

**Municipal Engineers Association
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
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CLARIFICATION - FEES FOR COMMENTS

Consultation with stakeholders is a key component of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process and, as such, the proponent should provide reasonable opportunities to comment. The proponent should provide clear information on the proposed project that can be easily understood by the audience and be flexible on how stakeholders can submit their input. However, it is the stakeholder's responsibility to provide their comments and input.

Proponents are not expected to pay a fee to government agencies for comments. Government agencies (for example Conservation Authorities) have their own revenue source and they must decide priorities within their mandate. They need to be offered the opportunity to comment but then they must internally determine how they allocate their resources and the level of effort they wish to put into Class EA reviews.