

NOTICE - STATUS OF SUTTON SECONDARY PLAN REVIEW STUDY
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In April 2008 the Province passed a new regulation under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* that placed interim limits on the allowable levels of phosphorus discharging from the 15 existing municipal sewage treatment plants (STP) into the Lake Simcoe watershed. The interim phosphorus discharge limit for the Sutton STP was set at 148 Kg/yr which is only 66% of the previous limit of 224 Kg/yr. This lower limit is in place until April 2010 when at that time the Province intends to set a final long-term Phosphorus limit for the Sutton STP and the other 14 treatment plants in the watershed. At this time we do not know what these long-term limits will be.

As a result of the interim phosphorus discharge limit, work on the Sutton Secondary Plan Review Study has been delayed. The most recent direction from the Sutton Secondary Plan Steering Committee is to proceed with finalizing a draft new Secondary Plan. This new draft Plan is anticipated to be released for public and agency review and comment some time in the late Winter or early Spring of 2010.