



# Notice of Public Open House

## Melrose Drinking Water System Interconnect Project Proposed Fee to Benefitting Properties

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**Date:** August 12, 2025

**To:** Residents and Property Owners

As you've likely noticed, the Municipality of Middlesex Centre is currently undertaking a significant waterworks project in your neighbourhood. This \$4 million project is addressing long-term water servicing in the Wynfield Gate Community by connecting the Melrose Water Treatment Plant to the regional water supply, replacing the current groundwater system.

**This letter is to provide you with an update on the project. It is also to notify you that Council is considering charging a fee to those properties that will benefit from the project when complete.** At the end of this letter, you will find information on an upcoming open house about the project and potential fee, as well as ways to provide comments and feedback to Council.

### **Project Overview**

The Municipality of Middlesex Centre completed a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2017) and numerous background studies and reports to identify a long-term solution for the water servicing for the Wynfield Gate Community in Melrose.

The preferred solution, which is the project currently underway, is to connect the area to the regional water supply secondary transmission main and convert the Melrose Water Treatment Plant to a pumping station.

This project offers advantages in terms of:

- integrating the municipality's infrastructure assets
- reducing annual operating costs
- improving water quality and quantity
- increasing available storage for supply
- mitigating regulatory impacts and the potential for significant drinking water threats associated with the Melrose Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA).

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### **Municipality of Middlesex Centre**

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The construction component of this project was approved by Middlesex Centre Council on January 29, 2025, and construction began on April 28, 2025. Work is expected to be completed by April 30, 2026.

## **Project Details**

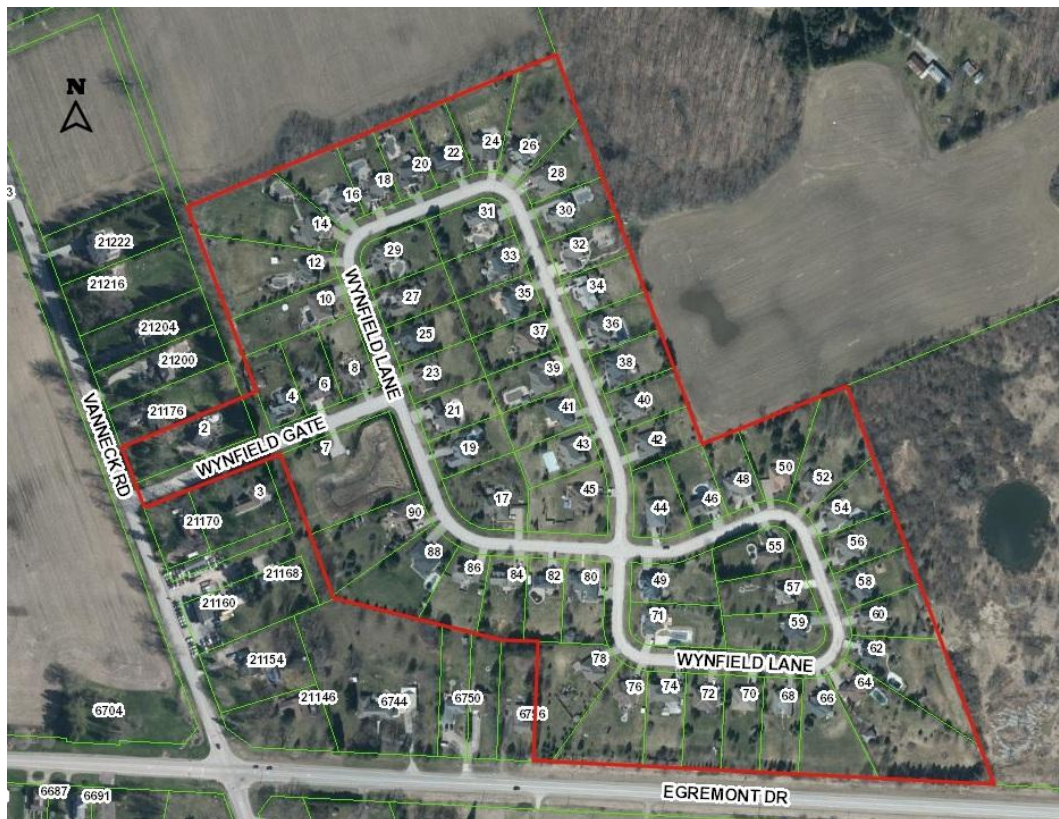
### **Scope of Work:**

- Connection to the Regional Water Supply System
- Installation of a new watermain along Vanneck Drive to the treatment facility at 7 Wynfield Gate
- Mechanical and electrical upgrades to convert the Melrose Water Treatment Plant into an underground storage tank and pump station

### **Benefits to the Community:**

- Reliable and secure water source, eliminating reliance on groundwater
- Removal of high sodium and iron content from the water supply
- Improved water aesthetics
- Increased water storage capacity

### ***Map of Area Served by the Melrose Municipal Drinking Water System***



### ***Map of Construction Limits for Melrose Water Interconnect Project***



### **Project Funding and Proposed Fee**

On June 18, 2025, municipal staff presented a report to Council titled, “Imposing a fee under the Municipal Act, 2001 for the Melrose Drinking Water Interconnect Project (Report CPS-33-2025).”

The Melrose Interconnect Project was approved during the 2025 budget process and is currently proposed to be funded through the Water Capital Reserve Fund. However, the significant project cost (\$4 million) places considerable strain on the reserve fund and affects the Municipality’s ability to fund other critical water capital projects.

Staff have proposed the option of introducing a per-property fee of up to \$10,000. If a \$10,000 per-property fee were imposed, it would generate \$650,000 – about 16% of the project costs – to help offset the financial impact on the reserve fund. It would also ensure more equitable cost-sharing for this infrastructure, which primarily serves a limited number of residents.

Before they decide on imposing a fee, Council has directed staff to notify and seek feedback from residents. As such, we would value your input by attending the public open house, providing written comments, or speaking to the matter at the Council meeting.

## **Providing your Feedback**

### **Attend the Public Open House**

Join us to learn more about the project and the potential fee to benefitting properties. There will be an opportunity to provide your feedback, which will be shared with members of Council.

**Date:** Thursday, September 4, 2025

**Time:** The open house runs 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., with a brief presentation at 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Middlesex Centre Municipal Office / Coldstream Community Centre  
10227 Ilderton Road, Ilderton, ON, N0M 2A0

This is a drop-in style event. There is no need to register to attend.

### **Provide Written Comments**

If you are unable to attend the public open house and wish to provide written comments, please send these to the Office of the Clerk by mail to Municipality of Middlesex Centre, 10227 Ilderton Rd. Ilderton, ON, N0M 2A0 or by email to [clerk@middlesexcentre.ca](mailto:clerk@middlesexcentre.ca).

- Please include your name and address in your submission.  
This information may be made public.

We encourage you to provide your written feedback by September 15, 2025, so that it can be included in the post-open house report to Council.

### **Speak at a Council Meeting**

If you would like to speak to this matter when it is on the Council meeting agenda, tentatively set for October 15, 2025, please contact the Office of the Clerk at 519-666-0190 or [clerk@middlesexcentre.ca](mailto:clerk@middlesexcentre.ca) to register to speak and for further information.

Your request to speak should be made no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meeting.

### **Stay Informed**

Project updates are available on the Middlesex Centre website at:  
[www.middlesexcentre.ca/melrose-interconnect](http://www.middlesexcentre.ca/melrose-interconnect)

## **Contact Us**

We welcome your questions and input throughout the process:

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