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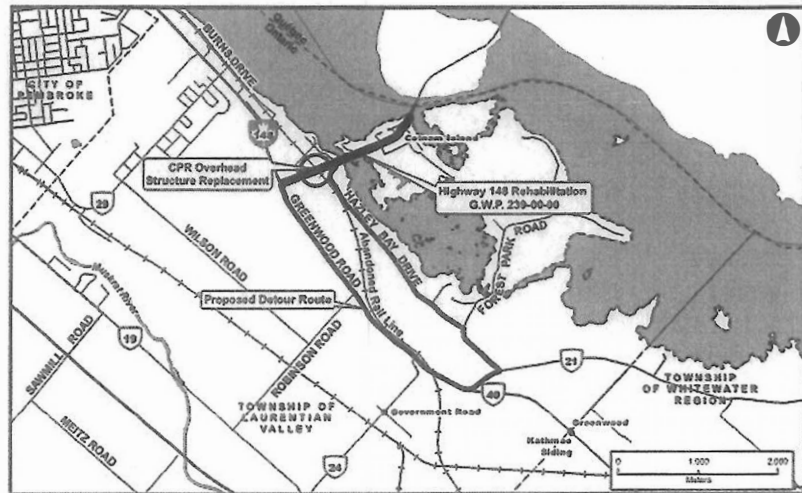
Ms. Lauree Armstrong, Planner, Economic Development Officer
Township of Laurentian Valley
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Dear Ms. Lauree Armstrong,

Re: Ministry of Transportation of Ontario

Notice of Study Commencement and Electronic Public Information Centre for Highway 148 at Greenwood Road to the Québec Border Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study (G.W.P. 239-00-00)

The Project: The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has retained Morrison Hershfield (MH) to undertake the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the rehabilitation of Highway 148 at Greenwood Road to the Québec Border in the County of Renfrew. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Study and to invite your input.



This project generally includes:

- Pavement rehabilitation;
- 2.5 m paved shoulders along the highway;
- New right-turn lane at Hazley Bay Drive;
- Drainage improvements; and
- Removal of the existing CPR overhead structure and replacement with a culvert.

In order to facilitate the replacement of the CPR Bridge, a short-term closure of Highway 148 between Hazley Bay Drive and Greenwood Road will be implemented. During this time traffic will be detoured along Hazley Bay Drive, Forest Park Road, Beachburg Road and Greenwood Road. Impacted property owners will be notified prior to the detour.

The Process: This project has been classified as a Group 'B' undertaking under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* with the opportunity for public input throughout. A Transportation Environmental Study Report for the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the project was prepared by the Ministry and completed in February 2018.

Upon completion of this study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. A Notification of Submission will be published in the local newspapers and letter notification will be sent directly to you.

Project Website: You are invited to visit the Highway 148 website for this Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study. The website was developed as a method to provide information and to obtain input from those parties or groups with an interest in the project. The website provides information and a PowerPoint Presentation that includes study background, potential impacts, traffic detours associated with the temporary closure of Highway 148 and next steps. You are invited to review the website and submit comments between **April 16, 2018** and **May 3, 2018**.

The website to access the online project information can be found at the following address:

www.highway148rehabilitation.com

How to Get Involved: If you have any project related question or concerns, or wish to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team Members listed above.

Sincerely,
Morrison Hershfield Limited



Brad Hewton, P.Eng.
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cc: Chris Belanger, MTO Project Manager
Sharon Westendorp, MTO Environmental Planner

Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. All information received will be subject to the provisions and disclosure requirements of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* R.S.O., 1990, c.F.31. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.