternative 5 – Replace Dam with new Structure Downstream of the Existing Dam  |
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| Alternative 6 - Replace Dam with an Earthen Dam of Lower Crest Elevation   |
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| Alternative 7 – Reconstruct the Existing Dam in Current Location with New Materials  |
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| The Alternative that I like the most is Alternative: (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 (Please Circle)   |
| Other things that have not been discussed but which the study team should consider?  |
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| Please print your name and address below, and leave your completed Comment Form in the box provided. You may also email your comments to harrington_dam@thamesriver.on.ca, or mail your comments to: |
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| Name: BRENDA KRANTZ  |
| Address & Postal Code:   |
| E-mail Address:  |
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Please submit comments by June 2, 2016

Thank you for your participation.

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