

# Project Status Monthly Report

November 2013

Port Colborne Operations Centre

---

## Introduction

The City of Port Colborne maintenance operations are currently carried out at two locations: the Central Operations Facility at 11 King Street and Parks Division at the Port Colborne Arena at 52 West Side Road. In 2008, the City undertook a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) of the facilities and has determined that these facilities are undersized and will require upgrading in order to meet the current and future needs of the City.

As a result, the City has decided to design and develop a new Operations Centre, a single facility located on corner of Stonebridge Drive and Highway 58, replacing the two existing facilities and centralizing the maintenance operations (including Parks, Public Works and Utilities yards) at a new location. This new Operations Centre will be the most cost effective solution to serve the City and the community better with ongoing operation maintenance.

## Project Update

- In February of 2013, The City of Port Colborne awarded Chambers & Associates Surveying Ltd, as the Land Surveyor, SPL Consultants Ltd. as the Geotechnical Consultant and Clare Randall Smith Pendlebury Cost Consultants for the project.
- Most recently, Council approved Report 2013-34 at its meeting of September 23, 2013, recommending that an amendment to the Class EA be completed to determine a new preferred site for the Operations Centre. The amendment is required to follow the process for the Class EA as the preferred site as determined by the Class EA completed in 2009 was not financially suitable to build an operations centre. This was determined by further investigative works not required in the Class EA process such as in depth Geotechnical Investigations. Staff, along with the current consultants contracted by the City has begun the amendment process. This process is expected to take approximately 8 to 10 weeks with a scheduled completion in December 2013.

## Project Cost

- The total project budget is \$6.82 million.
- Current Construction budget is \$5.17 million.

## Project Schedule and Status

- The City and the consultants are currently in the process of preparing an amendment to the Class EA to select a new preferred site for the Port Colborne Operations Centre.
- Construction scheduled to begin July 2014.
- Construction completion scheduled for June 2015