

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT HIGHWAY 148 FROM PEMBROKE TO GREENWOOD ROAD (G.W.P.214-00-00); AND HIGHWAY 148 FROM GREENWOOD ROAD TO THE QUEBEC BORDER (G.W.P. 239-00-00), COUNTY OF RENFREW

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

In April 2015, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and their Consultant IBI Group commenced the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental (EA) Study for Highway 148 from Pembroke to the Québec border (5.0 km).

The study involves a review of the existing and future highway needs, recommendations for operational and safety improvements, pavement rehabilitation and active transportation. The study also includes determining the most appropriate strategy for the removal and replacement of the former Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) bridge on Highway 148, between Greenwood Road and Hazley Bay Drive. This bridge is nearing the end of its service life.

To expedite replacement of the bridge, the study has been broken into two separate projects. The recommended improvements associated with each project include:



### Highway 148 - West of Angus Campbell Drive to Greenwood Road, 3.2 km (GWP 214-00-00):

- Pavement rehabilitation throughout the study area;
- Urbanization and provision of a two-way left-turn lane between Angus Campbell Drive and Drive-In Road;
- Paved shoulders between Drive-In Road and Greenwood Road; and,
- Intersection improvements, including traffic signals at Drive-In Road.

Other improvements include entrance modifications/removals within the study limits.

### Highway 148 - Greenwood Road to the Québec Border, 1.8 km (GWP 239-00-00):

- Pavement rehabilitation throughout the study area;
- Paved shoulders between Greenwood Road and the inter-provincial bridge; and
- Replacement of the former CPR bridge crossing at Highway 148 with a recreational trail culvert.

To accommodate the bridge removal, it is proposed to undertake a short term closure of Highway 148 at the CPR bridge and temporarily detour traffic onto municipal and county roads (Hazley Bay Drive, Forest Park Road, Beachburg Road, and Greenwood Road). As part of this work, Hazley Bay Drive and Forest Park Road will be resurfaced and a temporary connection provided between Hazley Bay Drive and Forest Park Road.

## PROCESS

These studies are following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' undertaking in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout. Two Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day review period, with notices posted at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESRs will be available.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A second and final PIC has been arranged to allow the public and interest groups an opportunity to review and comment on the results of the assessment and evaluation process, and to present the preferred alternative for the highway.

**Date:** July 6, 2017

**Time:** 4:00 to 7:00 PM (open-house)

**Location:** Best Western Pembroke Inn & Conference Centre,  
1 International Drive, Pembroke, ON

The PIC will consist of an informal drop-in centre with display boards. MTO staff and their consultant will be available to answer any questions.

## COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. Please send any comments or requests to either of the following:

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.