

To the members of the community~

On January 26th Otonabee Conservation held a Public Information Centre at the Cavan Monaghan Municipal Office in Millbrook. The purpose of the session was to share with the public the latest design for the Millbrook Dam spillway reconstruction.

We appreciate the attendance of over 40 community members at our Public Information Centre.



What we Heard:

- Generally, people were pleased with the overall design and finishing features of the outlet structure (spillway).
- People were pleased to learn that the width of the structure has been reduced to 26 m from the previously described 30 m.
- The design proposes to divide the spillway into two halves, with the eastern portion being up to 5 cm. lower than the western portion. There will be a continuous flow of water over the eastern portion, maintaining the waterfall affect that currently exists. The western portion would only be covered in water when the flows are higher. The response we received was generally supportive with some concern about the aesthetics of the western half of the spillway which will be dry for most of the year. We were asked if there was anything we could do about this, and some suggestions were provided.

- Overall, everyone was pleased with the proposed walkway and railings, as well as the public safety fencing, including the proposal to use “weathering steel” which is rust-coloured in appearance.

Next Steps:

As the design for the dam is being finalized for approvals we will continue to explore ways of further reducing the width of the spillway structure and ameliorating the visual impact of the exposed portion of the spillway (western half). We’ll keep the public informed of any changes.

We continue to plan to issue tender documents in late spring, award a contract in the summer and have construction commence before Thanksgiving, 2017.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

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