

Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Merritt Road (Regional Road 37) and Rice Road (Regional Road 54) in the Town of Pelham, the City of Thorold and the City of Welland

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Notice of Study Completion

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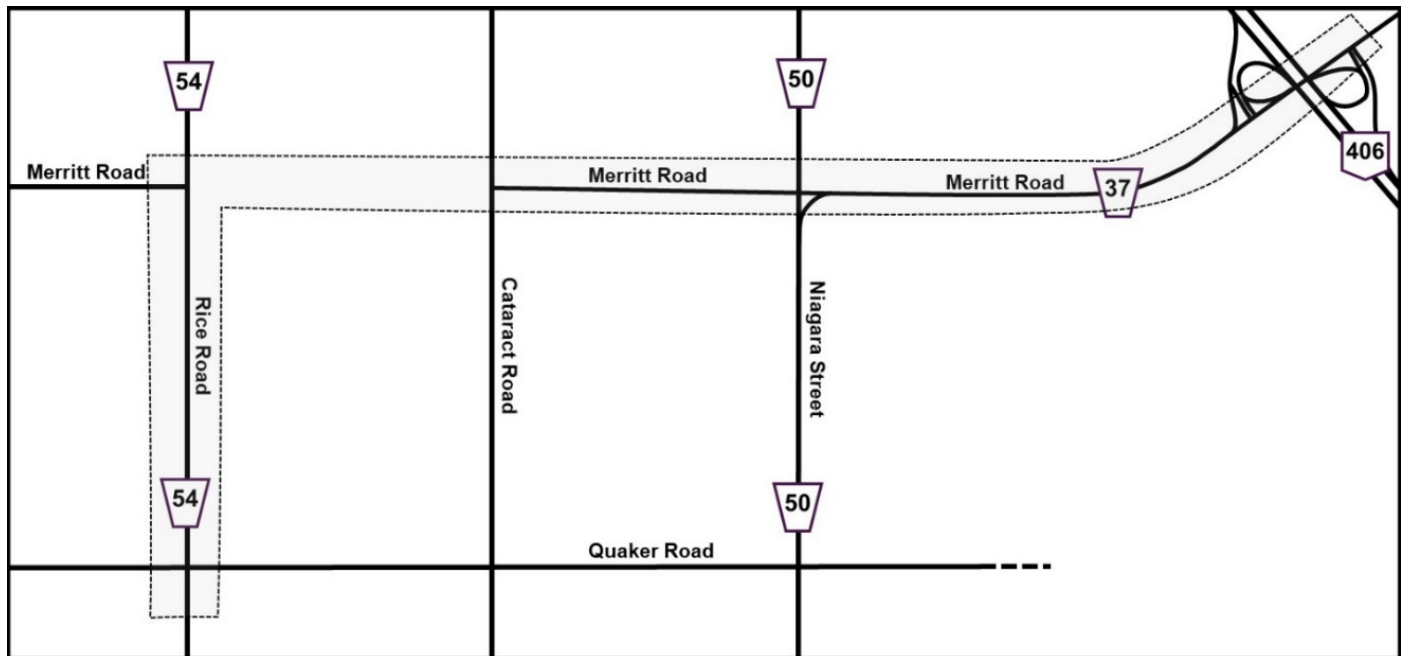


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The Study

Niagara Region has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (the Study) to identify improvements for Merritt Road and Rice Road to meet the needs of proposed developments in the Town of Pelham, the City of Thorold and the City of Welland. The Study was built on the recommendations of the Niagara Region's Transportation Master Plan. The Study identified improvements to the two roadways to meet future needs of the surrounding community for all road users. The Study also looked at active transportation needs by considering dedicated infrastructure that is safe, attractive to pedestrians and cyclists, follows a complete streets approach, and compatible with the changing land use in the three local municipalities.



The Process

The Study was carried out as a Schedule 'C' project completed according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, which is approved under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This study meets the Phases 1 to 4 requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. This notice informs that the Study is now complete. An electronic copy of the Environmental Study Report that documents the planning, public consultation and decision-making process for this study is being placed on the public record for review from **March 18, 2024 to May 6, 2024**. The report and appendices are available on the project website starting March 18, 2024 niagararegion.ca/projects/regional-road-37

Comments and Contacts

Interested persons may provide written comments to the project contact. Please send all comments and concerns to the Region's Project Manager noted below by **May 6, 2024**. If you need alternative accommodations to view the document, please contact:

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Section 16 Order Request

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual / comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the Ministry. Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual / comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statement in the request. This will ensure that the Ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent by **May 6, 2024** in writing or by email to both of the following contacts, as well as the project team contact noted above:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
 Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1st Floor
 Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

If no order request is received, the project will proceed to design and construction as outlined in the planning documents. Please visit the Ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: **ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order**

All personal information included in your request such as name, address, telephone number and property location is collected under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. Any personal information submitted will be collected, used and disclosed, where applicable, by members of Regional staff according to the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**. Any information you share will only be used for the intended purpose for which it was provided. For questions or comments about privacy practices, or for more information about the administration of the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act** in Niagara Region programs see **niagararegion.ca/government/foi**.

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