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Appendix D: Indigenous Communities Correspondence

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Sent: May 12, 2023 8:21 AM
To: consultations@metisnation.org
Cc: Fraser, Scott; Khalil, Ayat; Ball-Condron, Rachael; Ogunniyi, Cassandra; Gillian Thompson; Alejandra Boyer
Subject: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference – Invitation for Early Engagement
Attachments: [Niagara Escarpment Crossing IEA-Terms of Reference-Invitation for Early Engagement-MNO.pdf](#)

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Cc: Alejandra Boyer; Ball-Condron, Rachael; Fraser, Scott; Elmadhoon, Maged;
Khalil, Ayat
Subject: RE: Niagara Escarpment Crossing IEA Terms of Reference - Meeting with
Six Nations

Good morning Dawn, Lauren J, Lauren V and Daylon

I am Gillie Thompson, a Senior Environmental Planner from CIMA+, working with Niagara Region on the Niagara Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

We are very much looking forward to our introductory discussion next week (Tuesday June 20).

In preparation for our meeting, we have put together some suggested discussion topics and invite you to review and add to these, as you see fit. We can change the order of items if you wish but we thought it may be helpful to review the project before discussing Six Nations' interests and participation.

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Project Overview and Process (including preliminary study area)
4. Six Nations of the Grand River Rights, Interests and Participation
5. Communications and Contacts
6. Next Steps

We plan to put together a very brief presentation for the project overview, which we will share onscreen during the meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out via email or call me at 519-635-5733.

Thank you
Gillie

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Khalil, Ayat <Ayat.Khalil@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 1:52 PM

To: Khalil, Ayat; dawnrussell@sixnations.ca; laurenjones@sixnations.ca; wsma@sixnations.ca; lrluo2@sixnations.ca; Elmadhoon, Maged; Fraser, Scott; Ball-Condron, Rachael; Gillian Thompson; Alejandra Boyer

Subject: Niagara Escarpment Crossing IEA Terms of Reference - Meeting with Six Nations

When: June 20, 2023 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi everyone,

Please find the virtual meeting invite below for the early engagement invitation on June 20, 2023 at 10:00 am.

We will provide an agenda closer to the meeting date. We look forward to the discussion.

Thankyou,
Ayat

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Six Nations of the Grand River Pre-Consultation Meeting

Project: Niagara Region Escarpment Crossing IEA ToR

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 10:00 to 11:00 am

Location: Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees:

Name	Representing
Maged Elmadhoon	Niagara Region
Ayat Khalil	Niagara Region
Scott Fraser	Niagara Region
Rachel Ball-Condron	Niagara Region
Peter Graham	Six Nations of the Grand River
Lauren Jones	Six Nations of the Grand River
Lauren Vanderlingen	Six Nations of the Grand River
Daylon Gee	Six Nations of the Grand River
Gillian (Gillie) Thompson	CIMA+
Alejandra (Ali) Boyer	CIMA+

Discussion Topics		Action By
1. Introductions and Meeting Purpose & Objectives		
1.1	<p>Niagara Region provided a welcome to Six Nations of the Grand River staff. All parties introduced themselves and CIMA+ reviewed the suggested discussion topics (below) and invited SNGR to add to the :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Overview and Terms of Reference Process • Preliminary Study Area • Discussion of Six Nations of the Grand River Interests and Participation • Next Steps 	
2. Project Overview and Terms of Reference Process		

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Minutes Prepared by Alejandra Boyer

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Subject: RE: Niagara Escarpment Crossing IEA Terms of Reference - Meeting with MCFN DOCA

Good afternoon Mark and Abby,

I am Gillie Thompson, a Senior Environmental Planner from CIMA+, working with Niagara Region on the Niagara Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

We are very much looking forward to our introductory discussion on **Monday June 26 at 2:30 pm.**

In preparation for our meeting, we have put together some suggested discussion topics and invite you to review and add to these, as you see fit.

We can change the order of items if you wish but we thought it may be helpful to review the project before discussing Mississaugas of the Credit interests and participation.

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Project Overview and Process (including preliminary study area)
4. MCFN Rights, Interests and Participation
5. Communications and Contacts
6. Next Steps

We plan to put together a very brief presentation for the project overview, which we will share onscreen during the meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out via email or call me at 519-635-5733.

Thank you
Gillie

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When: June 26, 2023 2:30 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi everyone,

Please find the virtual meeting invite below for the early engagement invitation on June 26, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

We will provide an agenda closer to the meeting date. We look forward to the discussion.

Thankyou,
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Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Pre-Consultation Meeting

Project: Niagara Region Escarpment Crossing IEA ToR

Date and Time: Monday, June 26, 2023, 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees:

Name	Representing
Maged Elmadhoon	Niagara Region
Ayat Khalil	Niagara Region
Scott Fraser	Niagara Region
Rachel Ball-Condron	Niagara Region
Mark LaForme	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN)
Abby LaForme	MCFN
Adam LaForme	MCFN
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Please contact me by email at Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca or by phone at 905-980-6000 ext. 3583.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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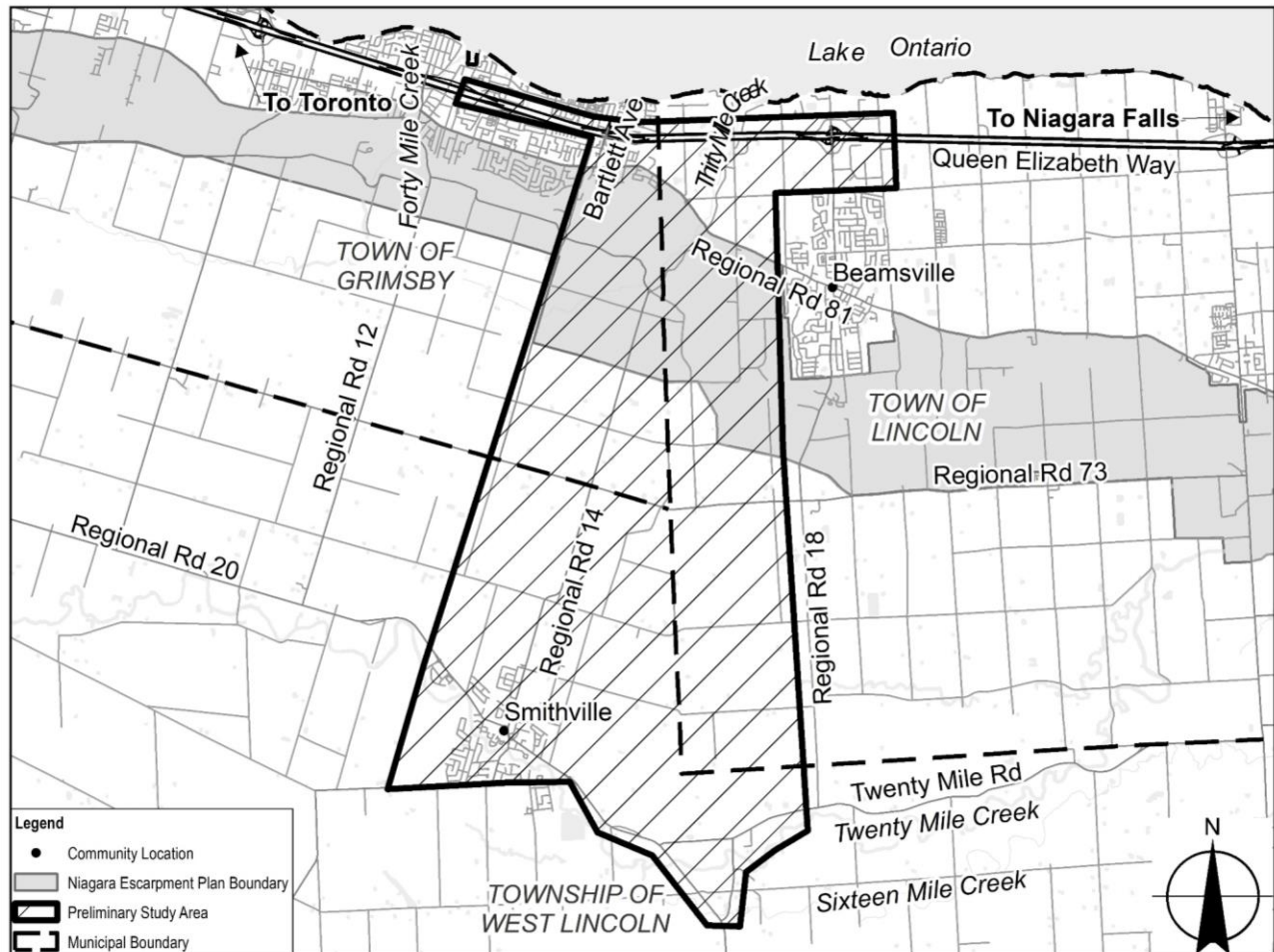
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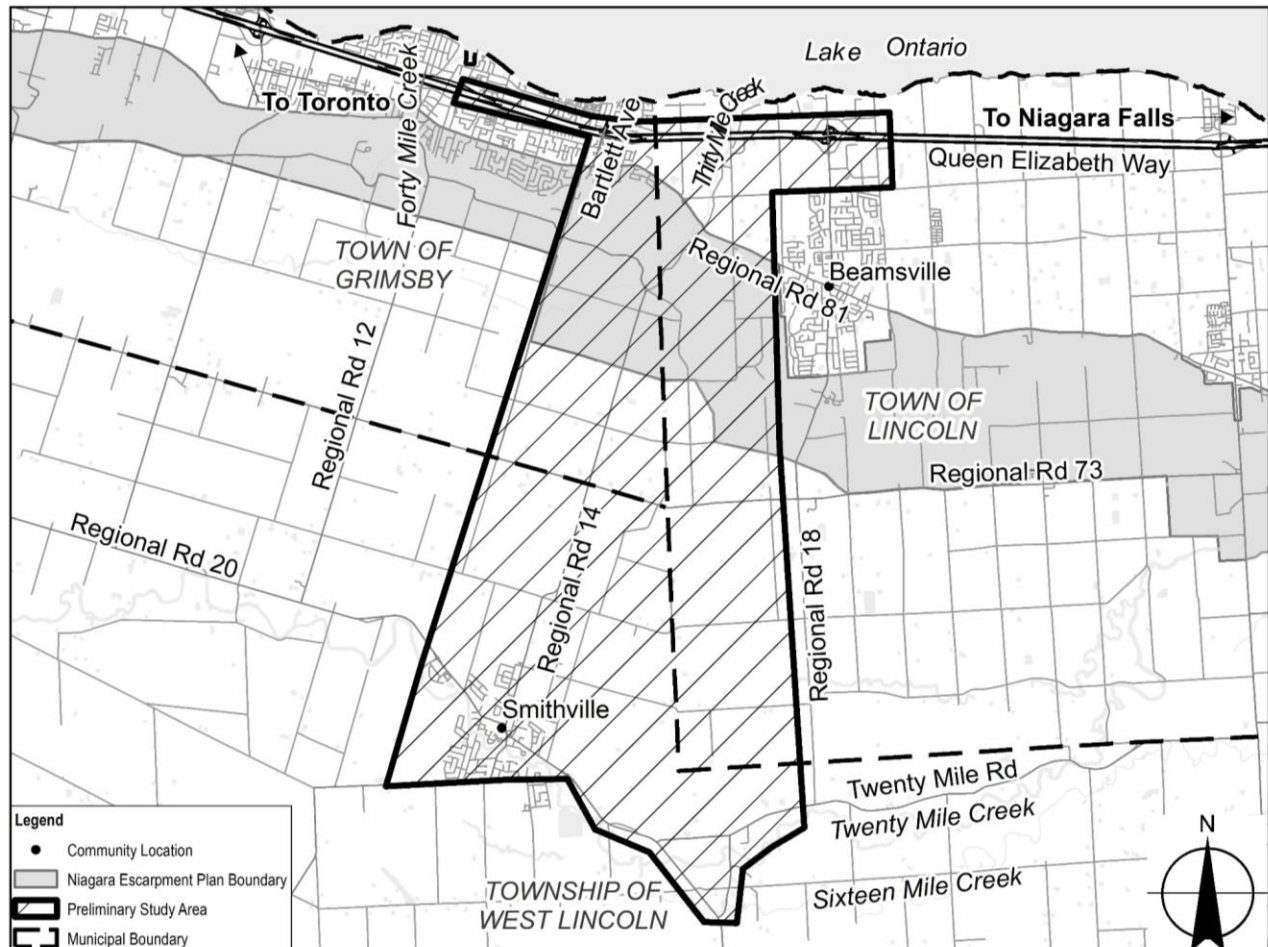
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June 27, 2023

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Sent Via Email To:

Métis Consultation Unit

Tanisi,

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Additional information is provided on the City's website, which will be updated throughout the study: www.niagararegion.ca/projects/niagara-escarpment-crossing

Niagara Region intends to undertake the development of the Terms of Reference in a manner that is inclusive of Indigenous interests and participation, and respectful of Indigenous rights.

As follow-up to my letter of May 12, 2023, Niagara Region staff and the Project Team welcome an opportunity to meet with Métis Nation of Ontario at any time to discuss the project, respond to any questions or concerns you may have and discuss Métis participation in and input to the development of the Terms of Reference.

Please contact me by email at Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca or by phone at 905-980-6000 ext. 3583.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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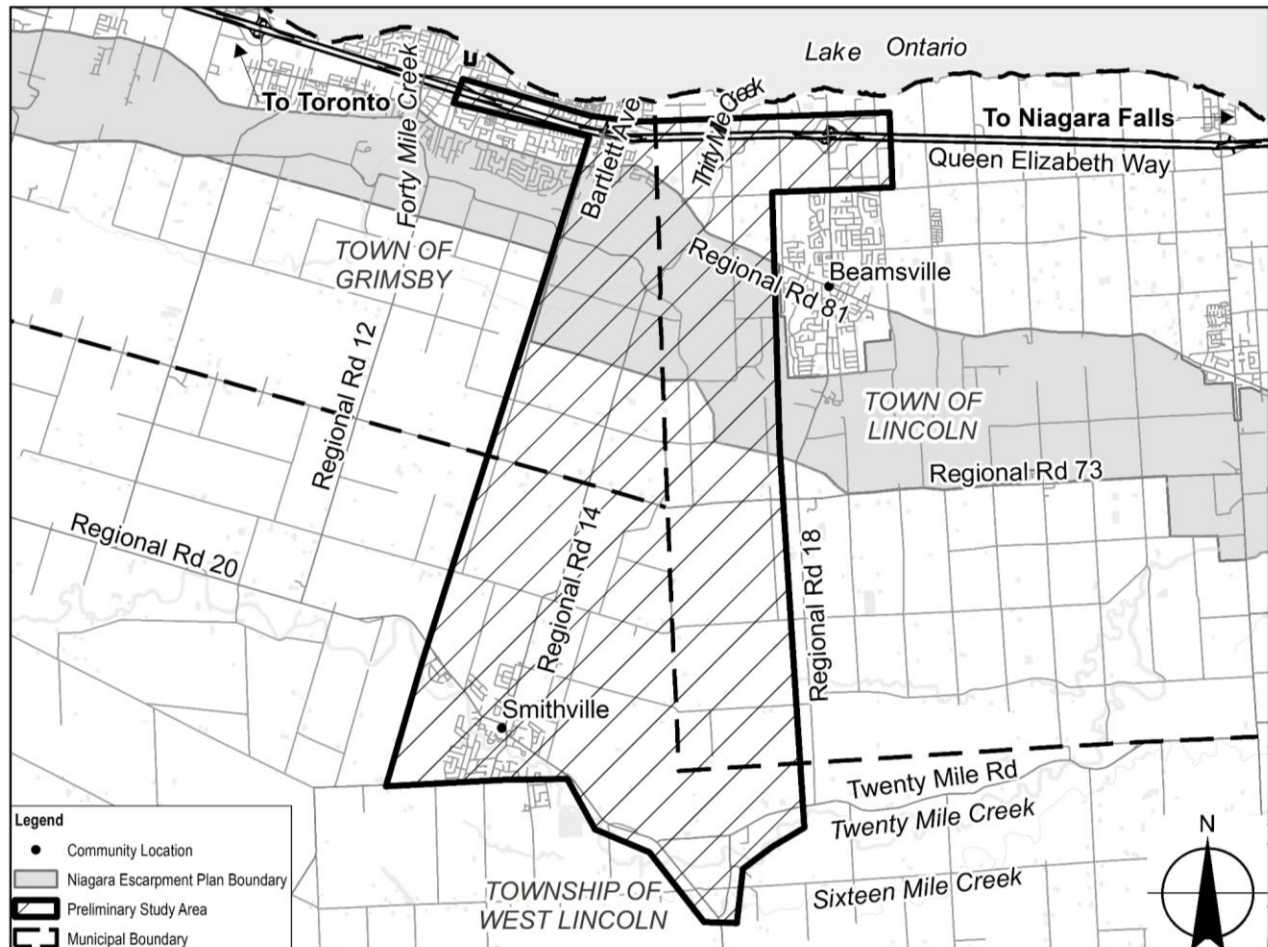
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Preliminary Study Area



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Cc: Fraser, Scott; Khalil, Ayat; Ian Dobrindt; Gillian Thompson; Alejandra Boyer; Ogunniyi, Cassandra; Kon, Brian
Subject: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment
Attachments: [Cover Letter-Niagara Escarpment Crossing IEA ToR-Notice of Commencement-SNGR.pdf](#); [Niagara IEA ToR Notice of Study Commencement_Final.pdf](#)

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Sge:no/She:koli/Shekon,

Thank you for meeting with the Region on June 20, 2023 The Project Team is hopeful that our meeting with you at such an early stage shows our commitment to be respectful of Indigenous rights and inclusive of Indigenous interests and participation.

As discussed, the Region will be formally initiating the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR) that will guide the future Environmental Assessment (EA) for a north-south transportation crossing of the Niagara Escarpment suitable to accommodate commercial vehicles and other modes of transportation, between the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and Regional Road 20 (potential future Smithville Bypass) within the Town of Grimsby, Town of Lincoln, and Township of West Lincoln in Niagara Region.

Kindly refer to the attached cover letter and the Notice of Study Commencement. For more information about this project, please visit the project webpage www.niagararegion.ca/projects/niagara-escarpment-crossing

We look forward to continuing to work with Six Nations of the Grand River throughout the project and would be pleased to meet with you at any time to discuss the project and respond to any questions you may have.

Nya:weh,
Maged

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We thank Six Nations of the Grand River staff for meeting with Niagara Region staff and the Project Team on June 20, 2023, and we look forward to working with Six Nations of the Grand River in developing the Terms of Reference. We anticipate meeting again in late summer / early fall 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca or by phone at 905-980-6000 ext. 3583.

Nya:weh,



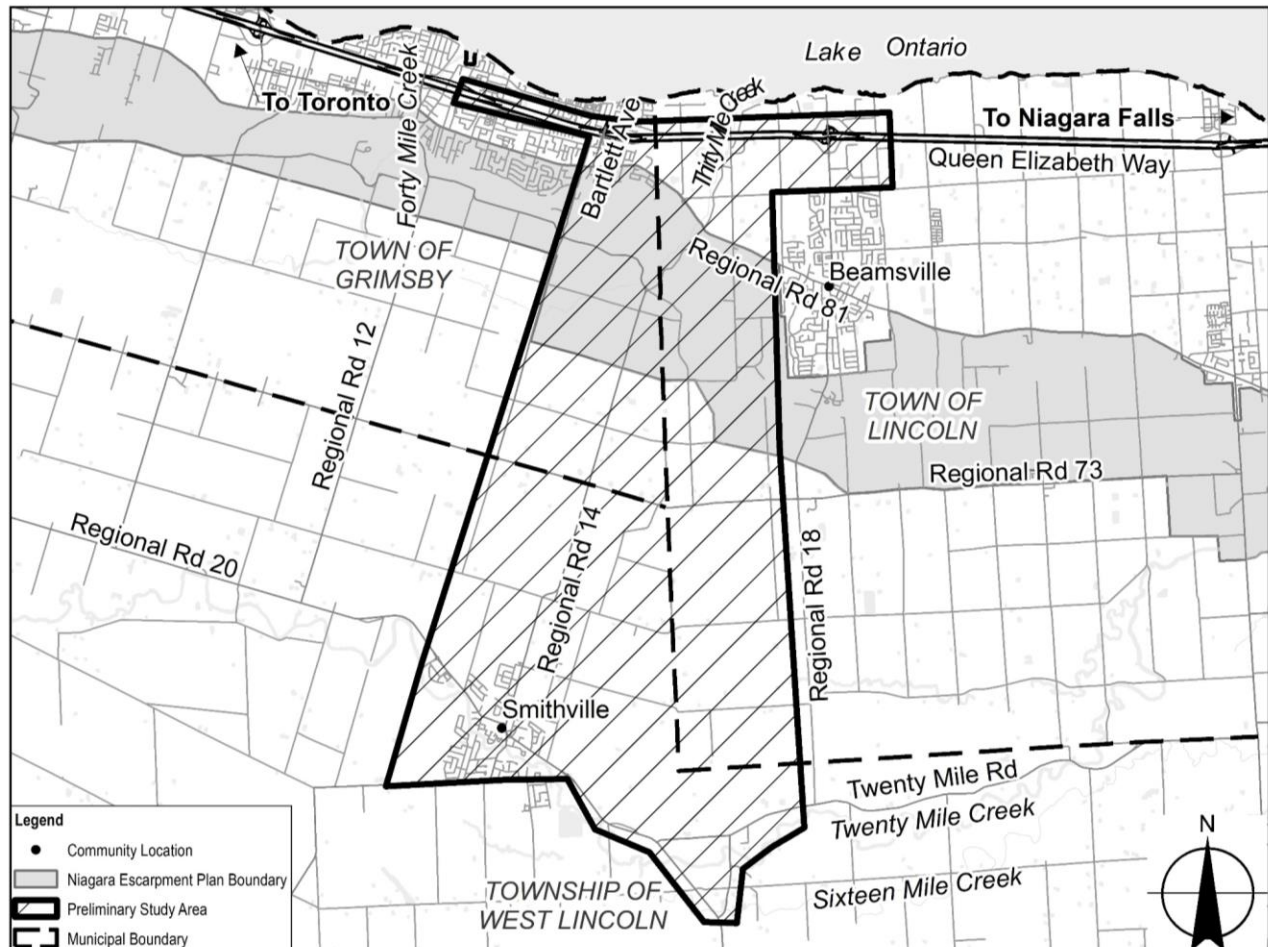
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From: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>
Sent: July 5, 2023 11:31 AM
To: Alejandra Boyer
Cc: Gillian Thompson; Khalil, Ayat
Subject: FW: Additional Information about the Niagara Escarpment Crossing
Attachments: [Cover Letter-Niagara Escarpment Crossing IEA ToR-Notice of Commencement-MNO.pdf](#)

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Ali,

Please coordinate the meeting as requested by Laura. I am only available the first week of August (until Aug 4) since I will be on vacation after.

Thanks
Maged

Maged Elmadhoon, M.Eng., P.Eng. (he/him)

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From: Laura Desaulniers <LauraD@metisnation.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 11:04 AM
To: Kon, Brian <Brian.Kon@niagararegion.ca>
Cc: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>
Subject: RE: Additional Information about the Niagara Escarpment Crossing

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Good Morning Brian and Maged,

My name is Laura and I work in the LRC Branch at the Metis Nation of Ontario. President Derrick Pont has asked me to set up a virtual meeting with you to discuss the Niagara Escarpment Crossing Project.

If you could provide 3 dates and times that would work for your team during the first week of August anytime after 3 pm I will bring them back to President Pont to see which one works best.

Thank you and talk soon!

Kind Regards,
Laura Desaulniers (she/her)
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From: DJ Pont <pontdj@hotmail.com>
Sent: July 4, 2023 7:17 PM
To: Kon, Brian <Brian.Kon@niagararegion.ca>; Laura Desaulniers <LauraD@metisnation.org>
Cc: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>
Subject: Re: Additional Information about the Niagara Escarpment Crossing

Bonswer Brian

As you are aware the Metis Nation do not take part in public meetings. As in our first email we have requested our own meeting with the Niagara Region.
I have reached out to MNO LRC Branch to help set up this meeting

Derrick Pont
President
Niagara Region Metis Council
Region 9 Consultation Committee
Metis Nation of Ontario

From: Kon, Brian <Brian.Kon@niagararegion.ca>
Sent: July 4, 2023 5:31 PM
To: Jessica Riel-Johns <ead@nrnc.ca>; aed@nrnc.ca <aed@nrnc.ca>; Jennifer Dockstader <ExecutiveDirector@fenfc.org>; Wendy Sturgeon (edncnw@gmail.com) <edncnw@gmail.com>; DJ Pont <pontdj@hotmail.com>; jason@npaamb.com <jason@npaamb.com>
Cc: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>
Subject: Additional Information about the Niagara Escarpment Crossing

Tanisi everyone,

As I shared in my email of June 23rd, the Region is preparing the early stages for the Niagara Escarpment Crossing that will redirect commercial and other vehicles away from downtown

areas as they travel between the QEW and the potential Smithville Bypass of Regional Road 20. I have attached a letter prepared by the Region that is being used to invite the public to be a part of the process and discussions. We are asking local Indigenous agencies to participate as we realize you will have specific concerns about the project and its impact on the land, water, fish, birds and wildlife within our community; so we are looking for your input. The governments representing the Mississauga's of the Credit, Six Nations of the Grand River and the Métis Nation of Ontario have also been contacted under the province's duty to consult.

The attached letter has information about the project along with relevant contact information if you wish to participate or if you have questions. I will do my best to keep you each informed as the project progresses, but if you do have specific concerns I recommend reaching out to Maged Elmadhoon from Niagara Region who is overseeing this project – he has been copied on this email and his full contact information is enclosed in the attached letter.

In addition to the letter, this link niagararegion.ca/projects/niagara-escarpment-crossing will provide access to information about the project.

All my best as we head full into summer!

Kiskisitawātānik (let's remember them),
aniki kīkā kākī-pīkiwīcīk (those that didn't come home)

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From: Alejandra Boyer
Sent: July 20, 2023 8:19 PM
To: Chazz Pitts
Cc: Gillian Thompson; Elmadhoon, Maged; Khalil, Ayat
Subject: RE: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

Hi Chazz,

It was a pleasure meeting you on Tuesday.

I think it will be more efficient if you send me your notes and I can incorporate them into our meeting minutes.

But if you prefer to receive the draft and provide input at that time, that fine too.

Thank you,
Ali

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Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:39 PM
To: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>
Cc: Alejandra Boyer <Alejandra.Boyer@cima.ca>; Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca>; Khalil, Ayat <Ayat.Khalil@niagararegion.ca>
Subject: RE: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hi Chazz,

It was nice meeting with you and HDI team as well. I have copied the consultant team. Ali will be preparing a meeting minutes, which will be shared with you for review.

Thanks
Maged

Maged Elmadhoon, M.Eng., P.Eng. (he/him)

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 2:15 PM
To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>
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Afternoon Mr. Elmadhoon,

Nice to meet with your team Tuesday.

I was hoping you could please confirm who would be best to coordinate the meeting minutes with, and ensure we are on the same page with any action/take away items. Thank you.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts
Coordinator

On Wed, 12 Jul 2023 at 11:54, Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Thanks Chazz

Maged Elmadhoon, M.Eng., P.Eng. (he/him)

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 11:48 AM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

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Morning,

Thank you for the official invite. I have gone into the invite and sent them to Mr. Linklater and Mr. Detlor.

We look forward to speaking with you in regards to this project.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Wed, 12 Jul 2023 at 10:13, Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Hi Chazz,

The meeting information has been confirmed. I will forward to you the meeting invite. I appreciate if you provide the names and emails of HDI staff attending the meeting to add them to the meeting invite.

Meeting Location: Canada Games Park - **Beatties Room** (2021 Canada Games Way, Thorold, ON, L2V 4Y6)

Parking: free onsite for user

<https://www.canadagamespark.ca/p/about/directions-and-parking>

Thanks

Maged

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 5:16 PM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

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Evening,

As initially mentioned, in person is our preference.

Once finalized, if you could please send me the meeting information or send an official google invite. Much appreciated.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Tue, 11 Jul 2023 at 16:05, Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Thanks Chazz for confirming. We can work something out regarding the time. I am sure it should be fine for few team members if it wasn't too long.

I still need to know if you are still looking for in-person meeting or virtual in order to book a boardroom.

Regards

Maged

Maged Elmadhoon, M.Eng., P.Eng. (he/him)

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 3:59 PM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

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Afternoon,

The morning of Tuesday the 18th will work. However, is there any flexibility if we go over that hour time frame?

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Mon, 10 Jul 2023 at 11:18, Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Hi Chazz,

Thanks for the update, and yes, they are still open.

Maged Elmadhoon, M.Eng., P.Eng. (he/him)

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 11:08 AM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

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Morning,

Apologies for the delay in communication. We are still tying up some loose ends, but I will confirm this afternoon. Are these dates and times still open ?

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Thu, 6 Jul 2023 at 08:48, Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Good morning Chazz,

Niagara staff and the consultant team are available the following meeting dates:

- **Tuesday, July 18** (10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
- **Monday, July 31** (1:00 [p.m.to](#) 2:00 p.m.)
- **Tues. August 1** (1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Please let me know which of the above dates work for you and HDI team, and your preference. I will then send a meeting invite with all the meeting information. Please provide names and emails of HDI staff attending.

Please confirm if you still want the meeting to be in-person at the Niagara Region HQ or virtual.

Thanks

Maged

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From: Elmadhoon, Maged

Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 12:58 PM

To: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Cc: Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca>; Alejandra Boyer <Alejandra.Boyer@cima.ca>

Subject: RE: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

Hi Chazz,

Just wanted to update you on the meeting date. Unfortunately, July 11 will not work for all Region staff who will be attending the meeting. I will provide you soon with few meeting options to choose from.

Thanks

Maged

Maged Elmadhoon, M.Eng., P.Eng. (he/him)

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 11:58 AM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

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Afternoon,

Thank you for the update!

On Tue, 4 Jul 2023 at 11:44, Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Hi Chazz,

It looks that July 11 at 1:00 pm works for most of the team. I am just waiting for confirmation from the consultant team.

Thanks

Maged Elmadhoon, M.Eng., P.Eng. (he/him)

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 11:27 AM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>; Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca>

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

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Morning,

I just wanted to circle back as we start the week, and see if there has been any progress in finalizing a date.

Much appreciated.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Thu, 29 Jun 2023 at 13:51, Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com> wrote:

Afternoon,

Correct. That is our preference. Thank you.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Thu, 29 Jun 2023 at 13:47, Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am still waiting to confirm staff availability. Just to confirm, my understanding is that in-persons meeting at the Niagara Region HQ is preferable.

Thanks

Maged

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 1:44 PM

To: Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca>

Cc: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment
Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

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Afternoon,

Much appreciated.

For those who are unable to attend in person, perhaps we can arrange a hybrid style and invite them via zoom. Thank you for getting back to me.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 1:40 PM Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Chazz,

By way of this email, I am copying Niagara Region Project Manager Maged Elmadhoon. I believe Maged is waiting for internal staff responses. We are hoping to confirm in the next few days.

I did see your previous email regarding July 7 and this date unfortunately does not work for the team.

If we can hold July 11 and 18 for now and hopefully have confirmation soon. It sounds like an in-persons meeting is preferable which may limit availability as well.

Thank you

Gillie

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From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>
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To: Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca>

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Afternoon,

I apologize I missed one of your emails this morning. Just wanted to confirm July 18th is still an option on our end.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Thu, 29 Jun 2023 at 12:54, Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com> wrote:

Afternoon,

Would there be the potential to bump this meeting up to Friday July 7, sometime in the afternoon?

I am doing my best to coordinate this meeting in person for the 11th otherwise, and we have no problem coming down. I am waiting to confirm a couple of things on our end, and will have to circle back later today to let you know if we will manage to come down on Tuesday. Please let me know if Friday the 7th may work on your end.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

On Wed, 28 Jun 2023 at 12:26, Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Pitts,

Our team is available the morning of Tuesday July 11, 2023 for a virtual meeting. Is Zoom an acceptable platform? If so, we can set up the Zoom meeting invitation.

If an in-person meeting is preferred, kindly advise on the preferred location (HDI offices or Niagara Region offices) and we will have to confirm that the July 11 date still works for our team.

Many thanks

Gillie

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Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

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Good afternoon Ms. Pitts,

I am copying the consultant team to coordinate a time that works best for everyone.

Thanks,

Maged

From: Chazz Pitts <chazz@detlorlaw.com>

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Afternoon,

I am reaching out in hopes to coordinate a sit down meeting in regards to the proposed project. As outlined in Mr.detlor's previous communications, we are quite eager to sit down as soon as possible.

Please let me know if we can sit down Tuesday July 11, Friday the 14 or Tuesday July 18.
Thank you.

Regards,

Chazz Pitts

Coordinator

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From: **Aaron Detlor** <aarondetlor@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2023 at 14:39

Subject: Re: Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

To: Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com>, <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

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Good Afternoon

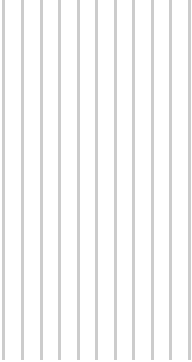
I have asked Ms. Pitts to set up a meeting as soon as possible as we have a significant interest in the proposed project which will impair, infringe and interfere with Haudenosaunee rights and interests and treaties including but not limited to the Nanfan Treaty of 1701, the Pledge of the Crown Treaty of April 27, 1815, the April 3, 1764, Johnson "Preliminary Articles of Peace, Friendship and Alliance" and the August 6, 1764 "Treaty of Peace and Alliance".

Regards,

Aaron Detlor

On Jun 27, 2023, at 10:16 AM, Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com> wrote:

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Meeting with Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (HCCC) through their delegate - Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI)

Project: Niagara Region Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment - Terms of Reference

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 18, 2023
10:00 to 11:00 am

Location: Canada Games Park - Beatties Room
2021 Canada Games Way, Thorold, ON, L2V 4Y6

Attendees:

Name	Representing
Brian Doolittle	HDI
Aaron Detlor	HDI
Jake Linklater	HDI
Chazz Pitts	HDI
Scott Fraser	Niagara Region
Maged Elmadhoon	Niagara Region
Ayat Khalil	Niagara Region
Gillian Thompson	CIMA+
Alejandra (Ali) Boyer	CIMA+

Discussion Topics	Action By
1. Introductions	
1.1 Mr. Doolittle opened the meeting with prayer and thanksgivings to the natural world and all living things.	
1.2 All parties introduced themselves.	
2. Discussion	

Discussion Topics	Action By
<p>2.1 Discussion points are summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niagara Region confirmed that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) delegates the procedural aspects of rights-based consultation given that the Crown's duty to consult is triggered in relation to the proposed project, under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA)). A formal delegation letter has yet to be issued MECP, however this letter will be shared with HDI upon receipt. The nature of engagement during previous related studies was discussed. HDI noted that Section 1.2.2 of the Provincial Policy Statement states, "Planning authorities shall engage with Indigenous communities" and does not believe that this engagement took place in the 2016 Niagara Escarpment Crossing Master Plan and the 2017 Transportation Masterplan. <i>[It is noted that the 2016 Niagara Escarpment Crossing Master Plan was conducted as planning study and not formalized under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan process, as approved under the EAA. The Transportation Master Plan was undertaken as a Master Plan per the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment].</i> The Region agreed to look into and confirm to HDI the nature of the Indigenous community engagement that was undertaken for the two studies. HDI stated having a significant interest in the proposed project as it will impair, infringe and interfere with Haudenosaunee rights and interests and treaties (<i>including but not limited to the Nanfan Treaty of 1701, Pledge of the Crown Treaty of April 27, 1815, Preliminary Articles of Peace, Friendship and Alliance of April 3, 1764, Treaty of Peace and Alliance of August 6, 1764 as listed in the HDI email of Jun 27, 2023</i>) HDI stated that the EAA has no provision to address treaty rights. <i>[post meeting note: although not discussed in detail at the meeting, it is noted here that the EAA includes references to the protection of aboriginal and treaty rights (Section 2.1, Section 16(6), Section 38.2(2) and consultation (Section 40(2)(c)).</i> The Region Project Team indicated that while the current north-south transportation link / escarpment crossing references earlier work, the Region is completing the current study as an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) 	<p>Region</p> <p>Region</p>

Discussion Topics	Action By
<p>involving two distinct steps: 1) preparation of a Terms of Reference, for approval by the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and 2) completion of the Environmental Assessment that follows Terms of Reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Region clarified that the project is in the Terms of Reference stage and that they see this stage as an opportunity to incorporate Indigenous community voices, concerns and expectations for the future Environmental Assessment. Feedback will be incorporated in the Terms of Reference work plans and commitments to future work. The Region indicated that they had a slide deck prepared as an information package to explain the elements of the Terms of Reference. • HDI indicated that they did not wish to review the slide deck / information package as they will not be participating in the Terms of Reference process. • HDI stated that the Region's request for HDI to participate in the ToR / EA is an abandonment of Indigenous engagement obligations. HDI has not consented to the EA as being sufficient for satisfying engagement requirements. • HDI referenced the Two Row Wampum as a way that each nation will respect the ways of the other and walk equally in the discussions. A key aspect of this involves 'levelling the playing field' in terms of monetary compensation and resources through an agreement developed and signed outside of the EA process. Compensation would be provided in recognition of economic impacts (i.e., land value). The Region clarified that the project has yet to be defined through the IEA process and therefore the footprint (ha) is not known. The proposed transportation link is conceptualized as an arterial roadway. • HDI noted that the Region's Draft Indigenous Action Plan references UNDRIP and suggested that the only way for this project to honour the Region's commitment is to sign an agreement with HDI. • HDI referenced the agreement developed and signed with the City of Hamilton for the Red Hill Valley Expressway project which outlined sub agreements including a Joint Stewardship Board, ecological restoration, medicinal plants, maintenance and financial models. <i>[post meeting note: Niagara Region</i> 	

Discussion Topics	Action By
<p><i>Project Team has obtained and reviewed the City of Hamilton Agreement].</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HDI indicated interest in being involved in field and monitoring programs. The Project Team clarified that field programs and monitoring are not part of the Terms of Reference but will be part of the future EA. It is premature to undertake a field walk at this time but would be organized in future. Niagara Region will take HDI's request to create a separate but parallel governance/process and financial commitment back to senior leadership for consideration. HDI requested a follow up meeting with the Niagara Region. The Region committed to meeting with HDI following internal review and discussion. The Region will identify potential meetings dates for consideration / confirmation by HDI. 	<p>Region</p> <p>Region</p>
<p>2.2 Mr. Doolittle concluded the meeting with a closing reflection and prayer.</p>	

Minutes Prepared by Alejandra Boyer. Please advise author immediately of any errors or omissions.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Pre-Consultation Meeting

Project: Niagara Region Escarpment Crossing IEA ToR

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees:

Name	Representing
Maged Elmadhoon	Niagara Region
Scott Fraser	Niagara Region
Ayat Khalil	Niagara Region
Brian Kon	Niagara Region
President Derrick Pont	Niagara Region Métis Council (MNO)
Lisa Rutherford	Niagara Region Métis Council (MNO)
Rob Barber	Niagara Region Métis Council (MNO)
President Kathleen Anderson	MNO Thames Bluewater Métis Council (TBWMC)- London, Ontario
Rhonda Gilpin-Hartley	MNO Thames Bluewater Métis Council (TBWMC)
Marry MacDougall	Niagara Region Métis Council (MNO)
Laura Desaulniers	Niagara Region Métis Council (MNO)
Gillian (Gillie) Thompson	CIMA+
Alejandra (Ali) Boyer	CIMA+

Discussion Topics	Action By
1. Introductions and Meeting Purpose & Objectives	
<p>1.1 Niagara Region (Brian) provided a welcome to MNO staff. All parties introduced themselves and CIMA+ reviewed the suggested discussion topics (below) and invited MNO to add to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Overview and Terms of Reference Process • Preliminary Study Area • Discussion of MNO Interests and Participation • Next Steps 	
2. Project Overview and Terms of Reference Process	
<p>2.1 This project plans for a north-south transportation crossing of the Niagara Escarpment that connects the QEW to Regional Road 20 at the future Smithville Bypass.</p> <p>This planned crossing is intended to shift travel and improve safety in the areas of Grimsby, Beamsville and Smithville by redirecting commercial and other vehicles away from downtown areas as they travel across the Region.</p> <p>This future corridor is intended to be multi-modal (including opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists, and accommodate other infrastructure and utilities.</p> <p>Niagara Region has been considering an improved transportation linkage across the Niagara Escarpment for 30+ years.</p> <p>Given the natural and cultural heritage significance and sensitivity of the area, and after consultation with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Region will be moving forward with this project following the Individual Environmental Assessment process.</p>	
<p>2.2 The Individual Environmental Assessment is a 2-step formal approvals process: Step 1 is to the develop a Terms of Reference that will guide Step 2, the environmental assessment.</p> <p>The current project is the development of the Terms of Reference, which is a strategic work plan for the future EA.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference will be the framework on which the work-plan is carried out. It will identify the activities for the EA, which includes requirements of the technical work to be done, it will identify potential alternatives to be considered, the decision-making framework and consultation plan.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference provides certainty for all parties about how the EA will be conducted and through the Terms we will seek to balance a level of certainty with flexibility to accommodate potential changes that may come to light as the project progresses.</p>	

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<p>The Terms are composed of three elements – the ToR itself, EA commitments to future work and the consultation record.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference is subject to review by government agencies and the public. It is also subject to the written approval by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.</p> <p>The development of the ToR consists of 5 Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Draft Outline 2. Draft ToR 3. Proposed ToR 4. Submission of Proposed ToR to MECP 5. Review and Approval of the Proposed ToR by the Minister <p>The project is currently in the early engagement and start up step where connections are being established with Indigenous Communities, the Towns of Grimsby and Lincoln and Township of West Lincoln, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission.</p> <p>Through fall of 2023, MNO staff will have an opportunity to review the Draft Terms of Reference to ensure that the document is reflective of your inputs.</p> <p>Refinements made to the Draft ToR through that process become the “proposed ToR” that is submitted to the MECP staff who will coordinate further review among Indigenous Communities and agencies.</p> <p>In Stage 5, the Proposed ToR will go to the Minister for review and approval. Part of the approval criteria will be confirmation by Indigenous Communities that the Terms reflect Indigenous voices and that appropriate commitments are in place to ensure the future EA work.</p> <p>Areas of importance within the ToR include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking Purpose • Alternatives To & Alternative Methods • Preliminary Study Area & Description of the Environment • Types of Potential Effects to be Assessed • Assessment & Evaluation Methodology • Commitments & Monitoring • Consultation Plan for the Escarpment Crossing EA • Technical and Environmental Work Plans 	
2.3	<p>The technical work plans will define the ‘what and how’ of the future EA work. These are appended to the ToR that is approved the Minister. The Work Plans provide certainty about the scope of technical and environmental review</p>

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<p>required to assess impacts and identify acceptable mitigation and compensation measures.</p> <p>The work plans may be of particular interest for MNO staff for involvement in developing and confirming the technical scope.</p>	
<p>2.4 A preliminary study area has been developed as a basis for discussion with Indigenous Communities and agencies.</p> <p>The preliminary study area considers the planning history including an important study from 2016 and the Region's Transportation Master Plan from 2017 – both of which identified a potential extension of Bartlett Avenue between Main Street East and Regional Road 73 and identifies this link as part of the trade corridor connecting to Regional Road 20 at the future Smithville Bypass.</p> <p>Key considerations in the process to refine the preliminary study area include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimize Attraction for Commercial Vehicles • Efficient connection to Hwy 20 and the Smithville Bypass • Multi-modal corridor • Escarpment grade • Avoid downtown areas • Accommodate a reasonable range of 'Alternatives To' • Opportunities for improved connection at QEW <p>It is noted that the study area may be adjusted during the development of the ToR.</p>	
<p>2.5 The 'Alternatives To' the Undertaking were discussed and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Nothing • Implement Additional Traffic Management Measures • Extend Bartlett Avenue Southerly and Upgrade Park Road • Construct a New North-South Transportation Crossing between Grimsby and Beamsville <p>The Project Team noted that although these are identified as four separate alternatives, the EA may consider combinations of these. It was also noted that the Region and local municipalities have already been implementing traffic management measures.</p>	
<p>2.6 Study Area Archaeological Sensitivities were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Niagara Escarpment Crossing IEA Study Area includes the Parkridge site (AhGv-47) that has been documented as part of the Grimsby Water 	

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<p>Storage System project over the past 5+ years (separate Niagara Region Study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Nations representatives involved in Stage 2 and 3 works (2017-2019) • Stage 3 resulted in discovery of 1,322 Indigenous artifacts • Stage 3 resulted in discover of human remains as a secondary deposition – subject to initial investigation and re-internment on December 7, 2017 • 2019 Stage 3 Report circulated to Indigenous Communities and Province but not finalized • Provincial Registrar has requested that additional investigation be conducted, and Niagara Region has just sent out a letter of invitation (Friday June 16, 2023). • Stage 4 Avoidance and Protection Strategy in place for other aspects of the water supply infrastructure <p>Any outcomes of the current review will be incorporated into the Terms of Reference, as appropriate. Any commitments to follow up work may also be reflected in the Terms of Reference.</p>	Region
3. Discussion	

MNO (President Derrick) asked if the private property along Park Road South and Bartlett Avenue will be acquired by the Region to build the crossing.

- Project Team (Gillie) noted that the land purchase will be subjective to the location of Escarpment Crossing connection. The land acquiring assessment will be part of the next phase of the EA process. This phase focus on the planning alternatives, including Bartlett extension, which might be connected to a new escarpment crossing without a direct connection to Park Road South.

MNO (Marry) asked if there will be consideration of the cumulative effects given the other major projects happening in this study area.

- Project Team noted that the cumulative effects will be considered with MECP. This will also involve different departments from the Region and the utilities stakeholder to minimize the cumulative effects. The reporting of the cumulative effects will be part of the next phase of the EA.

MNO (Kathleen) asked if the planned time-horizon of the escarpment crossing corridor encompasses all the planned future work.

- Project Team noted that the planning horizon is 20-years.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Region Project Manger (Maged) noted the other planned projects within the study area, including highway 20 Smithville Bypass EA that will be initiated later this year. The construction of the Smithville bypass will be subjective to the EA completion and budget.- Region Official Plan has been updated recently to accommodate the growth to year 2051. The Region has completed the development charges which lay out the capital plan for all infrastructure for the next 20 years. There is coordination with all Region’s departments on this project to ensure that other infrastructure projects are taken in consideration-including wastewater projects.	Region
<p>MNO (Lisa) asked if there are any projection of carbon pollution given that project of this nature will impact air quality, in terms of distributing land and generating more traffic. – Lisa was concerned about the general and microscopic effect of land development and how it will add to the accumulated carbon with the other projects taking place in the adjacent area. She was also concerned about the overall contribution to the Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project Team noted that this will be reported in the air quality assessment in the next phase of the EA process – it will follow MECP procedures and it will consider the truck traffic volumes.- Project Team will follow up with the technical team for further clarification.- It was clarified that project’s key aspect is to address the safety conflict created when trucks travel through the downtown areas, versus the downtowns’ revitalization with active transportation facilities.- Project Team also noted that with respect to the air quality- even if there is an increase in truck traffic volumes, the goal is to redirect the trucks into another alternatives from a road safety perspective.	
<p>MNO (Mary) commented about the challenges when only the EA regulatory requirements are being met, as they are the bare minimum. She asked about what are the extra things to consider to make the project sustainable. Lisa commented about options to line the corridor with trees restoration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project Team will follow up with the technical team.- Project Team referred to the ideas by SNGR, in which bringing in an opportunity for the native plants nursery as part of the restoration process to offset vegetation removal.	CIMA+
<p>MNO indicated that staff capacity is an issue, the region will follow up on the funding capacity. MNO requested that technical reports be provided to President Derrick Pont, Laura Desaulniers, and Marry MacDougall who will coordinate internal review.</p>	Region

<p>MNO (President Derrek) asked about the age and era of the indigenous artifacts found on Parkridge site. The MNO noted that this small area could be part of a larger area that may contains other indigenous artifacts. The MNO referred to an existing stone foundation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Region’s Indigenous Relations Advisor (Brian) will connect with the project manger of the Grimsby Water Storage System project to discuss the invitation and the appropriate connection for the MNO on this project. - The project team will provide previous archeological reports that has been shared with other indigenous community upon request. 	Region
<p>MNO (Rhonda) asked if there is an ecological cost to the “Do-nothing” alternative, to avoid making any changing in the environment. She asked if there will be an initiative to discover alternatives of lighter colored pavements. Kathleen referred to examples of studies done on reflective painting in Phoenix and California that resulted in temperature drop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Team noted that considering the air quality of the existing conditions, there is a cost of truck traffic travelling through the dense downtown areas. - Project Team noted that one of the commitment of the future EA is to look for innovation and technology that can be incorporated to mitigate measures to offset the impacts. - Project Team will follow up with the technical team. 	CIMA+

Minutes Prepared by Alejandra Boyer

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Good Afternoon Mr. Tassone, Mr. Elmadhoon and Mr. Scott:

We remain open to meeting again after the information that was requested at our meeting can be provided. Could you also please provide the Indigenous Engagement Protocol referenced at section 7.5.5.1(n) of the Region of Niagara's Official Plan if one has been prepared.

If one has not been created generally then we are mindful of section 7.11.1.2 which states that:

[The Region will create, in collaboration with First Nations, Indigenous communities and Local Area](#)

Municipalities, an Indigenous Engagement Protocol to be applied at the Regional and Local level when engaging and coordinating on planning matters.

We are prepared to sit down with the Region of Niagara to begin work on the Engagement Protocol mindful of section 7.11.1.3 which states that:

The Region and Local Area Municipalities will consider the consultation protocols of the First Nations that have traditional territory in this area, including the Anishinaabe, specifically the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the **Haudenosaunee** when engaging on planning matters or public works projects.

We understand that a Terms of Reference on this Project will not be commenced until engagement has been undertaken which to date has not occurred where, in part, we have received no resources to make a review of the significant documentation meaningful. As discussed this particular project is being advanced in the context of the Transportation Master Plan which includes the following:

Niagara Region Official Plan

<https://niagararegion.ca/official-plan/pdf/2022-niagara-official-plan.pdf>

399 pages

[Executive Summary \(October 2017, 14MB\)](#)

45 pages

[Transportation Master Plan Study Report \(October 2017, 22 MB\)](#)

165 pages

[Stakeholder and Public Consultation](#) (June 2017, 54MB)

517 pages

[Model Development Executive Summary](#) (August 2016, 1MB)

7 pages

[Context and Vision Report](#) (April 2016, 5MB)

78 pages

[Needs and Opportunities](#) (October 2016, 3MB)

51 pages

[Complete Streets Vision and Direction for a Changing Region](#) (June 2017, 8MB)

75 pages

[Complete Streets Design Guidelines](#) (June 2017, 10MB)

92 pages

[Strategic Cycling Network](#) (June 2017, 8MB)

33 pages

[Wayfinding Signage for Cyclists Guidelines](#) (February 2017, 3MB)

32 pages

[Transit Strategy](#) (March 2017, 1MB)

11 pages

[Sub-Area Analysis Summary](#) (June 2017, 1MB)

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[Niagara Hamilton Trade Corridor](#) (July 2017, 2MB)

10 pages

[Road Strategy Technical Paper](#) (July 2017, 2MB)

15 pages

[Operating Policy Review](#) (June 2017, 1MB)

25 pages

[Goods Movement](#) (June 2017, 1MB)

14 pages

<https://niagararegion.ca/about/inclusive-communities/pdf/draft-indigenous-action-plan.pdf>

On Oct 10, 2023, at 2:46 PM, Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca> wrote:

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Hi everyone,

For your records and I have attached the meeting minutes with HDI.

Thanks

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Good Afternoon Ms. Thompson

I have reviewed and these 'notes' and they mischaracterize many of the positions that we advanced and are filed with very self conflicting editorializing. They are not minutes that we would agree reflect our meeting at all.

For instance how could the Region possibly have confirmed that there has been a delegation of engagement where there has been no delegation. And to correct the note taking of Ms. Boyer the Crown's duties are not triggered by or under the EAA. This is just a plainly wrong and incorrect comment.

We also asked how and when the Region engaged with the HCCC and/or HDI in relation to the 2016 Niagara Escarpment Crossing Master Plan and the 2017 Transportation Masterplan which we say did not occur. If there was engagement then we asked that it be provided and if there was no engagement then we asked how and when will the engagement be undertaken.

We never indicated that we have 'significant interests'. We indicated that the proposed project will impair, interfere and infringe upon established rights. We do not appreciate the attempt to minimize the impairment of constitutionally protected rights as being a significant interest.

We did not indicate that the EAA has no provision for addressing treaty rights. We indicated and confirmed that the EAA has not capacity to accommodate impacts and infringements upon treaty rights.

They are really just the opinions of Ms. Boyer and do not reflect what we advised the Region.

Regards,

Aaron Detlor

On Oct 10, 2023, at 2:46 PM, Gillian Thompson <Gillian.Thompson@cima.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the notes from our July 18, 2023 meeting. Please make us aware of any edits or comments you may have.

Chazz, could you kindly forward this document to Jake Linklater? Unfortunately, I do not have his email address.

Many thanks
Gillie

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From: Sawatsky, Carrie <Carrie.Sawatsky@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:16 AM

To: Sawatsky, Carrie; Tassone, Frank; Fraser, Scott; Wilson, Brian; Elmadhoon, Maged; Chazz Pitts; Gillian Thompson; Alejandra Boyer

Cc: MacPherson, Judy; Kanda, Seema

Subject: Confirmed - Notice of Study Commencement-Terms of Reference Niagara - Escarpment Crossing Individual Environmental Assessment

When: July 18, 2023 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Canada Games Park - Beatties Room (2021 Canada Games Way, Thorold, ON, L2V 4Y6)

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Meeting Location: Canada Games Park - Beatties Room (2021 Canada Games Way, Thorold, ON, L2V 4Y6)

Parking: free onsite for user

<Niagara Region Escarpment Crossing IEA ToR - July 18, 2023 HDI Meeting Minutes.pdf>

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Subject: Notice of Public Information Centre - Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 12:05:00 PM
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Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
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Sent via email to: Adam LaForme, Archaeological Operations Supervisor

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With respect to your questions regarding the Niagara Official Plan that you shared with the team during early project engagement, I reached out to the Community Planning group who leads the development and implementation of the Niagara Official Plan (NOP). They note that due to the legislative changes impacting the approval of the NOP, through Bill 150 and potentially through Bill 162, many the follow-up policies and workplan items have not been initiated or have been put on hold pending final determination of the approval of the NOP. Staff from the official plan team will reach out when in a place to initiate the development of Indigenous Engagement Protocol per the policies of the NOP. If you have any questions about the Niagara Official Plan you can reach out to Angela Stea via email at angela.stea@niagararegion.ca or at 905-980-6000 ext 3518.

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Sent via email to: Janice (Raechelle) Williams, HDI Environmental Supervisor

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Subject: RE: Notice of Public Information Centre - Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
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Date: Friday, May 31, 2024 2:00:58 PM
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Thank you and have a good weekend.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question in regard to the project.

Best regards
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EXTERNAL EMAIL

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With respect to your questions regarding the Niagara Official Plan that you shared with the team during early project engagement, I reached out to the Community Planning group who leads the development and implementation of the Niagara Official Plan (NOP). They note that due to the legislative changes impacting the approval of the NOP, through Bill 150 and potentially through Bill 162, many the follow-up policies and workplan items have not been initiated or have been put on hold pending final determination of the approval of the NOP. Staff from the official plan team will reach out when in a place to initiate the development of Indigenous Engagement Protocol per the policies of the NOP. If you have any questions about the Niagara Official Plan you can reach out to Angela Stea via email at angela.stea@niagararegion.ca or at 905-980-6000 ext 3518.

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Subject: RE: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Date: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:20:50 AM
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[image003.png](#)

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning Dawn,

Thank you for providing your availability to meet regarding the Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment project.

The project team is available on August 19th and at this time a virtual meeting is preferred to accommodate all project team members who will be attending the meeting.

I will send you Teams meeting invite. Please feel free to forward it to members of the Six Nations of the Grand River who will attend the meeting. It will also help if you can provide your comments ahead of the meeting or any items you would like to discuss for the project team to prepare for the meeting.

Thanks

Maged

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Good afternoon Maged,

On behalf of Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC) Lands and Resources Department Consultation and Accommodation Process (CAP) Team we would like to engage in further discussion and are proposing the following dates:

Tuesday, August 6th at 9am

Monday, August 12th at 9am

Monday, August 19th at 9am

Please advise what works best on your side and your preference for an in-person or virtual meeting. If the latter please send an invitation to confirm.

Nya:weh (Thank you) much appreciated,

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Six Nations of the Grand River Draft ToR Comments

Project: Niagara Region Escarpment Crossing CEA ToR

Date and Time: Monday, August 19, 2024 at 9:00am

Location: Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)

Attendees:

Name	Representing
Maged Elmadhoon	Niagara Region
Scott Fraser	Niagara Region
Peter Graham	Six Nations of the Grand River (Consultation Supervisor)
Katherine Jim	CIMA+
Ian Dobrindt	GHD

Discussion Topics		Action By
1. Introductions		
1.1	Attendees introduced themselves.	Info
1.2	Six Nations of the Grand River provided comments on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and associated Work Plans via email to the Region on May 31, 2024. The comments are related to the Natural Heritage Work Plan and the proposed assessment criteria.	Info
2. Proposed Meeting Purpose & Agenda		
2.1	The purpose of the meeting is to clarify the comments from Six Nations of the Grand River to ensure that they are appropriately considered as part of preparing the proposed ToR prior to its submission to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Comments from Six Nations of the Grand River and meeting minutes will be documented in the Consultation Record.	Info
3. Review of Comments & Clarification		
3.1	First Comment regarding the Natural Heritage Work Plan – Six Nations of the Grand River would like dedicated searches for deer, rabbits and other mammals which can be hunted:	

Discussion Topics	Action By
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Nations of the Grand River typically receive a high number of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) to review, and the reports often do not provide details on the search for these types of animals. • Their Community would like to get a better idea of the degree of impacts to these specific animals. • To clarify what is meant by “other mammals”, Six Nations of the Grand River noted that not every mammal can be included in the surveys, but some species as stated would be of interest to them. • Six Nations of the Grand River noted that they work with some Conservation Areas for deer hunting during some weekends. • The Nanfan Treaty allows for the ability to hunt on those properties. • The Project Team noted a Grimsby by-law which states that hunting is not allowed in the urban area within their municipality, but only south of Ridge Road on private properties. • Six Nations of the Grand River will pass along any example mammal studies that their Wildlife manager is aware of to the Region. 	Six Nations
<p>3.2 For the assessment criteria, regarding effects on First Nation Communities added under Social Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Nations of the Grand River would like the Project Team to think about the First Nations perspective – i.e., harvesting – the more development, the less hunting and harvesting will be available; also think about cumulative effects – i.e., less opportunity to get out of the land, mental health impacts on the community, etc. • Six Nations of the Grand River understands that the EA will review effects to residents within the Study Area, however this is traditional territory, so effects to First Nations and their Treaty lands and those that are not living directly in the area should be considered. • The Region acknowledged that indirect effects on the Treaty lands, effects on the traditional way of lives / ability to enjoy the traditional lifestyle would be included in the EA (i.e., if the transportation crossing alignment can avoid hunting / harvesting areas, then there would be less impact on the First Nation communities). 	Info
<p>3.3 For the assessment criteria, effects on plants and animals important to First Nations under Cultural Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Nations of the Grand River has a specific plant list that can be provided to the Project Team (<i>Post Meeting Note: Six Nations of the Grand River provided the list via email on August 19, 2024</i>). • Six Nations of the Grand River noted “animals” would be the mammals previously mentioned (e.g., deer, rabbits, etc.), but could also include wild turkeys. Six Nations of the Grand River would be interested in participating in the Natural 	Project Team

Discussion Topics	Action By
<p>Environment fieldwork during the EA (in addition to Archaeology). Wording to this effect could be added to the ToR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Team noted that the ‘effects on plants and animals’ may be moved to social environment instead of the cultural environment. Six Nations of the Grand River are ok with this approach. 	Project Team
4. Other Business & Next Steps	
4.1 The Project Team is currently working on finalizing the proposed ToR and issuing responses to comments received during the draft ToR commenting period.	Info
4.2 The Project Team will prepare minutes from today’s meeting and circulate to all attendees.	Project Team
4.3 The Region will be updating their Council in September 2024 with the intent to submit the proposed ToR in October 2024 to the Minister.	Info

Minutes Prepared by Katherine Jim, CIMA+

Please advise author immediately of any errors or omissions.

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Fyi Ian.

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Hello again Maged,

I didn't see Ian's email address on the invite, so please send the attached plant list to him.

Thank you, Peter

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September 30, 2024

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Sent Via Email To:

Peter Graham, Consultation Supervisor (LRCS@sixnations.ca)

Re: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment –
Township of West Lincoln Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference

Hello,

Thank you for providing Six Nation of the Grand River's (SNGR's) comments on the Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (CEA) draft Terms of Reference (ToR) (Project) in your May 31, 2023 email, which were clarified at the August 19, 2024 meeting between yourself and the Project Team. The following table documents our responses to SNGR's comments for your information:

Comments	Responses
For the natural heritage piece, we would like dedicated searches for deer, rabbits, and other mammals which can be hunted. SNGR would be interested in participating in the Natural Environment fieldwork during the EA (in addition to Archaeology). Wording to this effect could be added to the ToR.	The list of field investigations in the Natural Heritage Work Plan (Appendix J of the draft ToR) has been revised to include wildlife species important to Indigenous communities (i.e., deer, rabbits, and other mammals). In addition, the Natural Heritage Work Plan has been revised by adding in the statement that the Region will extend the opportunity to interested Indigenous Communities for their participation in the field investigations as they are carried out during preparation of the EA.
For assessment criteria, we'd like effects on First Nation communities added under social environment and effects on plants	The evaluation criteria "Effect on First Nations Communities" and "Effect on plants and animals important to First Nation communities" have been added to the draft ToR.

Comments	Responses
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The Region looks forward to continuing to work with SNGR as we carry out this important Project. Please note that the comments received from SNGR including those responded to in this letter are documented in the Record of Consultation, which has been prepared in support of the proposed ToR.

Thank you again for your interest in the Project, and SNGR will be directly notified of the submission of the proposed ToR to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for a decision. At that time, any interested person including SNGR may inspect the proposed ToR and provide comments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Please contact me if you have questions on the preceding information.

Sincerely,



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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good afternoon Mr. Detlor,

We have had an internal discussion in response to your email below dated September 5, 2024. We acknowledge your request and continue to invite the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council, through HDI, to meet with the project team and identify where the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) may impact the community, identify where the project interferes with established treaty rights, and suggest modifications to the ToR that would address these concerns.

Consistent with existing Niagara Region practice with regards to Environmental Assessments, capacity funding is provided for participating in Stage 2 and later archaeological investigations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question.

Best regards
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To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>
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Subject: Re: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive EA – Draft Terms of Reference & PIC Presentation Available for Download

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Good Evening

Thank you for your email.

Without funding we are unable to participate or move forward with the meeting and as such we will be moving to ensure that Haudenosaunee rights and interests are protected where it appears that this is not currently a concern for Niagara at this time. It seems difficult to believe that funding for engagement was not budgeted for such a significant project which will require a significant number of provincial, municipal and federal approvals.

We would invite you to reconsider your position on funding as it seems somewhat absurd for us to incur the costs of engagement where we have indicated that your proposed project will significantly impair infringe and interfere with established treaty rights.

Please advise if you have been delegated any aspect of engagement as we find it hard to believe that the delegation would not also require the process of engagement to be funded. Please provide any prima facie assessment that you may have received or

commissioned.

As the same time we are aware that the `MCEA User Guide contemplates the provision of funding to ensure that engagement is fair equitable and meaningful.

Regards,

Aaron Detlor

Rae please hold the meeting internally so we can receive instructions from Chiefs and Clanmothers on next steps. For instance we might receive instructions to ensure that no archaeology proceeds on this project

On Sep 5, 2024, at 3:19 PM, Elmadhoon, Maged <maged.elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Rae,

Thank you for responding and providing your availability.

The project team will be more than happy to meet with your team in person at your offices in Six Nations. I can send a meeting invite for September 16, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Please provide the location information and directions, and who will attend, and we can finalize the meeting invite and agenda.

With respect to funding, the Region will not be able to fund the meeting, and this is consistent with all Regional projects.

We continue to invite the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council, through HDI to participate in this project. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards
Maged

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From: Rae Lumsdon <rae@hdito.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:06 AM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>; Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>; Katia Galati <katia@hdito.com>

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Good morning Maged,

Thank you for following up.

We are available on either date. It is our preference that this meeting is held in person. As such, we are happy to host at our offices in Six Nations. Please confirm that these dates still suit your team.

In addition, please confirm that funding will be provided for our team to attend this meeting. Our rates are listed below:

\$125.00/hr Data-Room Co-ordinator
\$175.00/hr Co-ordinator and Administration
\$300.00/hr Policy and Technical Analyst
\$450.00/hr. Manager and Relationship Steward
\$300.00/hr HCCC Secretary
\$550/hr Legal

\$1,250.00 Per Chief/Clan Mother per Meeting

I look forward to hearing from you.

Rae Lumsdon

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From: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: 03 September 2024 13:42

To: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>; Katia Galati <katia@hdito.com>; Rae Lumsdon <rae@hdito.com>

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Good afternoon Rae,

I was wondering if you have checked HDI availability as per the suggested dates below. Given, the first option is tomorrow, and we haven't heard back from you yet, this date will not be available for all the project team.

Please confirm if the other two dates/times (highlighted in yellow) work for you, and we will finalize the meeting arrangements.

Thanks

Maged

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From: Elmadhoon, Maged

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 7:11 AM

To: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>; katia@hdito.com; Rae Lumsdon <rae@hdito.com>

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Good morning Rae,

Sorry for the delay. I now have few dates when the project team is available to meet. The below dates and times are available:

Sept. 4th: 9-10am

Sept. 16th: 1-2 pm or 3-4pm

Sept. 20th: 9-10am

Please let me know when you are available to meet and we will send the meeting invite with all other details.

Regards

Maged

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Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 11:59 AM

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Good morning Mr. Elmadhoon,

I am following up on my previous email below dated July 3, 2024.

Please confirm some dates that work for your organization to meet and discuss your engagement obligations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Rae Lumsdon

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From: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 1:28 PM

To: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>; Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com>; Maged Elmadhoon <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>
Cc: Brian Doolittle <ganowa@me.com>; Sharann Martin <sharannmartin@hdi.land>; Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>
Subject: Re: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive EA – Draft Terms of Reference & PIC Presentation Available for Download

Good afternoon Mr. Elmadhoon,

I am following up on my email dated June 12, 2024 - for which we have not received a response.

As mentioned, this project will significantly impair and infringe on treaty rights and interests. As per the below, we remain open to meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss how and when engagement will proceed on the proposed Niagara Escarpment MCEA.

Please confirm some dates and times that work for you and your team to discuss further.

I look forward to your reply.

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From: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 1:34 PM

To: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>; Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com>; Maged Elmadhoon <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Cc: Brian Doolittle <ganowa@me.com>; Sharann Martin <sharannmartin@hdi.land>

Subject: Re: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive EA – Draft Terms of Reference & PIC Presentation Available for Download

Good afternoon Maged and Katherine,

We trust this email finds you well and in good spirits.

We are writing to confirm that we have received the notice of the presentation materials regarding the Niagara Escarpment Crossing.

In our initial review of the linked webpage and supporting sources, it is clear that the Niagara Region project will impair, infringe and interfere with Haudenosaunee rights and interests.

We would like to know how and when engagement with respect to Haudenosaunee Treaty rights will occur. We require, at a minimum, engagement and consent, in upholding established Haudenosaunee treaty rights, which exist over the entirety of the Niagara Region.

We look forward to sitting down with you and discussing, how and when the obligation to uphold the honor of the crown, as well as the specific engagements required for a comprehensive process. This will obviously include our engagement in developing the terms of reference, with which we presently have significant concerns.

At the same time, we need to consider the following projects, where engagement has not occurred. We would also like to sit down and discuss the Projects set out at the Official Plan (link below) and the Transportation Master Plan (link below) as they are all proceeding without engagement despite the fact that the Niagara Region is aware of their obligations to engage.

<https://niagararegion.ca/official-plan/pdf/2022-niagara-official-plan.pdf>

<https://niagararegion.ca/2041/transportation-master-plan/default.aspx>

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From: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 3:10 PM

To: Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com>; Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>
Cc: Brian Doolittle <ganowa@me.com>; Sharann Martin <sharannmartin@hdi.land>
Subject: Re: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive EA – Draft Terms of Reference & PIC Presentation Available for Download

On Thu, May 30, 2024, 1:52 p.m. Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Elmadhoon, Maged" <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive EA – Draft Terms of Reference & PIC Presentation Available for Download

Date: May 30, 2024 at 1:50:03 PM EDT

To: "info@hdi.land" <info@hdi.land>, "toddwilliams@hdi.land" <toddwilliams@hdi.land>, Raechelle Williams <raechellewilliams@hdi.land>

Cc: "Fraser, Scott" <Scott.Fraser@niagararegion.ca>, "Khalil, Ayat" <Ayat.Khalil@niagararegion.ca>, "Stea, Angela" <Angela.Stea@niagararegion.ca>, Katherine Jim <Katherine.Jim@cima.ca>, Elysia Friedl <Elysia.Friedl@cima.ca>, Ian Dobrindt <ian.dobrindt@ghd.com>

Hello,

As a follow up to my email below dated May 15, 2024, and the Public Information Centre (PIC) held yesterday (May 29, 2024), the presentation materials and draft Terms of Reference (including Technical Work Plans) are now available for download and comments at: niagararegion.ca/projects/niagara-escarpment-crossing.

As explained in the PIC material, the first stage of the CEA is to develop a Terms of Reference (TOR/main document) which provides the framework for the project and identifies technical workplans (appendices) and public consultation to be undertaken during the future Environmental Assessment (Stage 2).

The main Terms of Reference document provides, but not limited to, the project purpose, alternatives to the project, description of the preliminary study area, and EA consultation plan. The technical work plans define the "what" and "how" of the Environmental Assessment – describing what studies will be undertaken, what the study area will be, and what factors will be considered.

Please provide comments by **July 12, 2024** to the Region Project Manager and Consultant Project Manager:

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Katherine Jim, M.Eng., P.Eng.

Senior Project Manager

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A specific response to your comments will be issued after the July 12, 2024 commenting period ends. Your comments will be considered as part of finalizing the proposed Terms of Reference for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks later this year.

We continue to invite the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council, through HDI, to participate in this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question.

Best regards

Maged

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From: Elmadhoon, Maged

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 12:04 PM

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Cc: Fraser, Scott <Scott.Fraser@niagararegion.ca>; Khalil, Ayat <Ayat.Khalil@niagararegion.ca>; Stea, Angela <Angela.Stea@niagararegion.ca>; Katherine Jim <Katherine.Jim@cima.ca>; Elysia Friedl <Elysia.Friedl@cima.ca>; Ian Dobrindt <ian.dobrindt@ghd.com>

Subject: Notice of Public Information Centre - Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment

Hello,

Please find attached a cover letter and the Notice of Public Information Centre for the Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (formerly known as an Individual Environmental Assessment) - Terms of Reference. For more information about this project, please visit the project

webpage: <https://niagararegion.ca/projects/niagara-escarpment-crossing>. We continue to invite the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council, through HDI, to participate in this project through this Public Information Centre or directly with the Region as you see suitable.

With respect to your questions regarding the Niagara Official Plan that you shared with the team during early project engagement, I reached out to the Community Planning group who leads the development and implementation of the Niagara Official Plan (NOP). They note that due to the legislative changes impacting the approval of the NOP, through Bill 150 and potentially through Bill 162, many the follow-up policies and workplan items have not been initiated or have been put on hold pending final determination of the approval of the NOP. Staff from the official plan team will reach out when in a place to initiate the development of Indigenous Engagement Protocol per the policies of the NOP. If you have any questions about the Niagara Official Plan you can reach out to Angela Stea via email at angela.stea@niagararegion.ca or at 905-980-6000 ext 3518.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question in regard to the project.

Best regards

Maged

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Subject: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Date: Friday, September 27, 2024 3:42:01 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good afternoon,

The Region is planning on formally submitting the Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment - Terms of Reference to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in mid to late October. You will be notified of the formal submission to MECP at that time and the proposed ToR and associated Work plans will be made available for download on the project webpage: <https://niagararegion.ca/projects/niagara-escarpment-crossing> In preparation for the submission, we would like to confirm if Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council, through HDI would also like have a hardcopy of the proposed ToR and Work Plans.

Please let me know of your preference by no later than October 11, 2024.

Best regards
Maged

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Subject: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Date: Friday, September 27, 2024 3:43:05 PM

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Please let me know of your preference by no later than October 11, 2024.

Best regards
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Subject: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Date: Friday, September 27, 2024 3:41:52 PM

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Please let me know of your preference by no later than October 11, 2024.

Best regards
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Date: Friday, September 27, 2024 3:42:03 PM

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Please let me know of your preference by no later than October 11, 2024.

Best regards
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Subject: RE: Niagara Escarpment Crossing Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 8:18:50 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning Maged,

Electronic copies are fine.

Thanks, Peter

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Sent: September 27, 2024 3:42 PM
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