

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL**

NUMBER 8788-DL7JJ6

Issue Date: September 25, 2025

Radha Soami Society Beas Canada  
471360 County Road 11  
East Garafraxa, Ontario  
L9W 7N2

Site Location: SOS Study Centre Toronto  
471360 Dufferin County Road 11  
East Garafraxa Township, County of Dufferin  
L9W 7N2

*You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:*

the establishment of Works comprising a holding tank system with a minimum capacity of 700,000 L to be utilized for a once a year special event, and an existing subsurface disposal system rated at a Maximum Daily Flow of 27,640 litres per day with a balanced flow of 9,000 litres per day; consisting of the following:

**PROPOSED WORKS**

A Holding Tank System designed to manage up to 580,800 L of flow generated by a 2-day annual event from the proposed washroom buildings serving the annual pavilion, consisting of:

- The proposed system comprises ten (10) holding tanks, Newmarket Precast Model 68200 or Equivalent Equipment, each with a working capacity of 72,324 litres, providing a total storage volume of 723,240 litres or an alternative configuration that ensures a minimum capacity of 700,000 litres. The tanks will be arranged in two groups of five (5), with each group serving one (1) washroom building. Within each group, the tanks will be interconnected at the base to function as a single unit with an approximate combined capacity of 361,620 litres. Each individual tank or connected group will be equipped with an audible and visible high-level alarm and a water level sensor to ensure proper monitoring and operational safety.

**EXISTING WORKS**

A subsurface disposal system with a peak daily design flow of 27,640 L/d and a balanced daily flow of 9,000

L/d, (approved by the County of Dufferin under Building permit # F-20-18-0237S issued on June 19, 2018), consisting of:

- One (1) existing 2.4 m diameter precast concrete wet well equipped with duplex grinder pumps rated at 3.4 L/s at 21.5 m of TDH and high-level alarm, receiving sanitary sewage from the existing multi-purpose building discharging to the 68,200 L septic tank described below via forcemain;
- One (1) existing 68,200 L septic tank receiving sanitary sewage from the wet well above and also receiving sanitary sewage via gravity flow from proposed reception building, discharging via duplex submersible sewage pumps (0.4 hp) to the second septic tank below;
- One (1) existing 30,000 L septic tank with an effluent filter discharging by gravity to the 32,000 L balancing/dosing tank described below;
- One (1) existing 32,000 L precast concrete balancing/dosing tank, discharging via duplex effluent pumps rated at 3.6 L/s at 3.2 m of TDH, with high level audible and visible alarm, with proposed means of tracking daily flows discharged such as an elapsed pump run timer or equivalent, dosing the dispersal bed described below;
- One (1) existing conventional leaching bed comprised of twelve (12) 30 m long trenches placed 1.6 m apart with a total trench length of 360 m, with a design flow of 9,000 L/d.

All other controls, electrical equipment, instrumentation, piping, pumps, valves and appurtenances, essential for the proper operation of the aforementioned Works; all in accordance with the submitted supporting documents listed in **Schedule A**.

*For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:*

1. "Approval" means this entire document and any schedules attached to it, and the application;
2. "Commissioned" means the construction is complete and the system has been tested, inspected, and is ready for operation consistent with the design intent;
3. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;
4. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry where the Works is geographically located;
5. "EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
6. "Equivalent Equipment" means means alternate piece(s) of equipment that meets the design requirements and performance specifications of the piece(s) of equipment to be substituted;

7. "Existing Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that have been constructed previously; and include the existing Class 4 septic system.
8. "Licensed Engineering Practitioner" means a person who holds a licence, limited licence or temporary licence under the *Professional Engineers Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.28;
9. "Maximum Daily Flow" means the largest volume of flow to be received during a one-day period for which the Works is designed to handle;
10. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and OWRA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;
11. "OBC" means the Ontario Building Code, Ontario Regulation 163/24 (Building Code) as amended to January 1, 2025, made under the *Building Code Act*, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23;
12. "Owner" means RADHA SOAMI SOCIETY BEAS CANADA and its successors and assignees;
13. "OWRA" means the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;
14. "Proposed Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that are under construction or to be constructed;
15. "Works" means the approved sewage works, and includes Proposed Works and Existing Works.

*You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:*

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Owner shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Works is notified of this Approval and the terms and conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.
2. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Works in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.
3. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.

### **2. EXPIRY OF APPROVAL**

1. This Approval will cease to apply to those parts of the Proposed Works which have not been

constructed within **five (5) years** of the date of this Approval.

2. In the event that completion and commissioning of any portion of the Proposed Works is anticipated to be more than five (5) years, the Owner shall submit an application for extension at least **twelve (12) months** prior to the end of the five (5) years from the day of issuance of this Approval. The application shall include the reason(s) for the delay, whether there is any design change(s) and a review of whether the standards applicable at the time of Approval of the Proposed Works are still applicable at the time of request for extension, to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment.

### **3. CHANGE OF OWNER**

1. The Owner shall notify the District Manager and the Director, in writing, of any of the following changes **within 30 days** of the change occurring:
  - a. change of address of Owner;
  - b. change of Owner, including address of new owner;
  - c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c.B17 shall be included in the notification;
  - d. change of name of the corporation and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c. C39 shall be included in the notification.
2. In the event of any change in ownership of the Works, other than a change to a successor municipality, the Owner shall notify in writing the succeeding owner of the existence of this Approval, and a copy of such notice shall be forwarded to the District Manager and the Director.
3. The Owner shall ensure that all communications made pursuant to this condition refer to the number of this Approval.

### **4. OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND RECORDING**

1. The Owner shall ensure that at all times, the Works and related equipment and appurtenances which are installed or used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained.
2. The Owner shall make all necessary investigations, take all necessary steps and obtain all necessary approvals so as to ensure that the physical structure, siting and operations of the Proposed Works do not constitute a safety or health hazard to the general public.
3. The Owner shall ensure that the Proposed Works remains separate from the Existing Works, i.e. there is no cross connection between the holding tanks and the subsurface disposal system.
4. The Owner shall enter into a written Agreement with a licensed hauled sewage system operator for

the disposal of sanitary sewage from the Proposed Works (Holding Tank System), and shall keep a copy of the valid Agreement at the site at all times during the operation of the Proposed Works.

5. The Owner shall maintain and service the Proposed Works in such a manner that leaks and spills are prevented, and shall use best efforts to immediately identify and clean up all spills.
6. The Owner shall ensure that, the Proposed Works do not discharge to the environment, and the Existing Works remains under 10,000 L/day capacity.
7. The Owner shall ensure that the septic tank is pumped out every 3-5 years or when the tank is 1/3 full of solids and the effluent filter is cleaned out at minimum once a year (or more often if required).
8. The Owner shall ensure that grass-cutting is maintained regularly over the subsurface disposal bed, and that adequate steps are taken to ensure that the area of the underground Works is protected from vehicle traffic.
9. The Owner shall visually inspect the general area where Existing Works are located for break-out once every month during the operating period and once every day during the annual two-day special event the Proposed Works (Holding Tank System) are in use.
10. In the event a break-out is observed, the Owner shall do the following:
  - a. immediately discontinue the discharge of sewage to the Works;
  - b. the incident shall be **immediately** reported verbally to the Spills Action Centre (SAC) at (416) 325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060;
  - c. submit a written report to the District Manager within **one (1) week** of the break-out;
  - d. access to the break-out area shall be restricted until remedial actions are complete;
  - e. during the time remedial actions are taking place the sewage generated at the site shall not be allowed to discharge to the environment; and
  - f. sewage generated at the site shall be safely collected and disposed of through a licensed waste hauler to an approved sewage disposal site.
11. The Owner shall maintain a logbook and keep the logbook at the site and make it available for inspection by the Ministry staff. The logbook shall include the following:
  - a. the results of Operation and Maintenance activities specified in the above sub-clauses;
  - b. the date, time and volume of the sewage pump out from the Proposed Works (Holding Tank

System);

- c. observances (including location) of any leaks and/or spills at or around any component of the Works, including recommendations for remedial action and the actions taken to mitigate the situation.
12. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of **five (5) years** from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the operation and maintenance activities required by this Approval.

## **5. REPORTING**

1. **Minimum ten (10) days** prior to the start up of the operation of the Proposed Works for each annual two-day special event, the Owner shall notify the District Manager (in writing) of the pending start up date. The notification shall include the dates of the event and details of the licensed hauler. The Owner shall maintain records of each annual event including confirmation of licensed hauler, dates, volumes hauled and attendances. This information shall be made available to Ministry Staff upon request.
2. In addition to the obligations under Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98 (Classification and Exemption of Spills and Reporting of Discharges) made under the EPA, the Owner shall, within **fifteen (15) days** of the occurrence of any reportable spill as provided in Part X of the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98, submit a full written report of the occurrence to the District Manager describing the cause and discovery of the spill, clean-up and recovery measures taken, preventative measures to be taken and a schedule of implementation.

## Schedule A

1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval submitted by Himanshu Sudan Radha of Soami Society Beas Canada (RSSB) received on December 2, 2024, for the proposed sanitary sewage works at a place of worship located at 471360 County Rd 11, East Garafraxa, Ontario, including design report, final plans and specifications.

*The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:*

1. Condition 1 is imposed to ensure that the Works are built and operated in the manner in which they were described for review and upon which approval was granted. This condition is also included to emphasize the precedence of Conditions in the Approval and the practice that the Approval is based on the most current document, if several conflicting documents are submitted for review. The condition also advises the Owners their responsibility to notify any person they authorized to carry out work pursuant to this Approval the existence of this Approval.
2. Condition 2 is included to ensure that, when the Works are constructed, the Works will meet the standards that apply at the time of construction to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment.
3. Condition 3 is included to ensure that the Ministry records are kept accurate and current with respect to the approved Works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the Works are made aware of the Approval and continue to operate the Works in compliance with it.
4. Condition 4 is included to require that the Works be properly operated, maintained, and equipped such that the environment is protected.
5. Condition 5 is included to ensure the Ministry is given prior notice of the pending start up date of the Works and all reportable spills are properly dealt with, documented and reported.

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, you may by written notice served upon me, the Ontario Land Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Hearing") shall state:

- a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
- b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;

3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar\*  
Ontario Land Tribunal  
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5G 1E5  
OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

and

The Minister of the Environment,  
Conservation and Parks  
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2J3

and

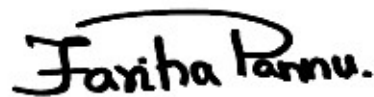
The Director appointed for the purposes of  
Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*  
Ministry of the Environment,  
Conservation and Parks  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4V 1P5

**\* Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or [www.olt.gov.on.ca](http://www.olt.gov.on.ca)**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at <https://ero.ontario.ca/>, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

DATED AT TORONTO this 25th day of September, 2025



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Fariha Pannu, P.Eng.

Director

appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the  
*Environmental Protection Act*

OM/

c: District Manager, MECP Guelph  
Andrew Hellebust, Rivercourt Engineering Inc.