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905-521-7640

200810_Email ack. Receipt NOCm/PIC1; expectation that as part of the study process, the following will be considered in the identification of impacts & necessary mitigation as applicable: Climate change adaptation & mitigation; Identification of, & mitigation relating to SAR; identification of all required permits and approvals to enable the implementation of each alternative. Consultation with Six Nations Grand River, MCFN, HDI, inistry of the Ellen Fairclough Bld. 119 King Street West - Provincial onservation and Parks Rarhara Planner & EA amilton L8P 4Y7 barbara.slattery@ontario.ca. 200805 Email from Burnside, with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC. est-Central Region Ministry of the 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 Environment. **B-Provincial** anotification.wcregion@ontario.ca; 210705 Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. nservation and Parks 200805_Email from Burnside, with MECP Prj. Info. Form, and NOCm/NoPIC West Central Region Ministry of the Environment. Conservation and Parks MEA.NOTICES.EAAB@ontario.ca 3 - Provincial nvironmental ssessment and ermissions Branch Toll Free: 220117 Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 Ministry of Municipal Manager, Community 800-668-0230 B - Provincial Affairs, Central Municipal 13th Floor ON M7A 2J3 <u>heather.watt@ontario.ca</u> 210705 Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. Heather Watt Planning and Toronto 777 Bay Street 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC. Service Office Development (West) 416-585-6048 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing -Ontario Growth 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 23rd Floor B - Provincial Secretariat - Growth Geoffrey Growth Planning, Data 777 Bay Street Toronto ON M7A 2J3 geoffrey.singer@ontario.ca 416-325-6282 210705 Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. Suite 2304 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC. Management Program and Analysis Unit Policy, Planning, Analys and Delivery Branch Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing -220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 Manager (Acting), Growth Program Policy 777 Bay Street Ontario Growth 23rd Floor M7A 2J3 <u>stewart.chisholm@ontario.ca</u> 210705 Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 3 - Provincial ON 416-325-7327 Secretariat - Growth Toronto Stewart Chisholm Suite 2304 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC. lanagement Program and Delivery Unit Policy, Planning, Analys and Delivery Branch Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Ontario Governmen 519-826-4931 210705_Email. T. Verhaeghe is on reassignment, Ian Thornton, Resources Operations Supervisor has Resources Operations 3 - Provincial Natural Resources and Thornton Guelph ON N1G 4Y2 ian.thornton@ontario.ca 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3. een copied and will redirect information. Supervisor Forestry Guelph 1 Stone Road West (Southern Region) nistry of Northern elopment, Mines, Ontario Governmen 10705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 00805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC. 519-826-4931 210705_Email. T. Verhaeghe is on reassignment, Ian Thornton, Resources Operations Supervisor has been copied and will redirect information. District Manager - Provincial latural Resources and Tammy 'erhaeghe uelph N1G 4Y2 orestry Guelph Stone Road West Southern Region) 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email. D. Minkin, on leave until October 12, 2021, for assistance during this time, contact Karla 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. Barboza at karla.barboza@ontario.ca 200908_Email from Burnside, Thank-you for ack. Archaeological Services Inc. 200908 Email, Pls. see Ltr. MHSTCI comments. MHSTCI's interests: relates to its mandate of B - Provincial Sport, Tourism and Dan Minkin Dan.Minkin@ontario.ca (ASI) will be completing a Stage 1 AA & CHRA, results will be document in ESR. conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, includes: Arch. resources, Built heritage resources, and Cultural heritage landscapes. Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources, Archaeological Resources, Built Heritage Stage 1 AA Report will be submitted to ministry, by ASI once completed. A copy of CHRA Report will be sent to MHSTCI prior to issuing the NOCp. We will Culture Industries & Cultural Heritage Landscapes, EA Reporting continue to consult with MHSTCI throughout the EA process. Ministry of Heritage, 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 Team Lead, Heritage 416-314-7120 B - Provincial Sport. Tourism and Karla Barboza 401 Bay Street Suite 1700 Toronto ON M7A 0A7 karla.barboza@ontario.ca 210705 Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. (Acting) 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC. Culture Industries

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B - Provincial	Ministry of Transportation Central Region	Mr.	Jason	White	Manager		Bldg. D 5th Floor	Toronto	ON	M3M 0B7	jason.white@ontario.ca	416-235-5575		220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	Niagara Falls Bridge Commission		Chantal	Suthons	Director of Marketing & Communications	6815 Stanley Avenue		Niagara Falls	ON	L2G 3Y9	<u>csuthons@niagarafallstourism.com</u>	905-356-6061 ext. 5230	220117_Email. C. Suthons is out of the office.	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3.
C - Municipal	The Niagara Parks Commission	Ms.	Ellen	Savoia	Senior Planner	P.O. Box 150, 7400 Portage Road		Niagara Falls		L2E 6T2	esavoia@niagaraparks.com_	905-295-6007 and 905-295- 4396 905.295-4396 ext. 3258 Cell 289-241-	220308_Email. E. Savoia, noted comments on materials sent. (1) Cycling and pedestrian linkages to River Road and Niagara Parks recreation trail need to be addressed. The trail is an important linkage for visitors arriving via GO who then either walk or bike. The majority currently are walking to the Falls. Linkages to address include crossing from the north side of Bridge Street south then east to cross River Road. Clear direction for cyclists transitioning from the on-road bike lane and future cycling track to the shared conditions on River Road is needed. Proposed WEGO facilities are appropriate in scale however we feel staff ambassadors will need to be on site to direct visitors looking for WEGO as it is separated from the municipal/ GO and private bus loop. A preferred options is to keep all the bus facilities together. Reqiest to keep Niagara Parks informed. 220127_Email. E. Savoia sent appreciation for meeting with Niagara Parks yesterday. E. Savoia requested to share presentation with other staff unable to attend, especially regarding WEGO for feedback.	cycling track to the shared conditions on River Road - Signage will be recommended for the detail design for pedestrian and cycling routing consistent with Oatsic Traffic Mayor Roads 45 and 45 (2) Staff compared to will lead to
C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Mr.	Jim	Bradley	Regional Chair						jim.bradley@niagararegion.ca			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
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C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Mr.	Bruce	Zvaniga	Commissioner Public Works						bruce.Zvaniga@niagararegion.ca		210705_Email failed, name spelt incorrect, email resent. 200805_Email returned undeliverable.	210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Ms.	Sulaf	Alkarawi	Associate Director Transportation Planning						sulaf.alkarawi@niagararegion.ca			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
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C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Mr.	Nick	Rosati	Traffic Systems Program Manager						nick.rosati@niagararegion.ca		200805_Email, Out of the office until August 17, 2020.	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
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C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Mr.	Matt	Robinson	Director GO Implementation Office						matt.robinson@niagararegion.ca			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Ms.	Cheryl	Selig	Planning Lead, GO Implementation Office						cheryl.selig@niagararegion.ca			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.

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C - Municipal Niagara Region Ms. Venessa Aykroyd Landscape Architect Scheduling Communication Ms. Venessa Aykroyd Landscape Architect Scheduling Communications Aykroyd Landscape Architecture Scheduling Communications Aykroyd Landscape Architecture Communications Aykroyd Landscap	C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Mr.	Khaldoon	Ahmed	Manager Urban Design					khaldoon.ahmad@niagararegion.ca			210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2.
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C - Municipal Niagara Region Ms. Susan Dunsmore Manager Levelopment Engineering Susan dunsmore Minister and NOCm / NoPIC. C - Municipal Niagara Region Ms. Norio Regional Clerk Susan dunsmore Minister and Nocm / Norio Regional Clerk Susan dunsmore Minister and Nocm / NoPIC. C - Municipal Niagara Region Ms. Norm Miller Communications Consultant Susan dunsmore Minister and Nocm / NoPIC. C - Municipal Niagara Region Ms. C - Municipal Niagara Region Norman Ms. C - Munic	C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Mr.	Phill	Lambert	Planning & Development					phill.lambert@niagararegion.ca			210705 Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2.
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C - Municipal City of Niagara Falls, Clerk and CAO Mr. Jason Burgess Burgess Burgess 220117_Email. Ken Todd emailed to inform that the new CAO of the City of Niagara Falls is Jason Burgess.	C - Municipal	Niagara Region	Ms.	Chantal	Perreault						chantal.perreault@niagararegion.ca;			210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2.
	C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls, Clerk and CAO	Mr.	Jason	Burgess						jburgess@niagarafalls.ca; clerk@niagarafalls.ca,	<u>;</u>		

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C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls, Clerk and CAO	Mr.	Ken	Todd	Chief Administrative Officers, Clerk	4310 Queen Street	P.O. Box 1023	Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 6X5	clerk@niagarafalls.ca; ktodd@niagarafalls.ca;		220117_Email. Ken Todd emailed to inform that the new CAO of the City of Niagara Falls is Jason Burgess.	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3. 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls, Clerk and CAO	Mr.	Jason	Burgess	Chief Administrative Officer	4310 Queen Street	P.O. Box 1023	Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 6X5	cao@niagarafalls.ca;	905 356 7521		220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3.
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls	Mr.	Erik	Nickel	Director of Municipal Works						enickel@niagarafalls.ca;			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls	Mr.	Eric	Lallouet	Senior Project Manager						elallouet@niagarafalls.ca;			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls	Mr.	Mat	Bilodeau	Manager of Transportation Engineering						mbilodeau@niagarafalls.ca;			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls	Mr.	John	Grubich	Traffic Planning Supervisor						jgrubich@niagarafalls.ca;		200805_Email, away from office, returning August 10, 2020	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls		Kira	Dolch							kdolch@niagarafalls.ca		220117_Email update. Alex Herlovitch is retired from the City of Niagara Falls, new director of planning is Kira Dolch kdolch@niagarafalls.ca	
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls	Mr.	Alex	Herlovitch	Director Planning, Building and Development						aherlovitch@niagarafalls.ca		220117_Email update. Alex Herlovitch is retired from the City of Niagara Falls, new director of planning is Kira Dolch kdolch@niagarafalls.ca	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
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C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls		Michael	Warchala	Business Development representative						mwarchala@niagarafalls.ca		210706_Email, M. Warchala enquired whether businesses along Bridge Street were circulated.	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls		Lydia	Waters	Exec Secretary						lwaters@niagarafalls.ca		210705_Email. L. Waters, noted that the email had bee forward to Business Development representatives. L. Waters requested that Angela Davidson, adavidson@niagarafalls.ca and Michael Warchala, mwarchala@niagarafalls.ca be added to Project Contact List; and to remove Wendy Canavan, due to her retirement.	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3
C - Municipal	City of Niagara Falls	Ms.	Wendy	Canavan	Economic Development Officer						wcanavan@niagarafalls.ca		210705_Email. W. Canavan has retired, please contact Lydia Waters lwaters@niagarafalls.ca	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
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D - Indigenous	Métis Nation of Ontario		Linda	Norheim							<u>Lindan@metisnation.org</u>		220117_Email from L. Norheim, send notifications related to municipal planning and EAs to consultations@metisnation.org and remove my email and Joe de Laronde's email from your email list.	
D - Indigenous	Métis Nation of Ontario		Bonnie	Bartlett	Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations	Suite 311 - 75 Sherbourne Street		Toronto	ON	M5A 2P9	BonnieB@metisnation.org	416-977-9881	220117_Email from B. Bartlett, as of July 16, 2021 off on parental leave. Direct questions to LRC Manager Joe de Laronde (joed@metisnation.org or LRC Director Linda Norheim (Lindan@metisnation.org)	220117_Email+Letter from Region with Notice of PIC #3 210707_Email from the Region with letter and Notice of PIC #2. 201013_Call from Burnside left msg. for B. Bartlett, requesting confirmation of NOCm/ PIC, whether there are any issues/ concerns/ comments. Left email & No. for return contact. Also, requested same for Blair-Preston NOCm.
D - Indigenous	Métis Nation of Ontario										consultations@metisnation.org		210323_Call between J. Fieldwebster and S.Waters (for another project). MNO requested during the call that proponents are to ensure to send notices to the general email (consultations@metisnation.org). When notices come into this general email the notices are forwarded to the appropriate MNO staff person and region, do not cc other contacts as this would be a duplication. Also, MNO (J. Fieldwebster) noted through this conversation that if the proponent has not received comments from MNO within two weeks of sending notice that MNO has no comment.	220324_Email from Burnside, with link to draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and draft copy of Natural Heritage Memorandum for review. The Stage 2 Archaeological field work recommended in the report would be completed upon completion of EA. 220117_Email+Letter from Region with Notice of PIC #3 210707_Email from the Region with letter and Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
D - Indigenous	Six Nations of the Grand River	Chief	Mark	Hill							markhill@sixnations.ca			200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
D - Indigenous	Six Nations of the Grand River	Ms.	Fran	Henry							franhenry@sixnations.ca			
D - Indigenous	Six Nations of the Grand River	Mr.	Lonny	Bomberry	Lands and Resources Director						lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca			200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
	Six Nations of the Grand River		Robbin	Vanstone	Lands and Resources section						rvanstone@sixnations.ca		study undertaken Sept. 2020, found that impacts to natural heritage features and functions are expected to be minimal. R. Vanstone noted that trees represent habitat, and requested a tree count of impacted trees and number of trees added; community requires a 10:1 replacement ratio (i.e., replacing 10 trees for every one lost). R. Bacquie noted that Burnside will be documenting the number of trees impacted and the number of recommended replacement trees. 220124_Call between R. Vanstone and Burnside. R. Vanstone confirmed receipt of NoPIC #3 sent on January 17, 1022. However she commented about the high volume of emails requesting whether the community has an interest in being involved and/or has any concerns, etc. She spoke of not being able to comment without seeing Reports, etc. Burnside recommended to speak with R. Bacquie to obtain	completed upon completion of EA.
D - Indigenous	Six Nations of the Grand River	Ms.	Dawn	LaForme		2498 Chiefwood Road	P.O. Box 5000	Ohswegan	ON	N0A 1M0	<u>cc</u> <u>dlaforme@sixnations.ca</u>	519-445-2201		210707_Email from the Region with letter and Notice of PIC #2. 201013_Call from Burnside, left message for either Robbin Linn or Dawn LaForme, for confirmation of receipt of notice, whether community has any interest/ concerns/ comments/ issues regarding the project, Email and number contacts were left. 200805_Email from Burnside, Letter and NOCm/ NoPIC #1.
D - Indigenous	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	t	Abby		Admin Support, DOCA							905-768-4260	220125_Call between Abby and Burnside, NoPIC #3 received. Community is look for replacement for F. Sault, currently they are receiving assistance from an outside organization. Proponent is to send notices and enquires to MCFN.Consultation@mncfn.ca; DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca.	
D - Indigenous	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	t									MCFN.Consultation@mncfn.ca; DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca		220117_Email from F. Sault to Region. F. Sault has moved to a new role for MCFN Council and will not be checking or recieving any emails at this address. Please forward all Archaeological inquries to Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca and any Consultation inquires to MCFN.Consultation@mncfn.ca or DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca	220324_Email from Burnside, with link to draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and draft copy of Natural Heritage Memorandum for review. The Stage 2 Archaeological field work recommended in the report would be completed upon completion of EA.
D - Indigenous	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	t	Adam	LaForme							Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca		220117_Email from F. Sault to Region. F. Sault has moved to a new role for MCFN Council and will not be checking or recieving any emails at this address. Please forward all Archaeological inquries to Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca and any Consultation inquires to MCFN.Consultation@mncfn.ca or DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca	220324_Email from Burnside, with link to draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and draft copy of Natural Heritage Memorandum for review. The Stage 2 Archaeological field work recommended in the report would be completed upon completion of EA.
D - Indigenous	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	t	Megan	DeVries							Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca		201027_Email+letter from M. DeVries to ASI (Blake Williams bwilliams@asiheritage.ca) requesting a historical summary of project and current state of its environmental and archaeological fieldwork. Provide summary if complete, followed by the draft report when available. Please provide requested information by 4 pm on November 20, 2020.	

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	oup ternal Use ly)	Agency/ Organization	Title	First Name	Last Name	Position	Address 1	Address 2	City	Prov.	Postal Code	Email	Telephone	Comments Received	Response Given
D-	Indigenous	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Ms.	Fawn	Sault	Consultation Manager	4065 Hwy 6		Hagersville	ON	N0A 1H0	fawn.sault@mncfn.ca	905-768-4260	DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca and any constitution inquires to MCFN.Constitution@mncfn.ca or DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca and any constitution and any constitution and a possible services and all reports for our review prior to approval as mentioned; Megan DeVries, Archaeological Operations Supervisor, will review all archaeological reports and provide feedback	220117_Email+Letter from Region with Notice of PIC #3 210707_Email from the Region with letter and Notice of PIC #2. 201013_Email. Burnside resent NOCm/ PIC #1; project will complete a Stage 1 AA, Built Heritage and Cultural Landscape Assessment which will become part of the ESR. ASI to do work; please advise if community wish a copy of Stage 1 AA, upon completion. 200805_Email+letter+NOCm/NoPIC #1 from Burnside.
D -	Indigenous	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Ms.	Marie- Annik	Prevost	Consultation Manager/Field archaeologist	4065 Hwy 6		Hagersville	ON	N0A 1H0	Marie-Annick.Prevost@mncfn.ca	905-870-5844	New Contact	220324_Email from Burnside, with link to draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and draft copy of Natural Heritage Memorandum for review. The Stage 2 Archaeological field work recommended in the report would be completed upon completion of EA.
D-	Indigenous	Haudenosaunee Confederacy		Aaron	Detlor							aarondetlor@gmail.com		that would uphold the Honour of the Crown or the MCEA process, In particular the project will impair infillingle and otherwise impair HDI rights and interests. A. Dettor notes that to date there has been no engagement that would uphold the Honour of the Crown or the MCEA process, In particular the process for identifying the problem or opportunity (Phase 1) with its associated consultation. HDI asked that the team have reference to the MCEA Companion Guide and in particular the Preliminary Assessment Checklist: First Nation and Metis Community Interest. Have reference to page 2 of the Companion Guide and the commentary in reference to a rights-based consultation. https://municipalclassea.ca/files/Companion%20Guide%20to%20MCEA%20Manual%20rev1.pdf We look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience to determine how and when Niagara	220214_Email+Letter. Region response to email of January 17, 2022. The HDI email states there has been "no engagement" on this project. The Team has attached a log of engagement with HDI on this file (email and phone calls) dating back to August 5, 2021. If we have missed anyone or are contacting the wrong staff, please let us know so that we can update our contact list for the future. HDI noted a concern that project "will impair, infringe and otherwise impair HDI rights and interests". While HDI has not previously raised issues with respect to this project, we would be happy to discuss any specific concerns about potential project impacts. If HDI has concerns about the current scope of the Study, kindly provide the particulars of any additional information that HDI would like to see included in the Study.
D -	Indigenous	Haudenosaunee Confederacy		Tracey	General							traceyghdi@gmail.com;		220125_Call between Administration and Burnside (with T. General in the back ground). Tracey responded that they had received the noitce and would be sending a follow after discussing with Team.	220324_Email from Burnside, with link to draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and draft copy of Natural Heritage Memorandum for review. The Stage 2 Archaeological field work recommended in the report would be completed upon completion of EA. 220117_Email + Letter from Region with Notice of PIC #3
D -	Indigenous	Haudenosaunee Confederacy	Mr.	Hohahes Leroy Misty	Hill	Secretary to Haudensaunee Confederacy Administrative Assistant	2634 6th Line	RR#2	Ohsweken	ON	N0A 1H0		Cell: 519-717-7326		220117_Email+Letter from Region with Notice of PIC #3 210707_Email from the Region with letter and Notice of PIC #2. 210127_Email from Burnside, As per my phone message, see attached notices. It was requested to confirm receipt, awareness of Projects and opportunity for community to participate, and requested what level of interest the community has in Project. 210127_Call from Burnside to L. Hill, left message regarding Bridge Street, asked whether any concerns with projects. 2101013_Call from Burnside, left message for either Misty or Leroy, for confirmation of receipt of notice, whether community has any interest/ concerns/comments/ issues regarding the project, Email and number were left. 200805_Email from Burnside, Letter and NOCm/ NoPIC #1.
E -	Utilities	Bell Canada		Richard	de bokx							richard.de_bokx@bell.ca			220311_Email. Burnside sent an email, noting that a preferred design concepts has been identified and would like to share the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates, available here) for your mark-up. In addition a short summary was provided.
E-	Utilities	Bell Canada	Ms.	Wendy	Lefebvre	Design Manager, Access Network	5115 Creekbank Road West	3rd Floor	Mississauga	ON	L4W 5R1		905-219-4558		
E -	Utilities	Bell Canada	Mr.	Scott	Moon	Implementation Department		3rd Floor, West Tower	Mississauga	ON	L4W 5R1	scott.moon@bell.ca	905-219-4558		220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.

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Group (Internal Use Only)	Agency/ Organization	Title	First Name	Last Name	Position	Address 1	Address 2	City	Prov.	Postal Code	Email	Telephone	Comments Received	Response Given
E - Utilities	Bell Canada, Municipal Operations Centre	Mr.	John	Lachapelle		100 Borough Drive	Floor 5 Blue	Scarborough	ON	M1P 4WZ				
E - Utilities	Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.	Mr.	Vince	Cina	Supervisor, Planning and Design	500 Consumers Road		North York	ON	M2J 1P8	vince.cina@enbridge.com			220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E-Utilities	Enbridge Pipelines Inc.	Ms.	Ann	Newman	Crossing Co-ordinator	1086 Modeland Road.	Building 1050, 1st Floor	Sarnia	ON	N7S 6L2	ann.newman@enbridge.com		looking for lands related info. Pls. contact_est.reg.crossing@enbridge.com	220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Enbridge Pipelines Inc.				Lands & ROW Administrator - Crossings, Eastern Region	Park	1086 Modeland Road, Bldg. 1050 1st Floor		ON	N7S 6L2	est.reg.crossing@enbridge.com	519-333-6753		220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	,	Weston	Sagle							Weston.Sagle@npei.ca			220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.	,				7447 Pin Oak Drive	P.O. Box 120	Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 6S9	info@npei.ca	(905)-356- 2681	210705_Email, NPEI has received the request, and it will be processed within the next 10 working days. 200805_Email, NPEI has received your request and it will be processed within the next 10 working days.	220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Rogers Communications	Ms.	Marion	Wright	Planning Coordinator	3573 Wolfedale Road		Mississauga	ON	L5C 3T6		905-897-3914 888-764-3771		
E - Utilities	Trans Canada Corporation MHBC Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture	Ms.	Darlene	Presley	Plannng Co-ordinator, EA contact	442 Brant Street, Suite 204		Burlington	ON	L7R 2G4	dpresley@mhbcplan.com;	905-639-8686 ext. 229 Cell: 705-627-2302		220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.		Cliff	Lee		45 Vogell Road	Suite 310	Richmond Hill	ON	L4B 3P6	<u>clee@tnpi.ca;</u> markupanddrawingrequests@tnpi.ca;		220405_Email. In response to Burnside's email on March 11, 2022, and the attached map, TNPI has no facilities close to planned work areas, if the projects ground disturbance is within the pipeline right of way of TNPI, a Permit will be required, and to contact crossingrequestseast@tnpi.ca or 514-500-1241. 210705_Email. C. Lee requests that if you require drawing markups or to make a drawing request email request to: markupanddrawingrequests@tnpi.ca	220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.	Mr.	Satish	Korpal	Coordinator, Crossings and Facilities	45 Vogell Road	Suite 310	Richmond Hill	ON	L4B 3P6	skorpal@tnpi.ca;	905-770-3353 ext. 211		220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Zayo										Utility.Circulations@zayo.com;	416-649-7527	letandard clearances and we have no objection	220311_Email from Burnside noting that the preferred design concepts has been identified. A link to the preliminary design drawings (including role plans and plates) was provided. 220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
E - Utilities	Niagara Regional Broadband Network (NRBN)					4343 Morrison St		Niagara Falls	ON	ON L2E 6Z9		1-877-331- 6726		
F - Other	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority	Mr.	David	Deluce	Senior Manager, Planning and Regulations	250 Thorold Road West	3rd Floor	Welland	ON	L3C 3W2	ddeluce@npca.ca;	905-788-3135 x224	200805_Email, Due to the COVID-19, NPCA has taken measures to protect staff & public while providing continuity of services. Staff are currently working remotely & will respond to your email as soon as possible.	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.

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Group (Internal Use Only)	Agency/ Organization	Title	First Name	Last Name	Position	Address 1	Address 2	City	Prov.	Postal Code	Email	Telephone	Comments Received	Response Given
F - Other	City of Niagara Falls Municipal Heritage Committee	Ms.	Peggy	Boyle	Staff Liaison	4310 Queen Street		Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 6X5	pboyle@niagarafalls.ca;	(905) 356- 7521, extension 4334		220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
F - Other	Local Paramedic Service	e Ms.	Patricia	Martel	Emergency Management Program Specialist	t 509 Glendale Ave E		Niagara-on-the Lake	³ ON	L0S 1J0	emergencymanagement@niagararegion.ca; patricia.martel@niagararegion.ca;	905-984-5050		220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
F - Other	Niagara Regional Police Service	Mr.	Bryan	MacCulloch	Chief of Police	5700 Valley Way		Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 1X8		905-688-4111		
F - Other	Niagara Falls Fire Department		Diane	Tukonic	Exec. Assistant	5809 Morrison St.		Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 2E8	dtukonic@niagarafalls.ca;		jzambito@niagarafalls.ca shall assume Fire Chief, contact Diane Tukonic, Executive Assistant to the	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
F - Other	Niagara Falls Fire Department	Mr.	Jim	Boutilier	Fire Chief	5809 Morrison St.		Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 2E8	firechief@niagarafalls.ca	extension	210705_Email. Fire Chief Jim Boutilier has retired as of June 30,2021 at which time Jo Zambito jzambito@niagarafalls.ca shall assume Fire Chief, contact Diane Tukonic, Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief at extension 2203 or dtukonic@niagarafalls.ca for any matters.	210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
F - Other	District School Board of Niagara	Ms.	Kim	Yielding	Chief Communications Officer	191 Carlton Street		St. Catherines	ON	L2R 7P4		905-641-1550		
F - Other	Niagara Catholic District School Board (NCDSB)	Ms.	Jennifer	Pellegrini	Communications Officer	427 Rice Road		Welland	ON	L3C 7C1		905.735.0240 ext. 297		
F - Other	Niagara Falls Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA)	Mr.	Ron	Charbonneau	Chairman	4608 Queen Street		Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 2L6	info@queenstreetniagara.com; Roncharbonneau58@gmail.com;	905-356-5444		220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2. 200805_Email from Burnside with letter and NOCm/ NoPIC.
F - Other	Niagara Falls Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA)		Amanda	Amanda Nicol- MacDonald		4608 Queen Street		Niagara Falls	ON	L2E 2L6	info@downtownniagarafalls.com;			220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210705_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #2.
F - Other	Waterfront Trail Metrolinx Trail-to-GO		Marlaine	Koehler	Executive Director						mk@wrtrust.com;	416-520-4205		220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3
F - Other	Bousfields Inc.		Evan	Sugden	Senior Planner	1 Main Street East, Suite 200		Hamilton	ON	L8N 1E7	esugden@bousfields.ca;	905-549-3005 Ext. 259 Cell: 705-305-6445	210803_Email from E. Sugden, Please add contact information to Project Contact List, to receive further information. Company has clients with properties within the Study Area.	220117_Email from Burnside with Notice of PIC #3 210803_Email, City responded that contact information will be added to Project Contact List. The 2nd PIC was recently held on July 21st and the material can be found on the Region's website.

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Comments Received	Response Given
220218_Comment Sheet. Resident completed comment sheet through the portal provided. Resident requested any information that pertains to PARKING in the Study Area, on a parking strategy or a Parking Study for this entire area. Resident owns several properties and businesses in the Study Area. Studies do not include PARKING, or even parking strategies. Under the two headings ROAD AND TRAFFIC and TRANSIT OPERATIONS and even STREETSCAPING; there is very little on a parking strategy for any of the entire Study Area. Is there a parking study coming? Resident requests a copy of that study.	The City of Niagara Falls will be undertaking a Parking Study to address parking needs within the downtown including study area. Parking Study will commence prior to implementation of the recommendations of this MCEA. The recommended solution and resultant removal of on-street parking is consistent with Niagara Region Official Plan policies for Regional Roads, including, Official Plan Policy 9.A.31 and Official Plan Policy 9.A.37
210715_Email. Resident requested to be added to Project Contact List.	
210116_Email. Resident wrote concerning the EA. Resident consulted the PIC video and wrote Mr Bacquie with a few concerns. 200930_Email. Resident concerned for any potential changes to our low density residential designation as per Secondary Plan. 200915_Email. Resident asked several questions. Q1. Does this study imply that Metrolinx will be expanding GO train service to Niagara Falls by 2023 as planned? Q2. What might the nature of the impact be for homes on private property on Bridge, Erie, Park & Zimmerman? Q3. At this point, would the existing parking lots on Park be maintained? Any plans to use the land southwest of Queen & Zimmerman as a parking lot for GO station? Q4. As for the space where the current bus terminal sits southwest of Erie & Bridge, would it be entirely given over to parking? Q5 Am I correct in assuming that the north part of Huron west of Zimmerman may be re-zoned for mixed use & our side remain low-density residential? If so, what implications might that have for us? Q6. More generally, what impact might this project have on our small street?	200930_Email. Burnside responded that staff will connect with the City regarding the Secondary Plan designation. 200928_Email. Burnside responded, A1. This study is proceeding in anticipation of the planned expansion to GO Rail service to Niagara Falls station. Study conducted by Niagara Region; the Region does not have the responsibility or authority over timing of GO Rail service, however Region does regularly coordinate with Metrolinx on timing of GO service and Bridge Street infrastructure. A2. Unknown currently if there will be any impact to private property on Bridge, Erie, Park and Zimmerman. Next stages will balance needs for transportation solutions and designs with any potential impacts to private property, which will be presented to landowners and other stakeholders. A3. The determination of and uses (including parking lots) associated with specific properties is beyond the scope of this study. A4. The Precinct Plan contemplates a parking facility on current bus terminal southwest of Erie Avenue and Bridge Street. A5. Properties fronting onto Huron Street (on the north and south sides) west of Zimmerman Avenue to Erie Avenue are planned to remain Low Density Residential uses. A6. This project is related to improvements to Bridge Street and parts of Erie Avenue, Park Street and Zimmerman Avenue (north of Queen Street). Do not anticipate any direct impact to your street as a result of this project. That said, it is anticipated that the broader Secondary Plan area will transform as result of GO Station development and other redevelopment in accordance with Secondary Plan.
210721_Email. Property owner tried to negotiate Teams for the last 30 minutes, and requested whether the meeting was recorded and whether a copy could be sent. 200915_Email Property owner on Zimmerman Avenue /Queen Street. Resident believes that the future transportation route should take into consideration the traffic flow, both in direction and volume on River Road, making Queen Street a one way street, flowing up Queen Street from River Road should be given serious consideration. A return road to allow traffic to flow down from Victoria Avenue to River Road would alleviate congregation.	
200824_Online. Requested what properties will be bought on Bridge Street? Is it going to be a purchase or expropriation? 200811_Call. Question / Comment, Owns commercial properties on Victoria. Is a radio broadcaster, interested in project and willing to work with Region. Asked: (1) What the project is about? (2) What is the status of Ryerson University Development (currently on Zimmerman Avenue and Queen Street)? (3) Can we meet to discuss? Answer. Burnside noted project is at early stages, looking to improve Bridge Street and portions of Erie Avenue, Park Street and Zimmerman Avenue in support of planned GO station and City of Niagara Falls Secondary Plan for development in area. Burnside's not aware of status of Ryerson University plans, but we will look into it. Burnside suggested that the Resident look for information on Region website for project next week.	200811_Email. Niagara Region responded regarding the property impacts and potential acquisition. It was noted that the EA is in the early planning stages, and that the preferred solution and/ or preferred design is not yet identified, and impacts to property are not yet determined; therefore, we have not initiated property impact and potential for acquisition discussions with property owners. The Region noted that if the property is identified the Region will contact to initiate discussions. Niagara Region's practice to assess impacted properties in terms of injurious affection and/or appraised value through an independent appraiser which provides a basis for discussion on partial or complete acquisition. Expropriation is a costly process and only considered in the event that an agreement cannot be made in terms of fair valuation.
200914_Email. Resident concerned with proposed roundabout at Bridge Street and Victoria Avenue. Concerns regarding transport trucks getting around the roundabout as well as accidents. Resident requested to consider no hill in the middle of the roundabout with tall plants, difficult to see cars coming from the other rection. I am all for the GO train.	200915_Email. Niagara Region responded that comments about the design of the roundabout have been noted. 200915_Email. Burnside responded that comments will be included in the assessment. It was notee that the planned roundabout at Bridge Street and Victoria Avenue is being designed through a separate study, but we have shared your comments with that design team.

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safety of all road users are considered and appropriately accomodated. Complete Streets- Streets planned to balance the needs of all road users, including pedestians, cyclists, transit-users, and motorists. 220209_Email. Niagara Tinting, requests that staff comment on this from NFLS OP 3.12.3 Potential Street Grid Refinement - 3.12.3.2 Another potential refinement to the grid system would be an extension of Ontario Avenue north from Park St. to Bridge St. This extension would allow for increased flow and circulation in and around the Transit Station Area. 220209_Email. Niagara Tinting, requests that staff comment on why your proposal conflicts with the Niagara Falls OP. OP c) Redevelopment of Bridge Street is proposed to be accomodated within a planned 23.2 m ROW as illustrated on Figure 14. The previous general boulevard recommendations apply to Bridge Street and specific design recommendations include: (vi) On-street parking 2.5 m in width and provided on both sides of the street. (vii) On-street cycling lanes on both sides of the street with minimum widths of 1.2 m. (viii) One 3.3 m wide travel lane in each direction. 211122_Email. Landowner requested staff take another look at a specific property on Bridge Street, the front yard set back and encroachment agreement for the porch and confirm there is no impact.	211122 Email. Burnside responded that staff have reviewed impacts and it appears that there may be some impact and need for mitigation, details of topographic survey to confirm the edge of building, porch and steps will be reconfirmed to see if there is any encroachment into the Regional Road ROW. 211122 Email. Burnside responded that in the short-term of this project, works will be completed within existing Regional ROW. There will only be impacts to current operations if landowners are encroaching upon ROW. Several properties noted for clarification. 200817 Email and letter, was responded to that contact information had been added to Project Contact List, and attached information of online PIC for review and comment. Company was informed that properties impacted will be contacted directly to initiate discussions. Company input will be documented and taken into account as one of many factors in evaluation process. Burying utilities will be considered. MCEA will explore urbanization of Bridge Street and consider the conveyance of storm water through separated storm sewers. Niagara Region and City of Niagara Falls will work to identify suitable solutions. Niagara Region does not have the authority to make changes to CN Rail ROW nor alter its operations. The aforementioned alterations are not subject to approval through the EA Act with which this MCEA is undertaken in accordance with. These items are dealt with through the Planning Act whereby applications are submitted to the City of Niagara Falls.
200914_Email. Resident lives at the corner of Queen Street and River Road. The buses need to use Bridge Street then parkway. There are 2 turns in 4 blocks. The bus runs over stop sign and curbs always. They hold up traffic turning. Visitors do not understand the routes? I would like to speak quickly to either one of you tomorrow.	200915_Email. Niagara Region responded with phone number to call.
200917_Email. Owns and operates Snap E Bike Rentals. Request to be added to Project Contact List, as did not recieve the initial mail out.	200917_Email. Burnside responded that contact information has been added to the Project Contact List.
201020_Email. Requested whether there was a ESR report available, as they are working with a couple of groups in downtown Niagara Falls to develop a	201020_Email. Niagara Region responded that the EA process is ongoing and that PIC #1 was recently completed. It was noted that the Consultant retained for the EA. 201020_Email from J. Frost, Note, on Parental Leave of Absense, Oct. 5, 2020 to April 2, 2021. pls. contact Carolyn Ryall (carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca)
	201026_Email. Niagara Region responded with directions regarding how to provide comments on the project. It was noted to go to the Region's website and search for Bridge Street EA under Transportation Division, where the latest information is posted. The Region noted if there are any comments after your review send to contact details listed for the file and follow-up.
	201103_Email. Niagara Region responded that staff should be able to accomodate the request, and noted that Burnside will add contact information to the Project Contact List.
210409_Email. Request to be added to Project Contact List,	210409_Email. Niagara Region responded that the PIC #2 has not been held yet. It was noted that staff will fix the Project Timeline on the study website. The Region noted that due to Covid-19 situation and staff resources, the project has been delayed, Consultant staff are currently coordinating with the City of Niagara Falls and preparing the alternatives for PIC#2 which is expected to be in Spring 2021 (mid-May).

Comments Received	Response Given
21085_Online Comment Form. Resident, landowner in the subject Study Area writing to offer comments on PIC # 2: • General – Provide flexibility for the configuration of the Ultimate Solution for each potential option to coincide with the buildout of the Study Area • Better opportunity for MUP on north side of Bridge Street (Page 18) • Concerns with inaccurate delineation of Heritage Properties and Areas of Archeological Potential (Page 12)	
Thours Resident also requested what type of meeting (virtual phone in-herson /), and location it applicable, vyound like to have additional supports with me in the	211123_Email. Burnside responded, that the meeting will be virtual an invitation link will be provided once we confirm dates and times preferences. Offer to join in a bit later during the time slot (4:00-6:30), the invite can be forwarded to others if you prefer.
220207_Comment Form. Resident noted that the PIC #3 ppt, slide 27, indicates a narrowing of Park St. by 8 m, on north side; which will continue west of Erie. Resident asked how far west will the narrowing continue and what will happen beyond that? Resident assumes that the south side parking will remain, but that would make for a somewhat awkward transition. Resident asked whether it is anticiaped that bus route areas will be changed, with the reconfiguring of station area? Will buses continue along a somewhat narrower Park St., and will there be higher anticipated bus traffic along bridge, and whether there are anticipated noise/other implications. Resident requested whether this is part of another study, please advise? PIC #3 ppt, slide 11, Resident requested to look at the listed investigations carried out. Resident noted as a cyclist/pedestrian I like the bike lines and sidewalks. (1) Is there a plan illustrating improvements to GO train service? Is there somewhere to look for planned go train track/service improvements? (2) Improving the train-bus linkage will also have the unintended consequenceto efficiently usher commuters onto the bus that takes them right to the casino. Yes if 1 (above) is solved you will likely get some development over time, but there must be some incentives set up in the mean time to encourage business, a restaurant or coffee shop that is open late. Is there somewhere to look for a plan describes such incentives?	



Appendix A2

Notice of Study Commencement

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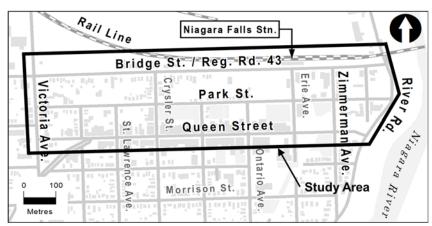


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PIC Summary Report #1

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1.0 Introduction and Background

The Regional Municipality of Niagara (Region) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to consider improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways in City of Niagara Falls. In consultation with the City of Niagara Falls the Region will assess the following: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road, Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Park Street.

The Region has identified the following problem and opportunity statement.

As identified within Niagara Region's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), transportation infrastructure improvements are required to adequately support the increase in travel demand created by planned population and employment growth as well as the introduction or improvement of major transportation/transit hubs. The Niagara Falls GO Transit Station which was approved in 2011 through the Niagara Rail Service Expansions - Environmental Review Study is one of the major transit hubs contributing to the need.

Niagara Region, in collaboration with the City of Niagara Falls, has initiated the undertaking of a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to identify alternative solutions and designs to address the need for transportation infrastructure improvements within the area surrounding the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station.

Through the planned improvements, the opportunity arises to:

- Facilitate the movement of people to, from, and around the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station via all travel modes (i.e. automobile, transit, cycling, and walking) including the potential to connect and integrate the transportation network with existing and future City of Niagara Falls' transportation network improvements/facilities and the downtown core.
- Implement the vision and objectives contained within Niagara Region's TMP to create a diverse, safe, and sustainable transportation network built upon the principles of Complete Streets and Active Transportation.
- Implement the vision and objectives of the City of Niagara Falls' guiding planning documents such as the City of Niagara Falls' Official Plan, the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Secondary Plan, and the GO Transit Station Precinct Plan.
- Harmonize the urban design and public realm to create a sense of place within the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Precinct focusing on Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street), Erie Avenue, Park Street, and Zimmerman Avenue.

The Class EA is being carried out in accordance with the Schedule C requirements (Phases 1 to 4) of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. A key component of the study includes consultation with interested stakeholders. Due to the current closures of public spaces for large gatherings, Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 was held virtually on the Region's engagement platform, which started on August 18, 2020 with comments to be submitted by September 15, 2020. This report documents the PIC #1 and summarizes the notification process, the information presented, and the comments received during the comment period.

2.0 Method of Notification

Details of the date and purpose of PIC #1 were published as a notice, advertised in the Niagara Falls Review on August 5 and 12, 2020, and on August 6, 2020 in the Niagara This Week. A copy of the advertisement is provided in Appendix A. Notification of PIC #1 was also posted on the Special Projects webpage for the Region (https://niagararegion.ca/projects/). The Notice was either emailed or mailed to agencies, municipalities, Indigenous communities with a potential interest in the project as well as local residents who live within the Study Area. Indigenous communities were sent an individualized letter in addition to the notice.

3.0 Public Meeting Format

Given the current provincial government order to limit social interactions to reduce community spread of the COVID-19 virus, PIC #1 was hosted in a virtual environment. A digital copy of the presentation material with recorded commentary was made available on the Region website, posted to the Special Projects page for the public to view or download anytime during the comment period. The presentation began with a description of the project, relevant policies, and previous studies. The problem and opportunity statement was provided and the current phase of the Class EA process for the project was indicated. Descriptions were provided of the existing transportation system: Roads, Transit, Cycling, Pedestrian; key issues; and studies to be completed. Finally, next steps were stated and the invitation to participate was encouraged.

A copy of the presentation is provided in Appendix B. Opportunity for public feedback was made available by contacting the Project Team with written comments, or through an on-line digital comment form. A copy of the online comment form is provided in Appendix C along with records of the comments received and responses provided by the Study Team.

4.0 Participation Levels and Summary of Comments Received

This section provides an overview of the feedback received on presentation and material. Written comments were received from six stakeholders during the comment period. Table 1 provides a summary of the comments received and the Study Team response.

Table 1: Summary of Comments Received and Responses Given

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
1	Can you say what properties will be bought on bridge Street? Is it going to be a purchase or expropriation?	Given that we are very early on in the planning process, we have not yet identified the preferred solution and/or preferred design. The impacts to property are not yet determined and therefore, we have not initiated property impact and potential for acquisition discussions with property owners. With that said, Niagara Region aims on maintaining transparency through our planning and design efforts and focuses on early engagement with impacted property owners. Should your property be identified through the planning and design process as impacted due to the preferred solution and/or preferred design, you will be contacted, and discussions initiated.
		It is Niagara Region's practice to assess impacted properties in terms of injurious affection and/or appraised value through an independent appraiser which provides a basis for discussion on partial or complete acquisition. Expropriation is a costly process and only considered in the event that an agreement cannot be made in terms of fair valuation.
2a	What the project is about?	Project is at early stages and Niagara Region is looking to improve Bridge Street and portions of Erie Avenue, Park Street and Zimmerman Avenue in support of the planned

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
		GO station and the City of Niagara Falls Secondary Plan for development in the area.
2b	What is the status of Ryerson University Development (currently on Zimmerman and Queen Street)?	Burnside is not aware of the current status of Ryerson University plans, but we will look into it with the Region.
2c	Can we meet to discuss?	Suggested that commenter look for information on the Region website on the project process following which we would be happy to meet upon your request.
3	Concerned about proposed roundabout at Bridge Street and Victoria Avenue. Concerned about ability for transport trucks to get around roundabout as well as accidents. Also requested that Region not design for large plants in the centre of the roundabout since they obstruct ability to see cars coming from other direction.	Thanked for comments. Noted that as this comment relates to another Region project, it has been passed onto the design team for that project for direct follow-up.
4	As a resident in the area of Queen Street and River Road, request to that buses need to use Bridge Street then Parkway because buses on local streets are holding up traffic and having to make too many turns. Commenter sees buses run over stop signs and over curbs.	Study Team followed up with resident separately.

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
	Also noted that visitors do not understand routes.	
5	 Does this study imply that Metrolinx will be expanding GO train service to Niagara Falls by 2023 as planned? What might the nature of the impact be for homes on private property on Bridge, Erie, Park and Zimmerman? At this point, would the 	1. This study is proceeding in anticipation of the planned expansion to the GO Rail service to the Niagara Falls station. This study is being undertaken by Niagara Region; the Region does not have the responsibility or authority over the timing of the GO Rail service; however the Region does regularly coordinate with Metrolinx on the timing of the GO service and Bridge Street infrastructure.
	existing parking lots on Park be maintained? Any plans to use the land southwest of Queen and Zimmerman as a parking lot for the GO station? 4. As for the space where the	2. It is unknown at this stage of the study if there will be any impact to private property on Bridge, Erie, Park and Zimmerman. Through the next stages, over the next few months, the study will balance the needs for transportation solutions and designs with any potential impacts to private property. Any impacts will be presented to
	current bus terminal sits southwest of Erie and Bridge, would it be entirely given over to parking?	landowners and other stakeholders.3. The determination of and uses (including parking lots) associated with specific
	5. Am I correct in assuming that the north part of Huron west of Zimmerman may be re-zoned for mixed use and our side remain low-density residential? If so, what	properties is beyond the scope of this study. The City of Niagara Falls is undertaking a downtown parking plan and we will be informed by any conclusions from that initiative over the next several months.
	implications might that have for us?6. More generally, what impact might this project have on our small street?	4. The Precinct Plan referenced in our public meeting contemplates a parking facility on the current bus terminal southwest of Erie Avenue and Bridge Street. As we understand, this use for the bus terminal property has not been confirmed. We will provide updates as this project proceeds.

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
		5. From our interpretation of the Downtown Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Secondary Plan, the properties fronting onto Huron Street (on the north and south sides) west of Zimmerman Avenue to Erie Avenue are planned to remain Low Density Residential uses. We can confirm this with the City of Niagara Falls.
		6. This project is related to improvements to Bridge Street and parts of Erie Avenue, Park Street and Zimmerman Avenue (north of Queen Street). We do not anticipate any direct impact to your street as a result of this project. That said, it is anticipated that the broader Secondary Plan area will transform as a result of the GO Station development and other redevelopment in accordance with the Secondary Plan.
6	Own property on Zimmerman Ave/Queen Street. The future transportation route should take into consideration the traffic flow, both in direction and volume on River Road. Making Queen Street a one-way street, flowing up Queen Street from River Road, should be given serious consideration. A return road to allow traffic to flow down from Victoria Avenue to River Road would alleviate congregation.	As part of the EA Study, the team will be looking at future traffic flows and volumes within the Study Area, which will include assessment of nearby streets such as Queen Street, River Road and Victoria Avenue. We will also be giving consideration to one-way streets.

Participant comments are reviewed to provide a better understanding of stakeholder opinions and to provide feedback in the evaluation of the preferred alternative. The summary of comments and advice received during the PIC is intended to provide an

indication of overall shared issues, opinions, and concerns of participants. Copies of individual comments and the Study Team responses are provided in Appendix C.

5.0 Next Steps

Comments and concerns received during the PIC will be reviewed for incorporation into the evaluation and selection of alternative solutions.

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The choice of MCEA Schedule will be reviewed and confirmed or changed as appropriate for the Preferred Solution and a (ESR), documenting the planning and decision-making process of the study, will be prepared for public review and comment at the completion of the study.



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Newspaper Advertisement

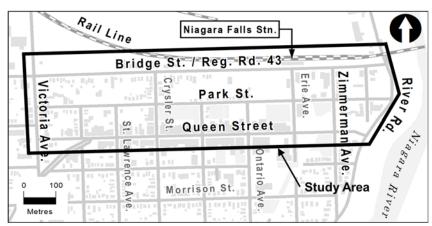


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Appendix B

Presentation Slides



CONNECTING MORE PEOPLE TO MORE POSSIBILITIES

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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- Policies and Previous Studies
- Problem and Opportunity Statement
- Class EA Process and Evaluation
- Consultation Process
- Existing Transportation System: Roads, Transit, Cycling, Pedestrian

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- Studies to be Completed
- Next Steps
- Invitation to Participate

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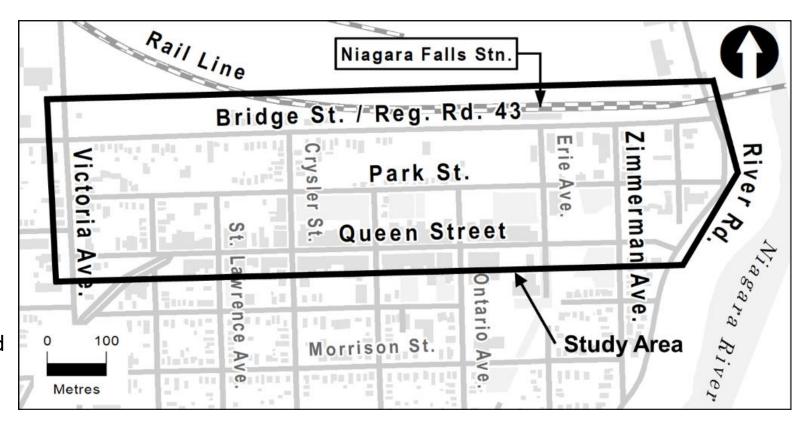
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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The Objective

The objective is to complete a detailed transportation assessment and active transportation plan to meet future needs in the vicinity of the GO rail station. It will provide all the required deliverables to satisfy a Schedule C MCEA.



CLASS EA PROCESS

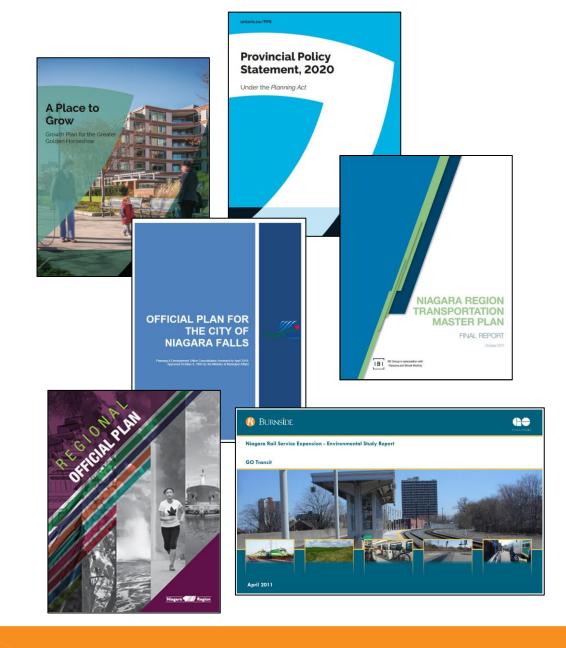
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SUMMER 2020 WINTER 2020/2021 SPRING 2021 and Beyond **EARY FALL 2020 MID FALL 2020** PHASE 4: PHASE 2: PHASE 3: PHASE 5: PHASE I: **ALTERNATIVE DESIGN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROBLEM OR ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITY CONCEPTS REPORT** - Identify alternative solutions to - Detailed design and tender - Notice of Study - Identify alternative problem or opportunity - Complete environmental documents Commencement & PIC #1 design concepts study report - Proceed to construction - Inventory natural, cultural and - Identify problem or economic environment - Detailed inventory of - Notice of Study Completion opportunity natural, cultural and - Identify impact of alternative - Provide a 45-day review economic - PIC #1 solutions on the environment period environment - Identify evaluation criteria - Evaluate alternative - Evaluate alternative solutions design concepts **WE ARE HERE** - PIC #2 - PIC #3 - Select Alternative Solution(s) - Select Preferred **Design Concept** - Confirm MCEA Schedule



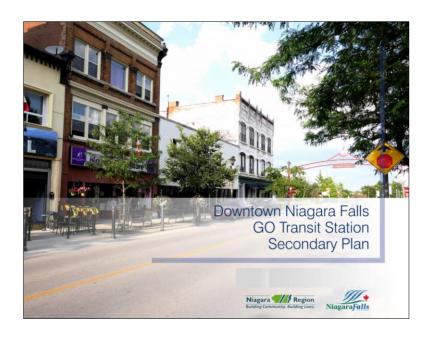
POLICIES AND PREVIOUS STUDIES

- Planning Policies: Adhere to Provincial Policy Statement, municipal official plans, transportation master plans.
- Complete Streets: Define key objectives of the Niagara Region Complete Streets Guidelines.
- Urban Design: Identify elements of City guidelines (pedestrian priority areas, connectors, spaces).
- Metrolinx Plans: Incorporate GO Rail Station Access Plan guiding principles and mode split targets.
- Region Studies: GO Hub and Transit Station Study.

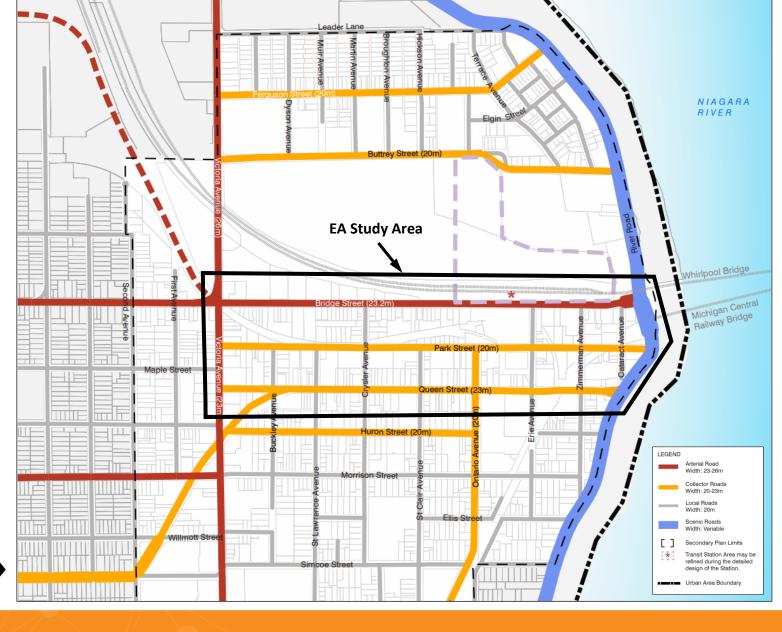




Niagara Falls GO Station Secondary Plan



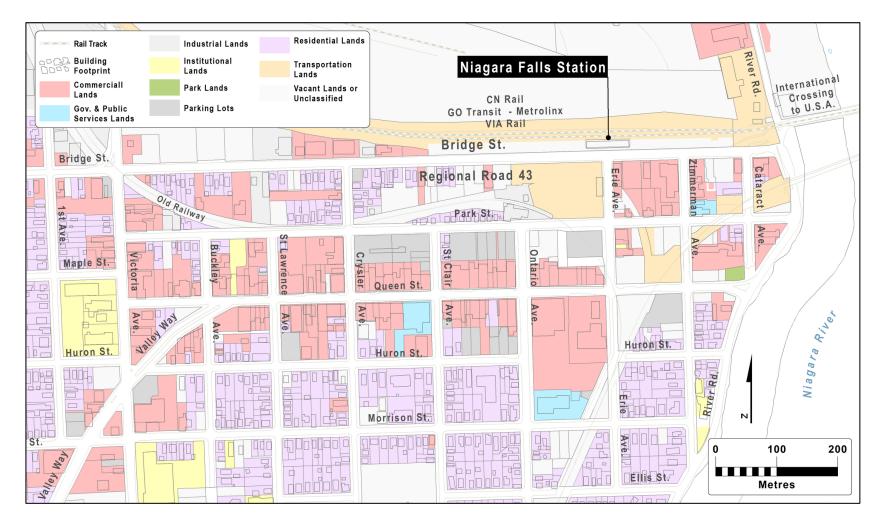
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Existing Land Use

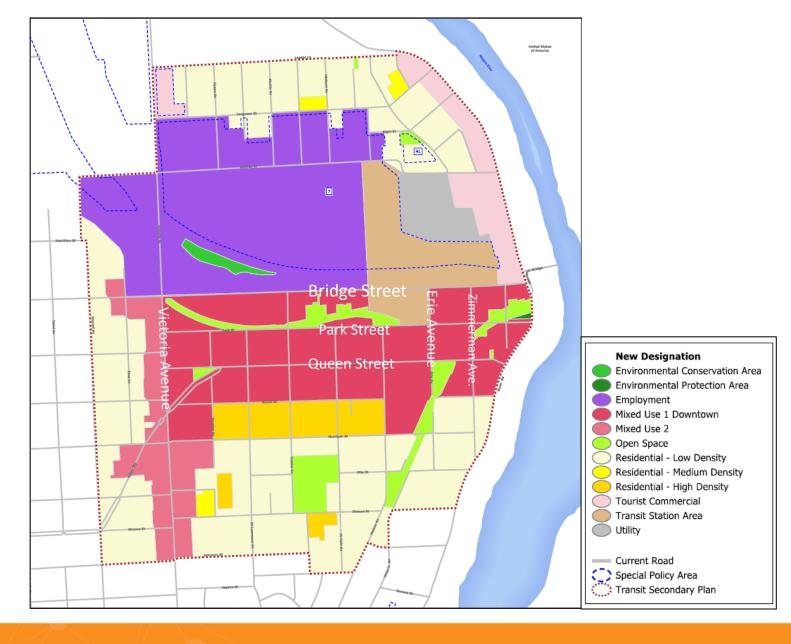
- Official Plan For the City of Niagara Falls, October 1993, amended to April 2019.
- Bridge Street, Erie Avenue, Park Street, Zimmerman Avenue – mixture of low density residential and commercial lands, transportation lands, vacant industrial lands.
- Parking lots along Park Street and future parking on Transportation lands.
- Queen Street commercial core.





Schedule A-5 Land Use of the Transit Station Secondary Plan

- Bridge Street Transportation lands, future employment lands, Mixed Use
 1 (downtown) – the densities range from medium to high – 4 to 20 storeys
- Erie Avenue, Zimmerman Avenue,
 Park Street High density mixed-use downtown

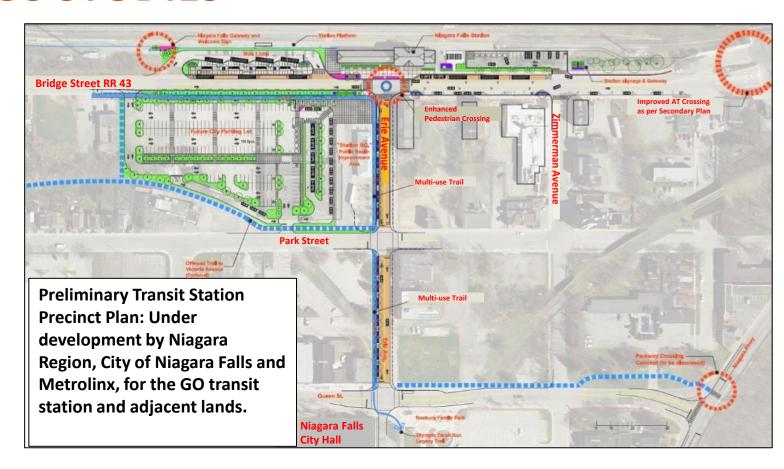






Transit Station Precinct Plan

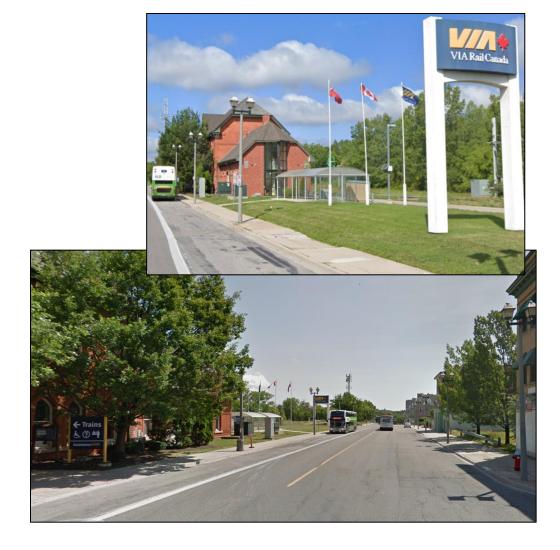
- Ongoing development of concept plans by the Region, City and Metrolinx, for the GO transit station and adjacent lands.
- Transit Station Bus loop, passenger pick-up/drop-off, WEGO bus stop, staff parking and accessible parking.
- Enhance pedestrian crossing at Erie
 Avenue / Bridge Street
- Open space, with potential for a multi-use trail – Erie Avenue and Park Street





PROBLEM AND OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

- As identified within Niagara Region's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), transportation infrastructure improvements are required to adequately support the increase in travel demand created by planned population and employment growth as well as the introduction or improvement of major transportation/transit hubs. The Niagara Falls GO Transit Station which was approved in 2011 through the Niagara Rail Service Expansions Environmental Review Study is one of the major transit hubs contributing to the need.
- Niagara Region, in collaboration with the City of Niagara Falls, has initiated the undertaking of a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to identify alternative solutions and designs to address the need for transportation infrastructure improvements within the area surrounding the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station.





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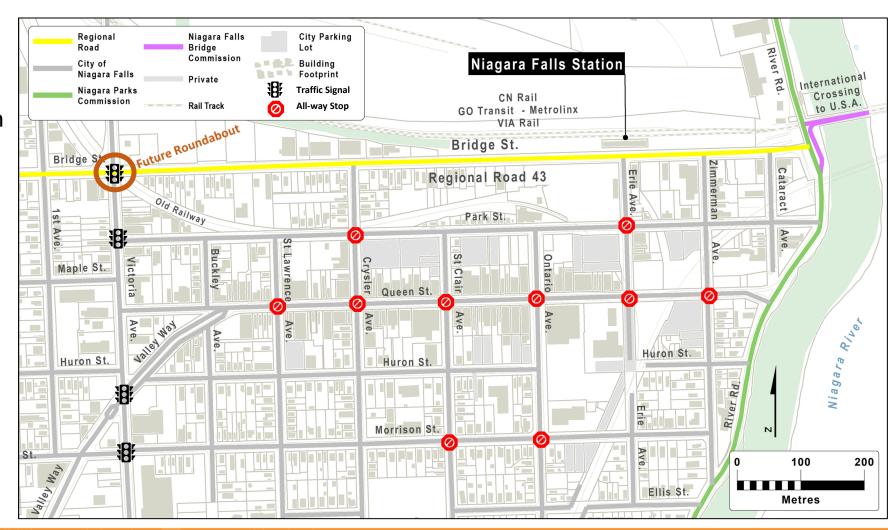
- Through the planned improvements, the opportunity arises to:
 - Facilitate the movement of people to, from, and around the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station via all travel modes (i.e. automobile, transit, cycling, and walking) including the potential to connect and integrate the transportation network with existing and future City of Niagara Falls' transportation network improvements/facilities and the downtown core.
 - Implement the vision and objectives contained within Niagara Region's TMP to create a diverse, safe, and sustainable transportation network built upon the principles of Complete Streets and Active Transportation.
 - Implement the vision and objectives of the City of Niagara Falls' guiding planning documents such as the City of Niagara Falls' Official Plan, the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Secondary Plan, and the GO Transit Station Precinct Plan.
 - Harmonize the urban design and public realm to create a sense of place within the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Precinct focussing on Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street), Erie Avenue, Park Street, and Zimmerman Avenue.



EXISTING ROAD NETWORK

Existing Road Network

- Bridge Street (Regional Road 43) is an arterial spine within the Secondary Plan area.
- Bridge Street will connect to the extension of Thorold Stone Road at Victoria Avenue with a future roundabout.
- City roads provide a grid network for land access, circulation and connections to the planned GO station.

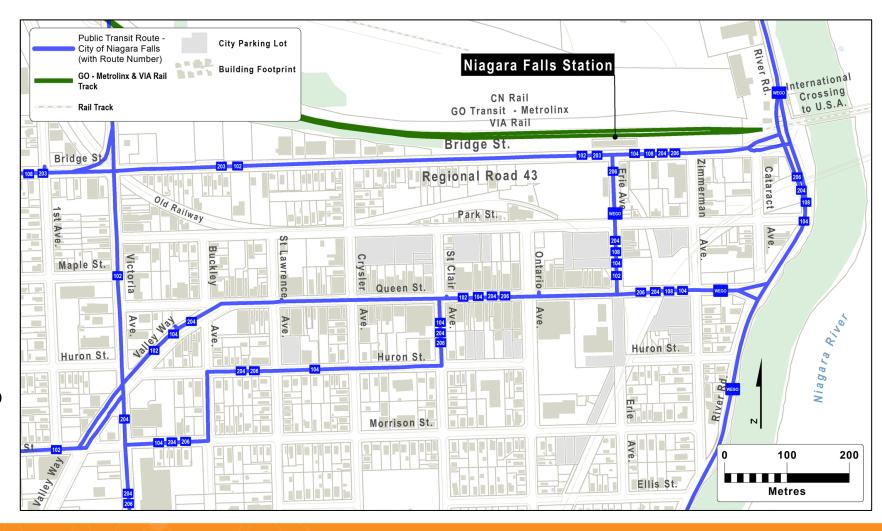




EXISTING TRANSIT SERVICE

Public Transit

- The area is well-served by transit including: Local bus service and inter-regional transit.
- Local bus service routes: 102, 104, 108, 204, 206, WEGO
- Inter-regional transit: GO Transit, VIA Rail
- Proposed relocation of Niagara Falls bus facilities into the transit station

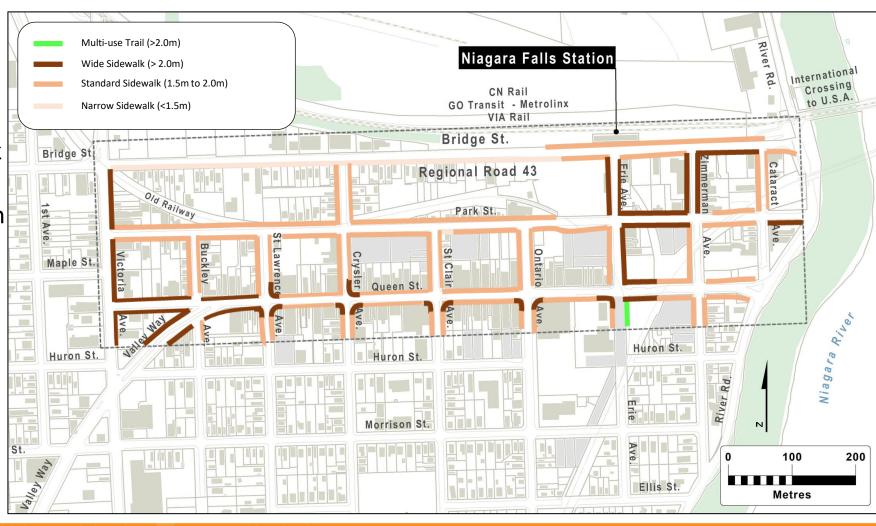




ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Active Transportation: Existing sidewalks and pedestrian connections

- Bridge Street has no sidewalk on the north side and only a narrow sidewalk on the south side, west of the rail station.
- Standard sidewalks are provided on most other streets within the study area.



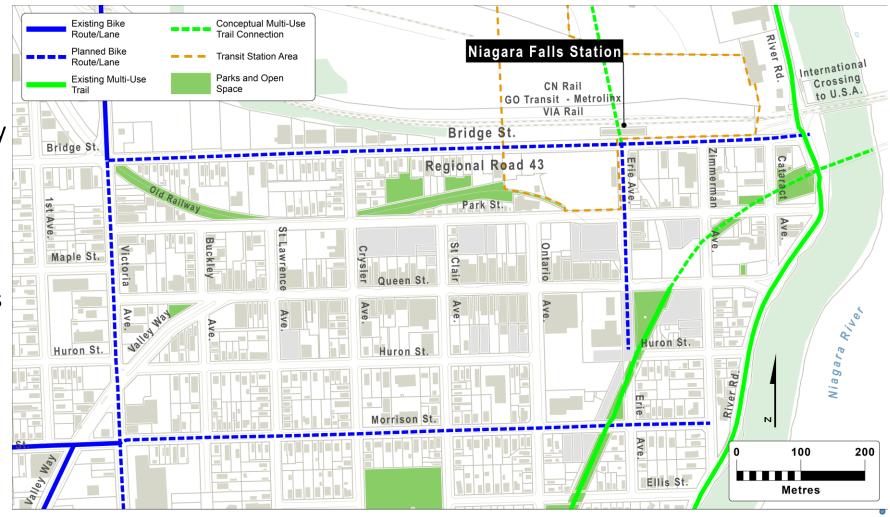




ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Active Transportation: Pedestrian Network and Trails, and Cycling Network

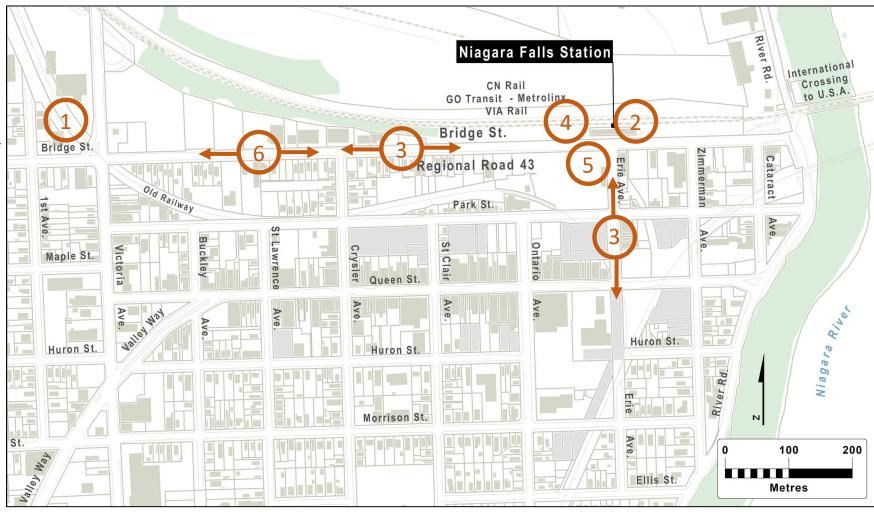
- There is a lack of connectivity of trails and cycling routes.
- Previous planning studies by Niagara Region, City of Niagara Falls, and Metrolinx) have identified opportunities for new pedestrian and cycling connections.
- There is a need to confirm the links and facility type.





KEY OPPORTUNITIES

- Thorold Stone Road Extension
 - Design consideration
- 2. Transit Station Design
 - GO Hub and Transit Station Study
 - Bus Station Relocation
 - Parking / Passenger Pick-up/Drop-off
- 3. Active Transportation Connectivity
- 4. Addition of bus loop at transit station
- 5. Property remediation constraints imposed on redevelopment of transportation lands at the southwest quadrant of Erie Street / Bridge Street.
- 6. Widened right-of-way to accommodate streetscape requirements (vehicular traffic, pedestrian travel, cyclists, parking, services) and potential for property impacts







STUDIES TO BE COMPLETED



STAKEHOLDERS/AGENCIES

Ongoing consultation through public Notices, PICs, email and in-person correspondence, meetings, etc.



TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION

Undertake Detailed Transportation Assessment



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Assess ways to incorporate Active Transportation Facilities



SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Review of conflicts and improvement opportunities



SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

Complete Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Built Heritage and Cultural Landscape Assessment



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Complete Natural Environment Impact Study which will look at the terrestrial and aquatic environments



UTILITIES

Coordinate with developments and municipality on servicing needs.



NEXT STEPS







- 30-Day PIC #1 Comment Period Ending on September 15, 2020.
- Review PIC#1 Comments
- Complete the transportation, safety, and environmental studies
- Develop and evaluate Alternative Solutions
- Continue consulting with interested stakeholders/agencies
- Present preferred Alternative Solution(s) at PIC #2 in Fall 2020

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



Ask questions or discuss issues with the Project Team today at the PIC.



Fill out a PIC comment form and return by September 15, 2020.



Request to be added to the Project contact list to receive updates and future public notices about the Project.



Visit the Project website for more information. (niagararegion.ca/projects/)



Attend future Public Information Centres.



QUESTIONS

Your comments are important. They will be reviewed as part of the study process and incorporated into the Environmental Study Report as part of the consultation record.

To submit a comment, please complete a comment sheet and mail or email it to one of the individuals listed below. Alternatively, you can email or call one of the individuals listed below to discuss your concerns and/or comments.

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Appendix C

Comment Form and Comments Received



Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

COMMENT SHEET	Name:	
Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 – Available August 18, 2020	Address:	
Comment Period: August 18, 2020 to September 15, 2020	Postal Code:	
	Phone:	
	Email:	

Niagara Region is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), in consultation with the City of Niagara Falls for improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, including: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road, Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Park Street. This PIC has been scheduled to introduce the project and allow all interested parties an opportunity to discuss issues related to the project. Public input is encouraged and will be given consideration during the planning and design of this project.

Comments/Questions/Suggestions (additional space on the next page):

Niagara Region and R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited thank you for your involvement in this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways. Personal information collected or submitted in writing at public meetings will be collected, used and disclosed by members of Regional Council and Regional staff in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*. The written submissions including names, contact information and reports of the public meeting will be made available. Questions should be referred to the Privacy Office at 905-980-6000, ext. 3779 or FOI@niagararegion.ca.



Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Comments/Questions/Suggestions (Continued):

Please complete this Comment Sheet and submit via email to either of the Study Team members below on or before September 15, 2020. Your input and comments are appreciated.

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Manager, Transportation Planning &
Sustainability
Niagara Region
905.980.6000 x3336
Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca

Ray Bacquie, P. Eng.
Project Manager
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Ray Bacquie

From: Tassone, Frank <frank.tassone@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 10:49 AM

To: Frost, Jordan; Sales, Alex **Subject:** FW: Resident enquiry

Jordan see below re. Bridge Street.

Thanks

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Thorold, ON
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From: Oakes, Nicole < Nicole.Oakes@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 10:37 AM

To: Sales, Alex <Alex.Sales@niagararegion.ca>; Tassone, Frank <frank.tassone@niagararegion.ca>

Cc: Kramer, Gema < Gema. Kramer@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: FW: Resident enquiry

Good morning,

Below is a resident request for your team.

Nicole Oakes

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner
Planning and Development Services, Niagara Region

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Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 10:28 AM

To: Oakes, Nicole < Nicole.Oakes@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Resident enquiry

Good morning Nicole – resident enquiry below. Have a good day.

Date: 8-5-2020 8:09:40 AM

IP: 67.69.69.113

Comment: Can you say what properties will be bought on bridge st? Is it

going to be a purchase or expropriation?

Email: Agent:

Liked:

lloisel@msn.com

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https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/thorold-stone-road/default.aspx Page:

Gema Kramer

Administrative Assistant Strategic Communications and Public Affairs Niagara Region Phone (905) 980-6000 ext. 3242 Toll Free 1 (800) 263-7215 www.niagararegion.ca

Ray Bacquie

From: Frost, Jordan < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:17 AM

To: lloisel@msn.com

Cc: Tassone, Frank; Sales, Alex

Subject: Enquiry - Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) - Property Impacts and Potential for

Acquisition

Good Morning,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the property impacts and potential for acquisition with respect to the Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA). This Study covers:

- Bridge Street between Victoria Avenue and River Road;
- Erie Avenue between Bridge Street and Queen Street;
- Park Street between Ontario Avenue and Zimmerman Avenue; and
- Zimmerman Avenue between Bridge Street and Park Street.

At this point in time, we are preparing for Public Information Centre (PIC) No. 1 on August 18, 2020 to provide an overview of the Study and present the Problem & Opportunity Statement. This will be the first of three PICs as part of our extensive consultation program; details will be made available on the project webpage at www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea/default.aspx.

Given that we are very early on in the planning process, we have not yet identified the preferred solution and/or preferred design. The impacts to property are not yet determined and; therefore, we have not initiated property impact and potential for acquisition discussions with property owners.

With that said, Niagara Region aims on maintaining transparency through our planning and design efforts and focuses on early engagement with impacted property owners. Should your property be identified through the planning and design process as impacted due to the preferred solution and/or preferred design, you will be contacted and discussions initiated.

It is Niagara Region's practice to assess impacted properties in terms of injurious affection and/or appraised value through an independent appraiser which provides a basis for discussion on partial or complete acquisition. Expropriation is a costly process and only considered in the event that an agreement cannot be made in terms of fair valuation.

Should you have any additional questions or would like to discuss further, please contact me as per my coordinates below.

Regards,

Jordan Frost, P.Eng., PTOE

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Telephone Conversation Record

Call Date / Time: August 11, 2020; 1:00 pm **Project No.:** 300051307.0000

Project Name: Niagara Region and Adjacent Municipal Roadways MCEA

Phone Number: 416-518-3200

Contact Name: Aman Singh. (AS)

Project Team Member: Ray Bacquie (RB)

The following items were discussed Action by 1. Questions/Comments

AS owns commercial properties on Victoria. He is also a radio broadcaster and is very interested in the project and is willing to work with the Region. AS asked:

- What the project is about?
- What is the status of Ryerson University Development (currently on Zimmerman and Queen Street)?
- Can we meet to discuss?

2. Answers/Responses

RB noted that the project is at it's early stages and that Niagara Region is looking to improve Bridge Street and portions of Erie Avenue, Park Street and Zimmerman Avenue in support of the planned GO station and the City of Niagara Falls Secondary Plan for development in the area.

Burnside is not aware of the current status of Ryerson University plans, but we will look into it.

RB suggested that AS look for information on the Region website on the project process next week and then we would be happy to meet upon your request.

Burnside

The preceding telephone comments were documented by the project team member as record of the discussion.

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Sylvia Waters

From: Sales, Alex <Alex.Sales@niagararegion.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:04 PM

To: Ray Bacquie; Dorothy Nytko-Alcaraz; Frost, Jordan

Cc: Sylvia Waters; Jennifer Vandermeer

Subject: RE: Transportation Assessment Bridge St. Niagara Falls

Hi Dorothy,

I have noted your comments about the design of the roundabout.

I will be your direct contract in that regard.

Thanks,

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Senior Project Manager
Transportation Engineering, Public Works
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From: Ray Bacquie <Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com> Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:33 AM

To: Dorothy Nytko-Alcaraz <dnytko@hotmail.com>; Frost, Jordan <Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>; Sales, Alex

<Alex.Sales@niagararegion.ca>

Cc: Sylvia Waters <Sylvia.Waters@rjburnside.com>; Jennifer Vandermeer <Jennifer.Vandermeer@rjburnside.com>

Subject: RE: Transportation Assessment Bridge St. Niagara Falls

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Hello Dorothy,

Thank you for your comments; we will include them in our assessment.

I do note that the planned roundabout a the Bridge Street and Victoria Avenue is being designed through a separate study, but we have shared your comments with that design team.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Bacquie, P. Eng., MBA
Senior Vice President, Transportation

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited | www.rjburnside.com Office: +1 800-265-9662 Direct: +1 905-821-5891 From: Dorothy Nytko-Alcaraz <<u>dnytko@hotmail.com</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:48 AM

To: Jordan.frost@niagararegion.ca; Ray Bacquie <Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>

Subject: Transportation Assessment Bridge St. Niagara Falls

Good Morning Jordan and Ray,

My name is Dorothy Nytko-Alcaraz and I received a letter regarding the transportation assessment for Bridge St in Niagara Falls. I am interested in being on the mailing list for future updates to this assessment.

The only concern I have is the proposed roundabout at Bridge St and Victoria Ave. Having worked in Kitchener and Waterloo where there are a TON of roundabouts, I just have concerns regarding transport trucks getting around the roundabout as well as accidents. Also, if you could please consider no hill in the middle of the roundabout with tall plants. It is really difficult to see the cars that are coming from the other direction.

I am all for the GO train coming here and hope that it can revitalize our downtown community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dorothy Nytko-Alcaraz

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Sylvia Waters

From: Ray Bacquie

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 2:56 PMTo: Sylvia Waters; Jennifer VandermeerCc: 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA

Subject: FW: bus/4671 river road

From: Frost, Jordan < <u>Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 11:52 AM

To: Mulligan, Shelagh < shelagh < shelagh.mulligan@ncdsb.com Cc: Ray Bacquie < Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com shelagh.mulligan@ncdsb.com <a href="mailto:shelag

Subject: RE: bus/4671 river road

Hi Shelagh,

Please call me at (905) 246-2221 to discuss.

Regards,

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From: Mulligan, Shelagh <shelagh.mulligan@ncdsb.com>

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:00 PM

To: Frost, Jordan < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>

Cc: Ray.Bacquie@rgburnside.com Subject: bus/4671 river road

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Hi,

I am late for a comment on the proposed bus route. I live at the corner of queen st & river road. The buses need to use bridge st/then pkwy. There are 2 turns in 4 blocks. The bus runs over stop sign and curbs always. They hold up traffic turning. Visitors do not understand the routes? I would like to speak quickly to either one of you tomorrow.

Sorry for my last minute, time went faster than I knew,

Thank you, Shelagh Mulligan

Sylvia Waters

From: Ray Bacquie

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 5:47 PM

To: Doug Craig; Frost, Jordan

Cc: Jennifer Vandermeer; Sylvia Waters; Henry Centen

Subject: RE: comments on Bridge St project

Hello Doug,

Thank you for your interest in this project; please see our responses below to your questions:

- 1. Does this study imply that Metrolinx will be expanding Go train service to Niagara Falls by 2023 as planned? Response:
 - This study is proceeding in anticipation of the planned expansion to the GO Rail service to the Niagara Falls station. This study is being undertaken by Niagara Region; the Region does not have the responsibility or authority over the timing of the GO Rail service, however the Region does regularly coordinate with Metrolinx on the timing of the GO service and Bridge Street infrastructure.
- 2. What might the nature of the impact be for homes on private property on Bridge, Erie, Park and Zimmerman? Response:
 - It is unknown at this stage of the study if there will be any impact to private property on Bridge, Erie, Park and Zimmerman. Through the next stages, over the next few months, the study will balance the needs for transportation solutions and designs with any potential impacts to private property. Any impacts will be presented to landowners and other stakeholders.
- 3. At this point, would the existing parking lots on Park be maintained? Any plans to use the land southwest of Queen and Zimmerman as a parking lot for the Go station?

 Response:
 - The determination of and uses (including parking lots) associated with specific properties is beyond the scope of this study. The City of Niagara Falls is undertaking a downtown parking plan and we will be informed by any conclusions from that initiative over the next several months.
- 4. As for the space where the current bus terminal sits southwest of Erie and Bridge, would it be entirely given over to parking?

Response:

- The Precinct Plan referenced in our public meeting contemplates a parking facility on the current bus terminal southwest of Erie Avenue and Bridge Street. As we understand, this use for the bus terminal property has not been confirmed. We will provide updates as this project proceeds.
- 5. Am I correct in assuming that the north part of Huron west of Zimmerman may be re-zoned for mixed use and our side remain low-density residential? If so, what implications might that have for us?

 Response:
 - From our interpretation of the Downtown Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Secondary Plan, the properties fronting onto Huron Street (on the north and south sides) west of Zimmerman Avenue to Erie Avenue are planned to remain Low Density Residential uses. We can confirm this with the City of Niagara Falls.
- 6. More generally, what impact might this project have on our small street? Response:

• This project is related to improvements to Bridge Street and parts of Erie Avenue, Park Street and Zimmerman Avenue (north of Queen Street). We do not anticipate any direct impact to your street as a result of this project. That said, it is anticipated that the broader Secondary Plan area will transform as a result of the GO Station development and other redevelopment in accordance with the Secondary Plan.

We thank your for your interest in this project and we will provide additional information as the project proceeds.

Regards,

Ray

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From: Doug Craig <dougcraig@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Ray Bacquie <Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>

Subject: comments on Bridge St project

Dear Mr Bacquie,

Hera are my questions:

My wife and I live on Huron Street just west of Zimmerman on the south side.

Question 1 Does this study imply that Metrolinx will be expanding Go train service to Niagara Falls by 2023 as planned?

- 2. What might the nature of the impact be for homes on private property on Bridge, Erie, Park and Zimmerman?
- 3. At this point, would the existing parking lots on Park be maintained? Any plans to use the land southwest of Queen and Zimmerman as a parking lot for the Go station?
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6. More generally, what impact might this project have on our small street?

Thanks for your consideration.

Best,

Doug Craig 4228 Huron St Niagara Falls 905) 324 3034

Sylvia Waters

From: Jennifer Vandermeer

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:17 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: FW: Comments to Transportation Assessment for Regional Road 43

From: mnmulligan@aol.com <mnmulligan@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:34 PM

To: Frost, Jordan < <u>Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca</u>>

Subject: Comments to Transportation Assessment for Regional Road 43

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Mr. Frost,

I am a property owner on Zimmerman Ave/Queen Street. I believe the future transportation route should take into consideration the traffic flow, both in direction and volume on River Rd. Making Queen Street a one way street, flowing up Queen from River Road, should be given serious consideration.

A return road to allow traffic to flow down from Victoria Ave to River Road would alleviate congregation.

Sincerely

Michael Mulligan

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Appendix A3.2

PIC Summary Report #2

*If technical reports are required in an alternative format for accessibility needs, please contact:

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Public Information Centre # 2 Summary Report

Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways

Regional Municipality of Niagara

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1.0 Introduction and Background

The Regional Municipality of Niagara (Region) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to consider improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways in City of Niagara Falls. In consultation with the City of Niagara Falls the Region will assess the following: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road, Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Park Street.

The Region has identified the following problem and opportunity statement.

As identified within Niagara Region's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), transportation infrastructure improvements are required to adequately support the increase in travel demand created by planned population and employment growth as well as the introduction or improvement of major transportation/transit hubs. The Niagara Falls GO Transit Station which was approved in 2011 through the Niagara Rail Service Expansions - Environmental Review Study is one of the major transit hubs contributing to the need.

Niagara Region, in collaboration with the City of Niagara Falls, has initiated the undertaking of a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to identify alternative solutions and designs to address the need for transportation infrastructure improvements within the area surrounding the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station.

Through the planned improvements, the opportunity arises to:

- Facilitate the movement of people to, from, and around the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station via all travel modes (i.e. automobile, transit, cycling, and walking) including the potential to connect and integrate the transportation network with existing and future City of Niagara Falls' transportation network improvements/facilities and the downtown core.
- Implement the vision and objectives contained within Niagara Region's TMP to create a diverse, safe, and sustainable transportation network built upon the principles of Complete Streets and Active Transportation.

- Implement the vision and objectives of the City of Niagara Falls' guiding planning documents such as the City of Niagara Falls' Official Plan, the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Secondary Plan, and the GO Transit Station Precinct Plan.
- Harmonize the urban design and public realm to create a sense of place within the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Precinct focusing on Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street), Erie Avenue, Park Street, and Zimmerman Avenue.

The MCEA is being carried out in accordance with the Schedule C requirements (Phases 1 to 4) of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. A key component of the study includes consultation with interested stakeholders. Due to the current closures of public spaces for large gatherings, Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 was held live online on Microsoft Teams, on July 21, 2021. This report documents the PIC #2 and summarizes the notification process, the information presented, and the comments received during the comment period.

2.0 Method of Notification

Details of the date and purpose of PIC #2 were published as a notice, advertised in the Niagara Falls Review on July 7 and 14, 2021, and on August 8, 2021 in the Niagara This Week. A copy of the advertisement is provided in Appendix A. Notification of PIC #2 was also posted on the Special Projects webpage for the Region (https://niagararegion.ca/projects/). The Notice was either emailed or mailed to agencies, municipalities, Indigenous communities with a potential interest in the project as well as local residents who live within the Study Area.

3.0 Public Meeting Format

Given the current provincial government order to limit social interactions to reduce community spread of the COVID-19 virus, PIC #2 was held online and included a presentation on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. The online presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. A digital copy of the presentation material was made available on the Region website, posted to the Niagara Region Projects page for the public to view or download anytime during the comment period (July 21 to August 6, 2021). The presentation began with a description of the project, relevant policies, and previous studies. The problem and opportunity statement was provided and the current phase of the MCEA process for the project was indicated. A summary of the MCEA supporting studies was provided on socio-economic planning, financial considerations, transportation needs and opportunities, alternative solutions and

preliminary evaluation for Bridge Street and municipal roads. Finally, next steps were stated and the invitation to participate was encouraged.

A copy of the presentation is provided in Appendix B. Opportunity for public feedback was made available by contacting the Project Team members with written comments, or through an on-line digital comment form. A copy of the online comment form is provided in Appendix C along with records of the comments received and responses provided by the Study Team.

4.0 Participation Levels and Summary of Comments Received

This section provides an overview of the feedback received on the presentation and material provided. Written comments were received from one stakeholder during the comment period. Table 1 provides a summary of the comments received and the Study Team response.

Table 1: Summary of Comments Received and Responses Given

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response	
Comment For	Comment Form Received (One Comment Form Received)		
1a	General – Provide flexibility for the configuration of the Ultimate Solution for each potential option to coincide with the buildout of the Study Area.	It is the intent of the Region to incorporate flexibility with area redevelopment. That is the intent of having an interim and ultimate (i.e., with development) such that the ultimate on-road solution will be coordinated with development	
1b	Better opportunity for MUP on north side of Bridge Street (referring to slide 18).	The comment was received and noted. Given the conflict points and constraints west and through the GO station lands and the grade change at the east end of the study area, the MUP is preferred on the south side.	
1c	Concerns with inaccurate delineation of Heritage Properties and Areas of Archeological Potential (referring to slide 12).	The Region and Burnside team has commissioned Archaeological and Cultural Heritage experts to identify heritage resources. Slide 12 is intended to summarize their findings. We will review the elements identified in Slide 12 and will update the summary and evaluation and any figures included in the environmental assessment report as appropriate.	

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Comments a	Comments at PIC: Comment Board			
2	How did the Team consider transit Secondary Plan when determining what the road improvements would look like?	We had to consider the secondary plan in the development of transit forecasts, which estimated the amount of development that would ultimately occur, then projected the number of trips taken in Study Area.		
		The Team then referenced the Secondary Plan policies for transit solutions/alternatives and streetscape elements.		
3	Will any houses need to be removed for recommended improvements?	We are still in the planning stage, however for the short-term proposed plan we will use the existing ROW which will not require removal of homes in the short term.		
		In the medium/ long term, it is anticipated that houses south of Bridge Street and north side of Park will be redeveloped by owners, at which time the Region can investigate acquiring property which is necessary to implement the ultimate solution.		
4	Status of roundabout at Victoria and Bridge, will this project replace the roundabout.	This project is not replacing the roundabout. The intention is that the roundabout project will be tendered this year and constructed next year.		
		The roundabout project is outside of the scope of this current EA, but this project will include designs that connect to the planned roundabout.		
5	What will the road look like in front of GO Station? As there is no light and it is difficult to cross the street.	The Study Team will be reviewing the intersection treatments in the next phase of study. We anticipate a form of controlled crossing at Bridge and Erie, likely a all-way stop. Traffic counts do not show need for traffic signals in the short to medium term; however, this will be brought to the public at the next PIC, in the fall.		

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ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
Verbal Comm	ents at PIC	
6a	I own five properties on Bridge Street. Four of the properties are in a heritage area. Can someone explain what this means?	The Study Teams has identified 12 built heritage resources; two sites (railway station and bank) are designated sites (that required a higher level of protection), other sites are listed sites or identified sites. Anything which is designated must be protected other sites require be avoided or have impacts mitigated through the Class EA process.
		There is also the municipal planning approval process for heritage sites, which will have its own process for addressing heritage features. The Region can provide further information if required.
6b	Could you clarify whether the project does not want any parking on Bridge Street?	Parking on Bridge Street did not come through as a preferred solution. The evaluation is based on the Region Complete Streets practices and priorities, which identifies pedestrian, cycling, transit, vehicle accommodation. The Study Area incorporates short term on-street parking in the vicinity of the GO station, consistent with the objectives of the secondary plan.
6c	Is the road allowance going to encroach into property lines?	The intent of the interim solution is to use the existing regional roadway ROW at this time, to achieve the objectives. At the time of detailed design there may be a need for property to address site specific issues, e.g., utilities, etc.
	Commenter is to submit Site Plans which this may affect. Property has zero front yard clearance. Will the plan take any property at this time?	With the redevelopment of properties, land will be required to accommodate the ultimate preliminary preferred solution Based on timing, the Region may need to require specific properties to facilitation the ultimate design.

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ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
		The Region study Team will coordinate with regional development staff to address site plan issues.
6d	In 2012 there was a tender for dual sewer systems for all of Bridge Street. Will this be coordinated with rebuilding of road?	As this project moves into the design phase, the Study Team will review any utility requirements and coordinate with these providers.
6e	Will the cost of these improvements on Bridge Street be spread out amongst the Bridge Street residents?	The Region will draw upon the Regional Development Charge By-law funding for improvements to the corridor.

Participant comments are reviewed to provide a better understanding of stakeholder opinions and to provide feedback in the evaluation of the Alternative. The summary of comments and advice received during the PIC is intended to provide an indication of overall shared issues, opinions, and concerns of participants. Copies of individual comments and the Study Team responses are provided in Appendix C.

5.0 Next Steps

Comments and concerns received during the PIC #2 will be reviewed for incorporation into the evaluation of Alternative Solutions and the selection of the Preferred Solutions.

The next public contact for the project will be another PIC currently scheduled for mid fall 2021 to present the Preliminary Preferred Alternative Design Concepts for public review and comment.

The choice of MCEA Schedule will be reviewed and confirmed or changed as appropriate for the Preferred Solution and an ESR documenting the planning and decision-making process of the study, will be prepared for public review and comment at the completion of the study.



Appendix A

Newspaper Advertisement

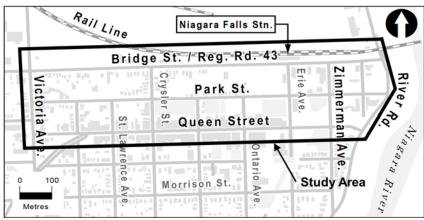


Notice of Public Information Centre #2 Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for:

Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

The Study

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The Process

The study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This study will address the requirements of Phases 1 to 4 of the Municipal Class EA process. Once the study is complete, an Environmental Study Report will be prepared and available for public review and comment. A Notice of Completion will issued at that stage.

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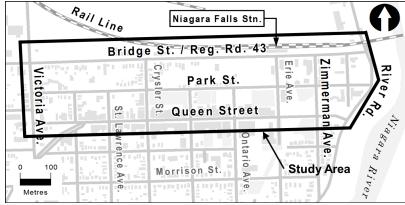




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Appendix B

Presentation Slides



CONNECTING MORE PEOPLE TO MORE POSSIBILITIES

KEY PROJECT TEAM



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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Project Review

- Project Scope & Class EA Process
- Policies and Studies
- Needs and Opportunities:
 - Roads and Traffic Conditions
 - Transit Service Conditions
 - Cycling and Pedestrian Conditions
 - Streetscape Opportunities
- Problem & Opportunity Statement
- PIC #1 Stakeholder Input

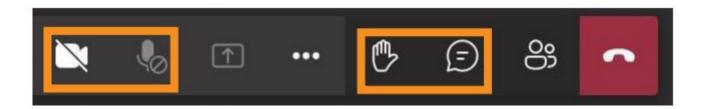
Assessment of Alternative Solutions

- Cultural, Socio-economic and Natural Environment
- Transportation Needs
- Identification and Evaluation of Alternative Solutions
 - Bridge Street Alternatives
 - City Street Alternatives
- Preliminary Preferred Solutions
- Invitation to Participate
- Next Steps



HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- When joining the online meeting, the attendees will be muted. We request you to please turn off your camera.
- There will be an opportunity at the end of the presentation to ask any questions or submit comments.
 Please use the chat function to type in your questions/comments or click on "Raise hand".

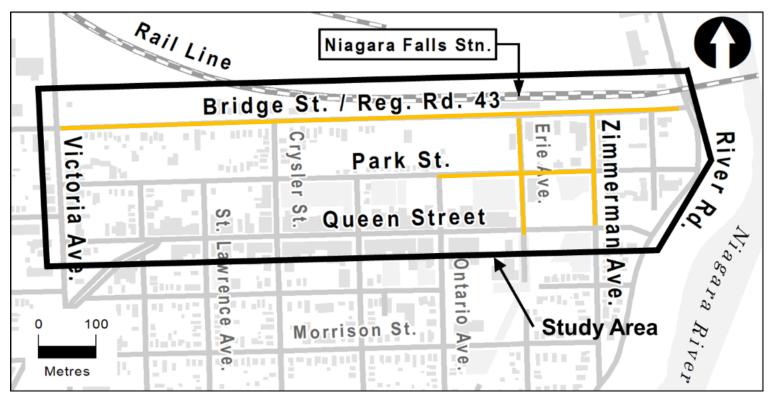


- This presentation is being recorded and will be posted on the project webpage.
- In case if you would like to submit your feedback later, the presentation materials and an online comment form are available on the project webpage: https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Niagara Region has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA), in consultation with the City of Niagara Falls for improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and adjacent municipal roadways. Subject roads include:

- Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road,
- Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street,
- Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and
- Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, in the City of Niagara Falls.



The Objective

The objective is to complete a detailed transportation assessment and active transportation plan to meet future needs in the vicinity of the GO rail station. It will provide all the required deliverables to satisfy a Schedule C MCEA.



CLASS EA PROCESS

The Study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the **Ontario Environmental Assessment Act**. This study will address Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4.

SUMMER/FALL 2020 WINTER to SUMMER 2021 **WINTER 2022 and Beyond FALL 2021** Late FALL 2021 PHASE I: PHASE 2: PHASE 3: PHASE 4: PHASE 5: **PROBLEM OR ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ALTERNATIVE DESIGN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITY CONCEPTS REPORT** - Identify alternative solutions to - Detailed design and tender - Notice of Study problem or opportunity - Identify alternative - Complete environmental documents Commencement design concepts study report - Inventory natural, cultural and - Proceed to construction - Identify problem or economic environment - Detailed inventory of - Notice of Study opportunity natural, cultural and Completion - Identify impact of alternative economic - PIC #1 solutions on the environment - Provide a 30-day review environment period - Identify evaluation criteria - Evaluate alternative - Evaluate alternative solutions design concepts - PIC #2 - PIC #3 - Select Alternative Solution(s) - Select Preferred

Design Concept



WE ARE HERE

- Confirm MCEA Schedule



POLICIES AND STUDIES

- Planning Policies: Adhere to Provincial Policy Statement, municipal official plans, transportation master plans.
- Metrolinx Plans: Incorporate GO Rail Station Access Plan guiding principles and mode split targets.
- Land Use Plans: Niagara Falls GO Station Secondary Plan
- Urban Design: Implement the Urban Design Policies of the Niagara Falls GO Transit Secondary Plan.
- Coordinated Plans: Draft Precinct Plan
- Complete Streets: Define key objectives of the Niagara Region Complete Streets Guidelines.
- Region Studies: GO Hub and Transit Station Study.





PROBLEM AND OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

- In PIC #1, it was indicated that the planned improvements will provide opportunities for:
 - Facilitate the movement of people to, from, and around the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station via all travel modes (i.e. automobile, transit, cycling, and walking) including the potential to connect and integrate the transportation network with existing and future City of Niagara Falls' transportation network improvements/facilities and the downtown core.
 - Implement a Complete Streets approach to enhance active transportation and create a balanced, safe, and sustainable network of streets.
 - Implement the vision and objectives of the City of Niagara Falls' guiding planning documents such as the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Secondary Plan, and the GO Transit Station Precinct Plan.
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PROBLEM AND OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

- It has been noted that the improvements represent additional opportunities:
 - To contribute to the creation of a unique and identifiable destination that builds on 'Niagara' a globally recognized landmark.
 - Attract people and investment to support the revitalization and transformation of the area into a compact and mixed-use transit oriented community.
 - Create sense of place throughout with an urban design approach that creates rewarding and attractive streetscapes enlivened with people. Streetscapes will be tied together through a consistent treatment of paving street trees, lighting, furniture, and public art.



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 – PUBLIC INPUT

Format and Content of the PIC #1

- Virtual PIC on niagararegion.ca/projects from August 18, 2020 to September 15, 2020 (Summary Report is available on Project Webpage)
- PIC Content: Problem & Opportunity, Class EA Process, Transportation System, Key Issues, Technical and Next Steps

Public Comments Received from 6 Stakeholders

- Can you say what <u>properties will be bought</u> on Bridge Street? Is it going to be a purchase or expropriation?
- Buses need to use Bridge Street then Parkway because <u>buses on local streets</u> are holding up traffic and having to
 make too many turns ... buses run over stop signs and over curbs.
- What might the nature of the <u>impact be for homes</u> on private property on Bridge, Erie, Park and Zimmerman?
- At this point, would the existing <u>parking lots</u> on Park be maintained? Any plans to use the land southwest of Queen and Zimmerman as a parking lot for the GO station?
- Will property southwest of Erie Avenue / Bridge Street going to be entirely given over to parking?
- Requested clarification of <u>zoning</u> for lands north of Huron and west of Zimmerman
- Consider making Queen Street a <u>one-way street</u> westbound from River Road (with eastbound road)



STUDIES UNDERTAKEN





SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Completed Stage 1 archaeological assessment, built heritage and cultural landscape assessment and community profile





NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Completed an assessment of natural environment features and habitat including terrestrial and aquatic environments



STREETSCAPING

Assessed the current streetscape features, streetscape policies and opportunities to implement complete streets elements



SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Reviewed collision history, points of conflict and improvement opportunities



ROAD AND TRAFFIC

Completed forecasts of future traffic, analysed traffic levels of service and assessed warrants for traffic control and turn lanes



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Assessed the cycling and pedestrian routes for connectivity, convenience and opportunities for improvements



TRANSIT OPERATIONS

Assessed transit use forecasts, bus routing and bus bay needs for GO Transit, WEGO and municipal transit routes



CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSIDERATIONS

- Parts of the Study Area that are currently open lots or parking areas, may have deeply buried potential for the remains of nineteenth-century structures associated with the historic Town of Clifton.
- The Assessment Study identified 12 built heritage resources and two cultural heritage landscapes





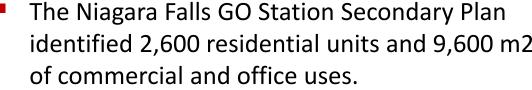
SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Existing Land Uses:

- Mostly residential uses south side of Bridge Street, Victoria Avenue to 170m east of Crysler Avenue.
- Employment uses north side of Bridge Street, Victoria Avenue to 130m east of Crysler Avenue
- Hotel and office uses south side of Bridge Street (Erie Avenue to River Road), on Erie Avenue and on Zimmerman Avenue

Planned Future Land Uses:

The Niagara Falls GO Station Secondary Plan identified 2,600 residential units and 9,600 m² of commercial and office uses.













FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Construction Costs:

- Road reconstruction or rehabilitation costs will be required for all options including the do nothing
- Costs will include streetscape elements (e.g. street furniture, streetlighting, walking and cycling facilities, gateway features)
- Construction costs will be higher for options where road profile or utility relocation is required
- Construction costs will be higher if the road curb and gutter needs to be relocated

Property Costs:

- Property acquired in the short term may require expenditure at current value
- Property acquired in coordination with the development process may be for nominal costs

Operational and Maintenance Costs:

- Spring and winter maintenance costs may be higher for a segregated separate cycle track
- Woonerf designs may require additional maintenance treatments and related costs



TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Active Transportation:

- Pedestrian routes on Bridge Street
- Cycling route on Bridge Street
- Cycling route on Erie Avenue

Road Capacity and Safety:

Future need for left turn lane for Erie
 Avenue and possible future development

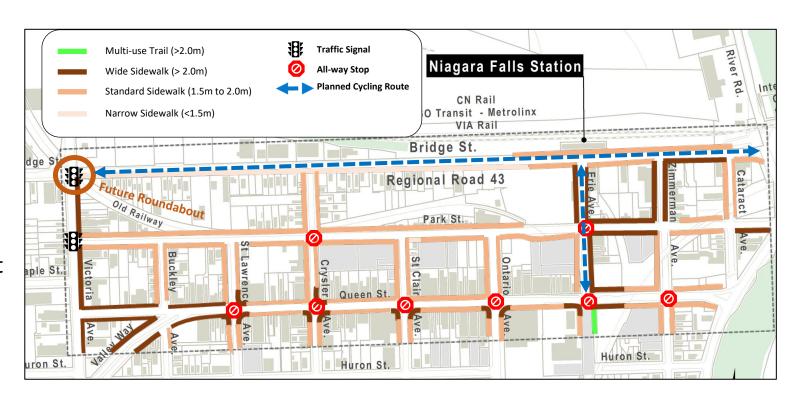
Transit Service:

 Bays for City, WEGO and GO buses, private carriers

Streetscape:

Different opportunities for Complete Streets add landscaping, walking and cycling amenities, marketing areas, and gateways and placemaking elements for Bridge Street east and west of Erie Avenue and along Erie Avenue.

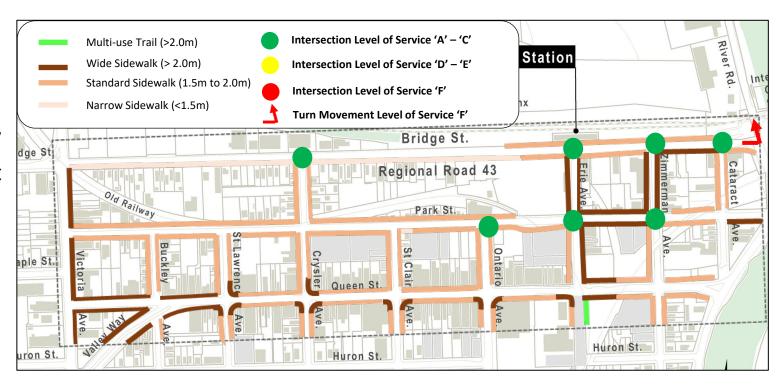




TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Future Traffic Conditions (2041):

- All intersections will operate with an overall level of service of 'C' or better
- All movements will have sufficient capacity
- The left turn movement from Bridge Street to River Road will have delays of up to 54 seconds in peak hours
- Westbound left turn warrants will be met at Bridge Street / Erie Avenue



Measures of Effectiveness:

- On Bridge Street pedestrian level of service is 'C' and cycling level of service is 'E' (which would warrant improvements)
- On Park Street, Erie Avenue and Zimmerman Avenue pedestrian level of service is 'B' and cycling level of service is 'D'



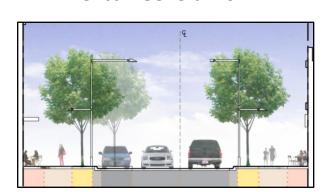
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Active Transportation Options:

Niagara Region Complete Street Typologies:

Buffered Bike Lane Conventional Rika Lana





Urban General 26m



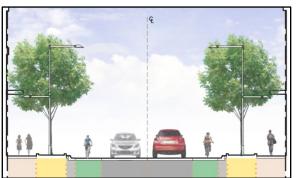
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Main Street

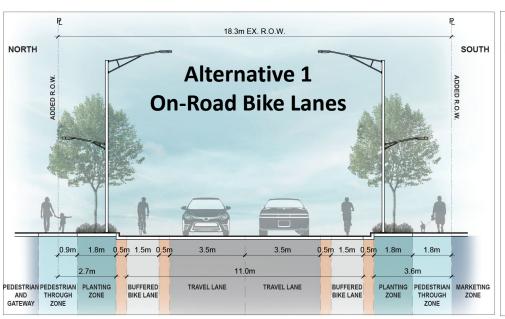


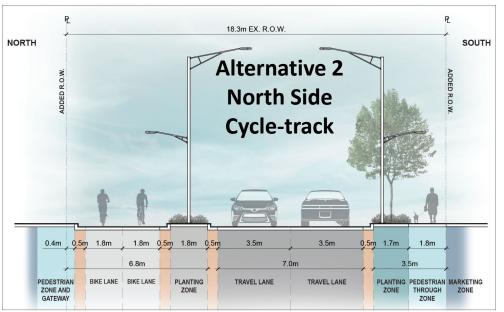
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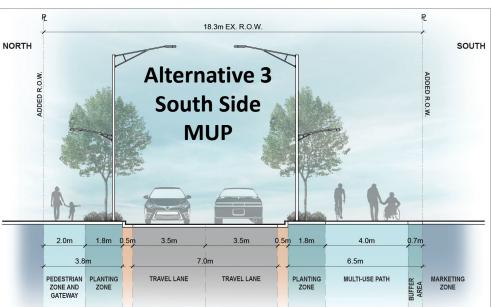




ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS: BRIDGE STREET









- Alternative 0 is "Do Nothing" i.e. keep the existing Bridge Street cross-section without cycling, pedestrian and streetscape improvements
- There are 4 short listed alternative solutions to improve cycling, pedestrian and streetscape infrastructure



EVALUATION:BRIDGE STREET

Interim Solution (prior to redevelopment)

- 1 EB and WB 3.5 m through lane
- 2 bike lanes 1.5 m + 0.5 m buffer
- Planting areas, sidewalk south side

Ultimate Solution (redevelopment and ROW widening)

- 1 EB and WB through lane
- Remove bike lanes and replace with WB left-turn lanes where required

LEGEND

Planting areas, MUP south side

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Evaluation relative to "Do Nothing"

Significant	Negative	Nominal	Positive	Significant
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INTERIM CONDITIONS EVALUATION CRITERIA	Alternative 0 Do Nothing Scenario	Alternative 1 On-Road Bike Lanes	Alternative 2 North Side Cycle-Track	Alternative 3 South Side Multi-use Path	Alternative 3b South Side Multi-use Path Left-Turn Lane
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:	•	•	•	•	•
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:	•	•	•	•	•
SOCIO-ECONOMIC / CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT:	•	•	•	•	•
FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT:	•	•	0	0	0
OVERALL ASSESSEMENT	0	0/0	•	•	•
ULTIMATE CONDITIONS EVALUATION CRITERIA	Alternative 0 Do Nothing Scenario	Alternative 1 On-Road Bike Lanes	Alternative 2 North Side Cycle-Track	Alternative 3 South Side Multi-use Path	Alternative 3b South Side Multi-use Path Left-Turn Lane
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:	•	•	•	•	•
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:	•	•	•	•	•

	EVALUATION CRITERIA	Do Nothing Scenario	On-Road Bike Lanes	North Side Cycle-Track	South Side Multi-use	South Side Multi-use Path
	TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:	•	•	•	Path	Left-Turn Lane
	NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:	•	•	•	•	•
	SOCIO-ECONOMIC / CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT:	•	•	•	•	•
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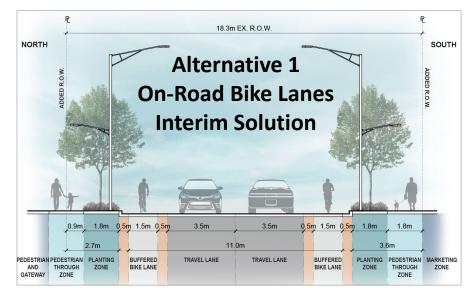
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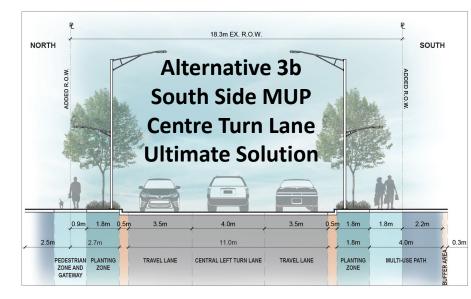
Preferred Interim Solution (prior to redevelopment)

- 1 EB and 1 WB through lane 3.5 m each
- 2 bike lanes 1.5 m + 0.5 m buffer
- South Side 1.8 m planting area, 1.8 m sidewalk
- North side 2.7 m for utilities, snow storage area and interim sidewalk

Preferred Ultimate Solution (with 5 m ROW widening)

- 1 EB and 1 WB through lane 3.5 m each
- Remove bike lanes and replace with left-turn lane where required
- South Side 1.8 m planting area, 4.0 m multi-use path
- North side 2.7 m for utilities / planting zone; 2.5 m for sidewalk and setback

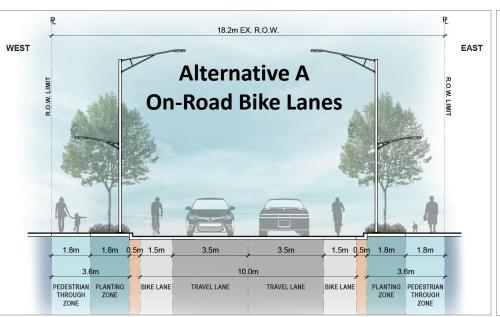


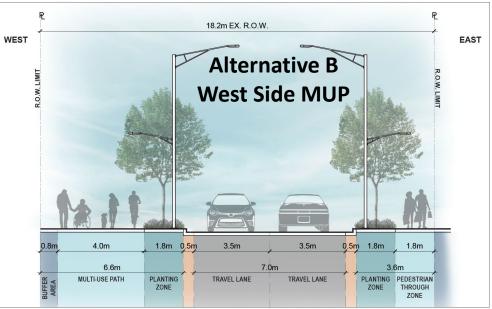




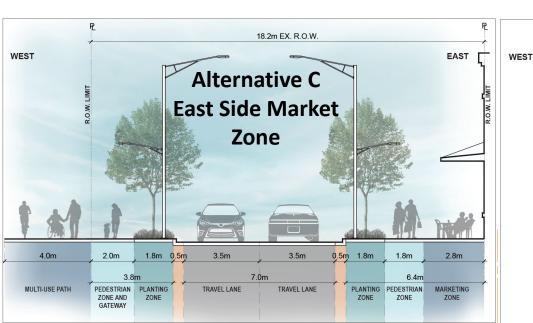
Note: Curb location remains the same

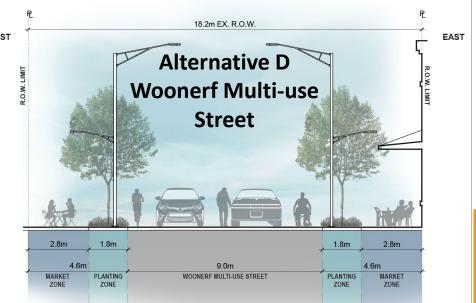
ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS: MUNICIPAL ROADS





- Alternative 0 is "Do Nothing" i.e. keep the existing Erie
- There are 4 other alternative solutions







EVALUATION: ERIE AVENUE

Solution (Bridge to Park) Alternative C

- 1 EB and WB 3.5 m through lane
- Planting zone both sides
- An expanded east side market zone
- A MUP on City lands west of the ROW

Solution (Park to Queen) Alternative B

- 1 EB and WB through lane
- Planting zone both sides
- MUP west side within ROW

LEGEND

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	Alternative 0	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D
EVALUATION	Do Nothing	On-Road Bike	West Side Multi-	East Side	Woonerf (Shared
CRITERIA	Scenario	Lanes	use Path	Market Zone	Space)
TRANSPORTATION					
SERVICE:		•	•	•	
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OVERALL ASSESSEMENT	•	•/•	•/•	•	•

	EVALUATION CRITERIA	Alternative 0 Do Nothing Scenario"	Alternative A On-Road Bike Lanes	Alternative B West Side Multi- use Path	Alternative C East Side Market Zone	Alternative D Woonerf (Shared Space)
	TRANSPORTATION					
	SERVICE:		•			•
	NATURAL					
	ENVIRONMENT:					
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	OVERALL ASSESSEMENT	•	•	•/•	•	•

EVALUATION: PARK STREET AND ZIMMERMAN AVENUE

Preferred Solution: Zimmerman Avenue (Bridge to Park)

- Maintain 10-11m pavement width
- Maintain boulevard of 3.5m
- Add streetscape elements adjacent to curb consistent with urban typology

Preferred Solution: Park Street (Ontario to Zimmerman)

- Add continuous sidewalk both sides
- Add streetscape elements adjacent to curb consistent with urban typology
- Reduce road width for streetscaping

	Alternative 0	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D
EVALUATION	Do Nothing	On-Road Bike	Multi-use Path	Market Zone	Woonerf (Shared
CRITERIA	Scenario	Lanes			Space)
TRANSPORTATION					
SERVICE:					
NATURAL					
ENVIRONMENT:					
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Evaluation relative to "Do Nothing"

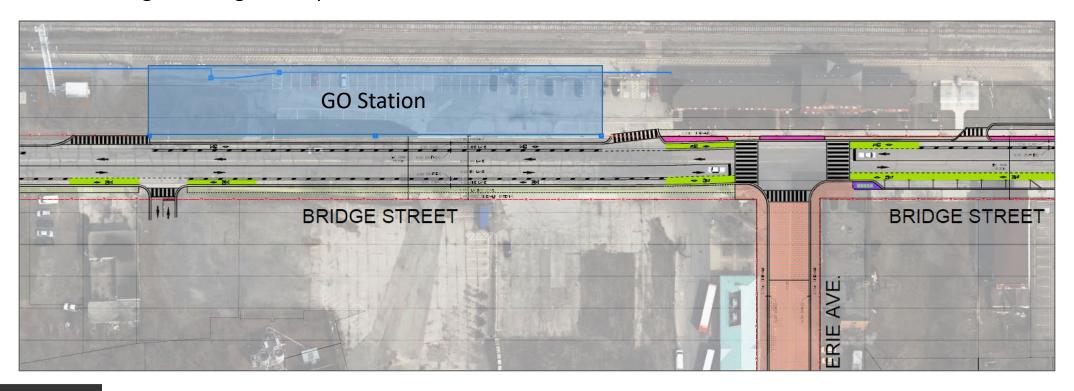
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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS: PRECINCT AREA

Conceptual configuration through the GO Rail Station Precinct Area

- Options are under consideration to accommodate bays for City, WEGO and GO buses
- The site design is being developed in coordination with this Class Environmental Assessment





NEXT STEPS







- 2-Week PIC #2 Comment Period Ending on August 6, 2021.
- Review PIC#2 Comments
- Finalize the preferred alternative solution
- Develop and evaluate alternative designs
- Continue consulting with interested stakeholders/agencies
- Present preliminary preferred alternative design(s) at PIC #3 in Fall 2021
- Document the findings in a Study Report

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



Ask questions or discuss issues with the Project Team today at the PIC.



Fill out a PIC comment form and return by August 6, 2021.



Request to be added to the Project contact list to receive updates and future public notices about the Project.



Visit the Project website for more information.

(https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea/default.aspx)



Attend future Public Information Centres.



QUESTIONS

Your comments are important. They will be reviewed as part of the study process and incorporated into the Environmental Study Report as part of the consultation record.

To submit a comment, please complete a comment sheet and mail or email it to one of the individuals listed below. Alternatively, you can email or call one of the individuals listed below to discuss your concerns and/or comments.

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Appendix C

Comment Form and Comments Received



Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

COMMENT SHEET	Name:	
Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 – Wednesday, 21 st July 2021 at 6:00PM	Address:	
Comment Period: July 21, 2021 to August 6, 2021	Postal Code:	
G	Phone:	
	Email:	

Niagara Region is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), in consultation with the City of Niagara Falls for improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, including: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road, Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Park Street. The first of the three Public Information Centre (PIC) for this EA Study was held online from August 18 - September 15, 2020. This second PIC has been scheduled to present the results of environmental and technical studies completed to date, the alternative solutions considered and a preliminary preferred solution, and to allow all interested parties an opportunity to discuss issues related to the project. Public input is encouraged and will be given consideration during the planning and design of this project.

Comments/Questions/Suggestions (additional space on the next page):

Niagara Region and R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited thank you for your involvement in this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways. Personal information collected or submitted in writing at public meetings will be collected, used and disclosed by members of Regional Council and Regional staff in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*. The written submissions including names, contact information and reports of the public meeting will be made available. Questions should be referred to the Privacy Office at 905-980-6000, ext. 3779 or FOI@niagararegion.ca.



Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Comments/Questions/Suggestions (Continued):

Please complete this Comment Sheet and submit via email to either of the Study Team members below on or before August 6, 2021. Your input and comments are appreciated.

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Public Information Centre #2 - Environmental Assessment for Bridge St. and Adjacent Municipal Roadways

Response ID:1 Data

1. Introduction	
1. Contact information	
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Thank you for the opportun ty to comment.	
Best Regards,	

2. Thank you

Comments submission

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PIC Summary Report #3

*If technical reports are required in an alternative format for accessibility needs, please contact:

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1.0 Introduction and Background

The Regional Municipality of Niagara (Region) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to consider improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways in City of Niagara Falls. In consultation with the City of Niagara Falls the Region will assess the following: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road, Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Park Street.

The Region has identified the following problem and opportunity statement.

As identified within Niagara Region's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), transportation infrastructure improvements are required to adequately support the increase in travel demand created by planned population and employment growth as well as the introduction or improvement of major transportation/transit hubs. The Niagara Falls GO Transit Station which was approved in 2011 through the Niagara Rail Service Expansions - Environmental Review Study is one of the major transit hubs contributing to the need.

Niagara Region, in collaboration with the City of Niagara Falls, has initiated the undertaking of a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to identify alternative solutions and designs to address the need for transportation infrastructure improvements within the area surrounding the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station.

Through the planned improvements, the opportunity arises to:

- Facilitate the movement of people to, from, and around the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station via all travel modes (i.e. automobile, transit, cycling, and walking) including the potential to connect and integrate the transportation network with existing and future City of Niagara Falls' transportation network improvements/facilities and the downtown core.
- Implement the vision and objectives contained within Niagara Region's TMP to create a diverse, safe, and sustainable transportation network built upon the principles of Complete Streets and Active Transportation.

- Implement the vision and objectives of the City of Niagara Falls' guiding planning documents such as the City of Niagara Falls' Official Plan, the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Secondary Plan, and the GO Transit Station Precinct Plan.
- Harmonize the urban design and public realm to create a sense of place within the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station Precinct focusing on Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street), Erie Avenue, Park Street, and Zimmerman Avenue.

The MCEA is being carried out in accordance with the Schedule C requirements (Phases 1 to 4) of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. A key component of the study includes consultation with interested stakeholders. Due to the current closures of public spaces for large gatherings, Public Information Centre (PIC) #3 was held live online on Microsoft Teams, on February 2, 2022. This report documents the PIC #3 and summarizes the notification process, the information presented, and the comments received during the comment period.

2.0 Method of Notification

Details of the date and purpose of PIC #3 were published as a notice, advertised in the Niagara Falls Review on January 17 and 24, 2022 and in the Niagara This Week on January 20 and 27, 2022. A copy of the advertisement is provided in Appendix A. Notification of PIC #3 was also posted on the Special Projects webpage for the Region (https://niagararegion.ca/projects/). The Notice was either emailed or mailed to agencies, municipalities, Indigenous communities with a potential interest in the project as well as local residents who live within the Study Area.

3.0 Public Meeting Format

Given the current provincial government order to limit social interactions to reduce community spread of the COVID-19 virus, PIC #3 was held online and included a presentation on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. The online presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. A digital copy of the presentation material was made available on the Region website, posted to the Niagara Region Projects page for the public to view or download anytime during the comment period (February 2 to 18, 2022). The presentation began with a description of the project, relevant policies, and previous studies. The problem and opportunity statement was provided and the current phase of the MCEA process for the project was indicated. A summary of the MCEA supporting studies was provided on socio-economic planning, financial considerations, transportation needs and opportunities, alternative solutions

and preliminary evaluation for Bridge Street and municipal roads. Finally, next steps were stated and the invitation to participate was encouraged.

A copy of the presentation is provided in Appendix B. Opportunity for public feedback was made available by contacting the Project Team members with written comments, or through an on-line digital comment form. A copy of the online comment form is provided in Appendix C along with records of the comments received and responses provided by the Study Team.

4.0 Participation Levels and Summary of Comments Received

This section provides an overview of the feedback received on the presentation and material provided. Written comments were received from stakeholders during the comment period. Table 1 provides a summary of the comments received and the Study Team response.

Table 1: Summary of Comments Received and Responses Given

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
1a	From PIC #3 ppt, slide 27. It indicates a narrowing of park street by 8 m it looks like on the north side. It also looks like that narrowing will continue west of Erie. How far west will that narrowing continue and what will happen beyond that? I assume that the south side parking will remain, but that would make for a somewhat awkward transition. If it helps, I would be happy to accept 8 m more front lawn.	The narrowing will continue to Ontario Street. The design configuration will be posted on the on the Niagara Region web site within the next 1 to 2 weeks: https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea/
1b	With the reconfiguring of the train / bus station area, are there anticipated hanges to bus routes in the area? Of course, I have in mind whether busses will continue along a somewhat narrower Park Street, but also whether there will be higher anticipated bus traffic along bridge and whether there are anticipated noise/other implications. This is probably part of another study could you point me towards it?	There are no changes in bus routes resulting from this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The transit operators typically update transit routes through periodic route planning studies.
1c	PIC #3 slide 11: There are listed some investigations that (I believe) have been carried out: -Vegetation communities -Incidental wildlife and migratory birds -Endangered and threatened species -Areas of Natural Scientific Interest (ANSI) Could you please point me to where I can	As noted in the presentation, the natural Environment Assessment is being finalized in consultation with the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks. The final study will be appended to the Environmental study report, which will be filed and available on the Region website.

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
	have a look at these?	
1d	So, as a cyclist / pedestrian I like the bike lines and sidewalks, and the area certainly couldn't look much worse than it does now but 1. There must be a plan showing how the go train service will be improved. Although they may claim otherwise, in practice it takes the go train nearly 3 hours from Toronto now, and that will definitely make it not-commutable can you point me to somewhere to look for planned go train track/service improvements? 2. Improving the train-bus linkage will also have the unintended consequence that people will be less likely to hang around in the area of the train station because they will be efficiently ushered onto the bus that takes them right to the casino. Yes if 1 (above) is solved you will likely get some development over time, but there must be some incentives set up in the meantime to encourage business visible to passengers at the station like a restaurant or (gasp) a half decent coffee shop that is open after 2 p.m. can you point me to somewhere in a plan	Transit operating practices is beyond the scope of this study, buy your comments have been noted and shared with City and Region transit planning and operations staff.

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
	somewhere that describes such incentives?	
		As noted in the public meeting question and answer period, the City of Niagara Falls will be undertaking a Parking Study to address parking needs within the downtown, including the needs within this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study area. City staff have indicated that the Parking Study will commence prior to implementation of the recommendations of this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.
	Good afternoon.	The recommended solution and resultant removal of on-street parking is consistent with Niagara Region Official Plan policies for Regional Roads, including:
2a	From the Studies Undertaken in the seven (7) categories listed, there is nothing on PARKING. There are no parking studies or even parking strategies discussed. Under the two headings ROAD AND TRAFFIC and TRANSIT OPERATIONS and even STREETSCAPING; there is very little on a parking strategy for any of the entire Study Area. Is there a parking study coming?? I would like to request a copy of that study. Thank You.	Official Plan Policy 9.A.31, which states: "A key design objective for Regional Roads is to develop context sensitive solutions that balance safety, visual amenity, pedestrianism and the ability to move large volumes of traffic. The balancing of these issues may include permitting or removing on-street parking, allowing, or limiting access to adjacent properties, and modifying the pavement width or other measures to facilitate traffic flow or calming while contributing to a positive appearance, sense of place, and community interaction. The Region will implement the approved "Model Urban Design Guidelines" or its successor to facilitate this balance of both traffic flow and community environments. Design guidelines shall also be prepared for Regional Roads in non-urban areas."
		Official Plan Policy 9.A.37, which states: "In order to reduce the impact of the removal of on-street parking on Regional Roads and to ensure that an adequate supply of parking is available where needed, local municipalities will be encouraged to make suitable provisions in their zoning by-laws and to develop and implement comprehensive off-street parking programs."

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3a	Would you happen to have that full-size map of the development area ready? Electronic version of course.	We will post a version of the design plans on the Niagara Region web site within the next 1 to 2 weeks: https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea/
3b	Also, approval of your interim solution is not negotiable, it's your land. Looking forward to a new sidewalk and grass out front, by the way. Your ultimate solution, though, will impact property owners.	The planned ultimate solution has been developed to be consistent with the Road Allowance Widths designated in the Niagara Region Official Plan page 129: https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/icp/pdf/policy/transportation-2011-Policy-Plan.pdf The increase from the existing approximately 18.3 metre road right of way to 23.2 metre future right of way has been identified and approved by Niagara Region council. The designated 23.2 metre right of way will accommodate additional roadway elements (turn lanes, sidewalks, cycling facilities, streetscaping and utilities) anticipated for the future development in the corridor and consistent with the Region's complete streets guidelines. The timing of the ultimate configuration is intentionally set to coincide with the timing of much of the redevelopment of existing businesses and residences in order to minimize impact to property owners.
3c	I am under the opinion that currently, expropriations (or negotiated sales) would have to occur to immediately implement your ultimate plan. If the ultimate solution is approved would the property owners now be in a situation where proposed development of their site would impose the site plan condition that that portion of the front yard would have to be granted to the Region? And if I recall, the property owner also has to finance the	For clarification, the plan to acquire additional land to meet the 23.2 metre right of way was previously determined with the approval of the Niagara Region Official Plan, not the recommendations of this study alone. This Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study developed strategies to best configure the roadway given the planned future 23.2 metre right of way. We note that this study may have identified the need

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
	transaction. In essence property owners currently have a financial asset in the road allowance your requesting, with my knowledge of site plan requirements I sense that if you get the approval for your ultimate solution, it will become a financial liability.	for a right of way larger than 23.2 metres based on the growth requirements in the area, however the recommended solution did not identify a right of way need beyond 23.2 metres.
3d	From the perspective of the information below, how will the needs of all the road users desiring parking on Bridge Street be appropriately accommodated should all the on-street parking be removed.	As noted in the public meeting question and answer period, the City of Niagara Falls will be undertaking a Parking Study to address parking needs within the downtown, including the needs within this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study area. City staff have indicated that the Parking Study will commence prior to implementation of the recommendations of this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The recommended solution and resultant removal of on-street parking is consistent with Niagara Region Official Plan policies for Regional Roads, including: Official Plan Policy 9.A.31, which states: "A key design objective for Regional Roads is to develop context sensitive solutions that balance safety, visual amenity, pedestrianism and the ability to move large volumes of traffic. The balancing of these issues may include permitting or removing on-street parking, allowing, or limiting access to adjacent properties, and modifying the pavement width or other measures to facilitate traffic flow or calming while contributing to a positive appearance, sense of place, and community interaction. The Region will implement the approved "Model Urban Design Guidelines" or its successor to facilitate this balance of both traffic flow and community environments. Design guidelines shall also

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		be prepared for Regional Roads in non-urban areas."
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3e	Information noted was A Place to Grow - 3.2.2 Transportation - General 3. In the design, refurbishment, or reconstruction of the existing and planned street network, a complete streets approach will be adopted that ensures the needs and safety of all road users are considered and appropriately accommodated. Complete Streets- Streets planned to balance the needs of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, transitusers, and motorists.	This reference is accurate and relevant and provides direction along with the more specific policies of Niagara Region that directly relate to the planning and design of Regional roads (including Niagara Region Official Plan policies 9.A.31 and 9.A.37, referenced above). The recommended interim and ultimate solutions provide improvements for and balance the needs of pedestrians (wider sidewalks and new sidewalk connections), cyclists (dedicated bike lanes and cycle tracks), transit users (dedicated bus loops with increased bus bay and platform capacity) and motorists (a dedicated left turn lane). The recommended solution does reflect the Niagara Region complete streets guidelines and meets the spirt of A Place to Grow policy 3.2.2.
3f	Requests that staff comment on section from NFLS OP 3.12.3 Potential Street Grid Refinement - 3.12.3.2 Another potential refinement to the grid system would be an extension of Ontario Avenue north from Park Street to Bridge Street. This extension would allow for increased flow and circulation in and	The potential road network refinement of an extension of Ontario Avenue to Bridge Street was not identified within the original scope of work and has not been requested by the City to be incorporated into this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment recommended solution does not preclude this option being considered in the future or incorporated into the

ID	Comment Received	Study Team Response
	around the Transit Station Area.	redevelopment plans for the properties affected. This comment and response have been shared with the City of Niagara Falls staff.
	Requests that staff comment on why your proposal conflicts with the Niagara Falls OP. OP c Redevelopment of Bridge Street is proposed to be accommodated within a	Bridge Street is under the jurisdiction of Niagara Region and this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment was undertaken to consider all configuration options considering Region policy, operating requirements, design best practices in addition to the City of Niagara Falls Official Plan.
3g	planned 23.2 m ROW as illustrated on Figure 14. The previous general boulevard recommendations apply to Bridge Street and specific design recommendations include: (vi) On-street parking 2.5 m in width and provided on both sides of the street. (vii) On-street cycling lanes on both sides of the street with minimum widths of 1.2 m. (viii) One 3.3 m wide travel lane in each direction.	Cycle lanes of 1.2 metres are no longer considered best practices; subsequent to Niagara Falls Official Plan policy 3.12.2.1, new design best practices recommend cycle tracks with buffer area or bike lanes with buffer areas, which are design approaches endorsed by Niagara Region staff. Through vehicle lanes of 3.5 metres (instead of 3.3 metres) have been deemed by City staff and Region staff as the safe minimum width to accommodate the vehicle width and operations of the high number of buses that will be using the corridor. Given these operational design requirements, the proposed configuration in the City of Niagara Falls policy 3.12.2.1c) is not feasible within 23.2 metres. Furthermore, the accommodation of on-street parking is not consistent with Niagara Region Official Plan policy 9.A.31 and given the planned right of way constraints, recommendations do not include retaining onstreet parking.

Participant comments are reviewed to provide a better understanding of stakeholder opinions and to provide feedback in the evaluation of the Alternative. The summary of comments and advice received during the PIC is intended to provide an indication of overall shared issues, opinions, and concerns of participants. Copies of individual comments and the Study Team responses are provided in Appendix C.

5.0 Next Steps

Comments and concerns received during the PIC #3 will be reviewed for incorporation into the selection of the Preferred Designs.

The choice of MCEA Schedule will be reviewed and confirmed or changed as appropriate for the Preferred Design and an ESR documenting the planning and decision-making process of the study, will be prepared for public review and comment at the completion of the study.



Appendix A

Newspaper Advertisement

NIAGARA PARKS HOSTING BLACK HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES

PAUL FORSYTH

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For the second year in a row, Black history in Canada will be examined by a three-party virtual series hosted by Niagara Parks.

The Crown agency announced Jan. 13 that the speaker series will return and will feature leading historians and commentators specializing in Black history and culture.

Sessions will run the last Wednesday of January, February and March.

The Parks said the series is particularly relevant to Niagara due to the region being home to many of Canada's most im-

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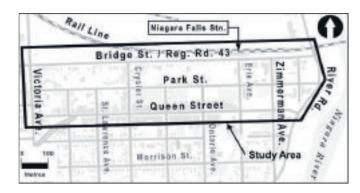
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THE ROYAL TREATMENT': Generic modern fairy tale

LINDSEY BAHR

In the new Netflix movie "The Royal Treatment," the chief of staff for the prince of a fictional European country accidentally calls a run-down salon in the Bronx to scheddown salon in the Bronx to sched-ule a haircut for His Royal High-ness, Prince Thomas. Upon hearing who he says he works for, Izzy, the owner of said salon replies, "Yeah, and I'm the Queen of Genovia" in a thick New York accent.

thick New Yorkaccent. Cenovia, of course, is the fictional country of "The Princess Diaries," where Ame Hathaway and Julie Andrews rule. But anyone inclined to watch "The Royal Treatment" already knew that. And its mention raises questions about Prestment? The result of the raises questions about whether the movie "The Princess Diaries" or the country Genovia (and by extension raises questions about, entire seen and is explored, but perhaps more importantly it suggests that this movie actually has a sense of humour about itself which already push is a slight cut above its peers. The best thing going for this very generic endeavour is Laura Marano, the Disney Channel alum who plays Izzy, She's a hairstylist with a heart of gold and dreams of world travel who will storm out of a \$500 job when she can't even afford the subway ride home because she sees her client disrespecting a domestic worker. Respect for clients, subjects and all manner of people is an overnding theme, which is hard to argue with and at least shows that this movie intriping to be a bit more than a "common girl makes good with random prince" tale. Genovia, of course, is the fictional

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Laura Mar and Mena Massoud appear in a scene from "The Royal

NETFLIX

TREATMENT

One and a half stars out of four Starring: Laura Marano, Mena Massoud Running time: 95 minutes Streaming on Netflix

hair and makeup for his wedding, because the movie has to keep go-ing somehow and neither logic nor reality seems to govern piot devel-opments here. But for as generally appealing as Izzy is, Prince Thomas is woefully underdeveloped. It's a good thing Massoud has some innate charis-rang going for him because his char-haracter is somehow both bland and ridiculous.

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school in America. Massoud also makes the interesting choice to speak without any sort of continen-tal accent – perhaps it was that American education, or perhaps its just an indication of the movie's overall quality and attention to de-tail.

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That said, the production is almost charmingly budget. They have, it seems, one drone shot of a castle that they use several times. Outside of the castle there are exactly two streets in Lavania. The "inice" street has a fruit cart and a dinky merry-go-round that wouldn't pass at Stars Hollow fair. The downtrodden one looks like it's been pulled from a regional theatre production of Oliver Twist. But again, this movie does not seem to be buking itself seriously. There is a would-be mother-in-law who snaps photos of Lzzy getting.

who snaps photos of Izzy getting too cosy with the prince and leaks them to the local paper, which gives it the front-page treatment with

the headline: "Italian Tor the headline: "Italian Tomato S duces Prince." The New York pa ers aren't much better with the headlines: "Hot Prince Visit Mak Temperatures Rise in the City"

Temperatures Rise in the City" is one.

Though there is some fun to be had both intentionally and unintentionally. "The Royal Treatment," directed by Rick Jacobson and written by Holly Hester, is no "Princess Diaries"—noteven close. Nor is it a "good movie" but that also assumes that it's possible to dugde, "good" and "bad" in this very strange and specific kind of Hallmark Chanmel-style modern fairy tale. Like a drug store chocolate bar, it just is It might not be good for you, but it'll go down shockingly easy, give you a minor sugar high (and possible headache) and disappear from your memory just as quickly, leaving you defenseless for when the inevitable sequel comes along.

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New benches in works for Port Dalhousie piers

Pedestrians who venture out on the new Port Dalhousie piers will finally have a place to sit as early as March. City staff have chosen a design for 24 custom-made concrete benches rein-forced with rebar that will dot the east and uset his expressmently.

and west piers permanently.

"We're hopeful as the weather allows us to install them we will get them out there early spring," said Phil Cristi, director of community, recreation and

culture services.

The mid-March timeline depends not only on snow but if there are icy condi-

tions on the piers. The old piers had 44 wooden memorial benches along their pathway, which were relocated when the federal government closed the piers in 2015 for safety

Fisheries and Oceans Canada rebuilt new piers at a cost of \$26 million and they were opened to the public in June

But the new structures didn't have any benches past the water line, something Port Dalhousie Coun. Carlos Garcia told city council in July needed to be recti-fied.

He said it would be difficult for someone older or who has accessibility needs to walk the piers and discover they have no place to rest along the stretch or

when they got to the end.

A walk along the east pier is more than a kilometre to the tip and back. Council voted to install benches, but this time they will be permanent and concrete because the wooden-style seats had to be removed each winter to avoid ice damage and be reinstalled in the spring. Council was told that can cause damage to the piers in the long term because water gets into the anchor holes.

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Presentation Slides



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Presentation Overview

Project Review

- Project Scope & Class EA Process
- Policies and Studies
- Problem & Opportunity Statement
- Supporting Studies:
 - Transportation Needs & Opportunities
 - Streetscape Opportunities
 - Socio-economic Environment
 - Natural Environment
 - Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
- Public Consultation

Assessment of Alternative Solutions

- Planning and Design Time Horizons
- Evaluation of Alternative Designs
- Design Considerations
- Preliminary Preferred Designs
 - Bridge Street
 - City of Niagara Falls Streets
- Stakeholder Impacts
- Invitation to Participate
- Next Steps



Housekeeping Items

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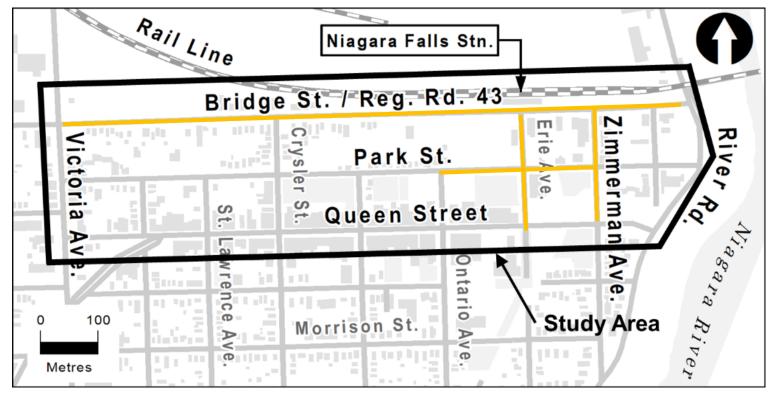


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- Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road,
- Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street,
- Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and
- Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, in the City of Niagara Falls.



The Objective

The objective is to complete a detailed transportation assessment and active transportation plan to meet future needs in the vicinity of the GO rail station. It will provide all the required deliverables to satisfy a Schedule C MCEA.



Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Process

The Study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the **Ontario Environmental Assessment Act**. This study will address Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4.

SUMMER/FALL 2020 WINTER to SUMMER 2021

FALL 2021

WINTER 2022 and Beyond

PHASE I:

PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY

- Notice of StudyCommencement
- Identify problem or opportunity
- PIC #1

PHASE 2:

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- Identify alternative solutions to problem or opportunity
- Inventory natural, cultural and economic environment
- Identify impact of alternative solutions on the environment
- Identify evaluation criteria
- Evaluate alternative solutions
- PIC #2
- Select Alternative Solution(s)
- Confirm MCEA Schedule

PHASE 3:

ALTERNATIVE DESIGN CONCEPTS

- Identify alternative design concepts
- Detailed inventory of natural, cultural and economic environment
- Evaluate alternative design concepts
- PIC #3
- Select Preferred
 Design Concept

PHASE 4:

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

- Complete environmental study report
- Notice of Study
 Completion
- Provide a 30-day review period

PHASE 5:

IMPLEMENTATION

- Detailed design and tender documents
- Proceed to construction



WE ARE HERE



Problem and Opportunity Statement

- It has been noted that the improvements represent additional opportunities:
 - To contribute to the creation of a unique and identifiable destination that builds on 'Niagara' - a globally recognized landmark.
 - Attract people and investment to support the revitalization and transformation of the area into a compact and mixed-use transit-oriented community.
 - Create sense of place throughout with an urban design approach that creates rewarding and attractive streetscapes enlivened with people. Streetscapes will be tied together through a consistent treatment of paving street trees, lighting, furniture, and public art.





Studies Undertaken





SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Undertaken Stage 1 archaeological assessment, built heritage and cultural landscape assessment and community profile





NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Undertaken an assessment of natural environment features and habitat including terrestrial and aquatic environments



STREETSCAPING

Assessed the current streetscape features, streetscape policies and opportunities to implement complete streets elements



SAFETY ASSESSMENT

Reviewed collision history, points of conflict and improvement opportunities



ROAD AND TRAFFIC

Completed forecasts of future traffic, analysed traffic levels of service and assessed warrants for traffic control and turn lanes



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Assessed the cycling and pedestrian routes for connectivity, convenience and opportunities for improvements



TRANSIT OPERATIONS

Assessed transit use forecasts, bus routing and bus bay needs for GO Transit, WEGO and municipal transit routes





Transportation Needs and Opportunities

Active Transportation:

- Pedestrian routes on Bridge Street
- Cycling route on Bridge Street
- Cycling route on Erie Avenue

Road Capacity and Safety:

Future need for left turn lane for Erie
 Avenue and possible future development

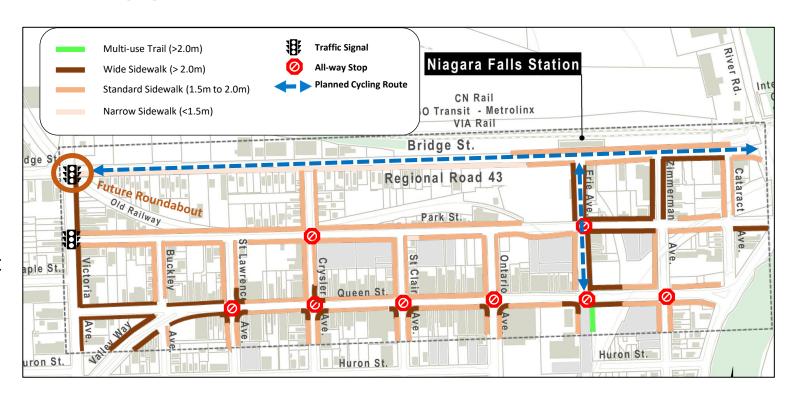
Transit Service:

 Bays for City, WEGO and GO buses, private carriers

Streetscape:

 Different opportunities for Complete Streets add landscaping, walking and cycling amenities, marketing areas, and gateways and placemaking elements for Bridge Street east and west of Erie Avenue and along Erie Avenue.





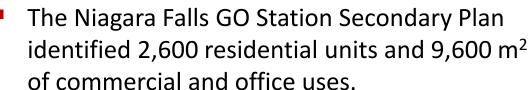
Socio-economic and Planning Considerations

Existing Land Uses:

- Mostly residential uses south side of Bridge Street, Victoria Avenue to 170 m east of Crysler Avenue.
- Employment uses north side of Bridge Street, Victoria Avenue to 130 m east of Crysler Avenue.
- Hotel and office uses south side of Bridge Street (Erie Avenue to River Road), on Erie Avenue and on Zimmerman Avenue.

Planned Future Land Uses:

The Niagara Falls GO Station Secondary Plan of commercial and office uses.













Natural Environment Considerations

Investigations:

- Vegetation communities
- Incidental wildlife and migratory birds
- Endangered and threatened species
- Areas of Natural Scientific Interest (ANSI)

Implications:

 Impacts to natural heritage features and functions are expected to be minimal

Recommendations:

- Tree inventory / protection during detail design
- A landscape plan to improve tree canopy cover
- Use native or non-invasive urban tolerant species





Public Consultation

Format and Content of PIC #1

- Virtual PIC posted on niagararegion.ca/projects from August 18, 2020 to September 15, 2020 to introduce the study
- PIC Content: Problem & Opportunity, Class EA Process, Transportation System, Key Issues, Technical and Next Steps

Format and Content of PIC #2

- Virtual Live PIC hosted by Niagara Region July 21, 2021 and posted on the study site
- PIC Content: Transportation needs, natural and social environmental constraints, alternatives and preferred solution, interim and ultimate cross sections and Next Steps

Stakeholder Consultation

- Circulation to government agencies and indigenous communities
- Consultation meetings with property owners and residents of affected properties (December 2021, January 2022)



Planning and Design Time Horizons

Interim Horizon (prior to redevelopment)

- Short and Medium-term operating conditions
- Existing residences and businesses anticipated to remain
- Little to no additional property required
- Vehicle traffic levels anticipated to remain low
- Increased walking and cycling activity with GO rail station operations

Existing Corridor Environment The state of the state of

Ultimate Horizon (as redevelopment proceeds)

- Longer term operating conditions
- Significant amount of redevelopment underway along Bridge Street
- Will require additional property along Bridge Street frontages
- Higher traffic from redevelopment



Source: Niagara GO Hub and Transit Stations Study (BrookMcIlroy)



Bridge Street Roadway Sections



West Section

- Existing employment land uses on the north side
- Existing residential land uses on the south side
- Existing 18.3 m right of way
- Opportunity to widen right of way with redevelopment

East Section

- Existing rail station on north side
- Existing office, hotel bus station uses on south side
- Existing right of way ranges from 18.3 m to 20.2 m
- Constraints to widen right of way with current land uses



Preferred Solution: Bridge Street

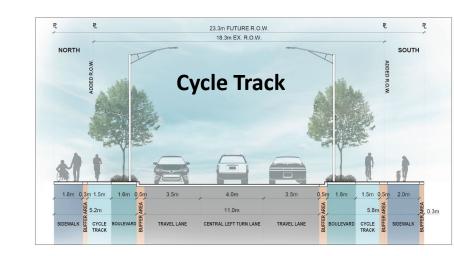
West Section of Corridor Interim Solution: Bike Lanes

- 1 EB and 1 WB through lane 3.5 m each
- Bicycle facility (i.e., bike lanes) adjacent to vehicle lanes
- South side boulevard adjacent to roadway (planting area, utilities, sidewalk)
- North side boulevard adjacent to roadway (hard surface treatment)



West Section of Corridor Ultimate Solution: Cycle Track

- Remove bike lanes and replace with centre left-turn lane
- 2.5 m ROW widening to allow boulevard cycle track
- Add north side and south side boulevard planting and utilities
- Curb location can remain the same

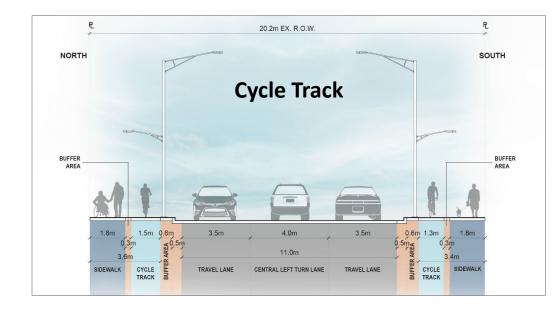




Preferred Solution: Bridge Street

East Section of Corridor Solution: Cycle Track

- 1 EB and 1 WB through lane 3.5 m each
- Centre left-turn lane
- Bicycle facility (i.e., cycle tracks) adjacent to sidewalk
- Bus loops for bays on north side
- Improvements for pedestrian crossing at Erie Avenue



Identification of Alternative Bridge Street Designs:

Bridge Street Bicycle Facility Configuration Alternatives

Buffered Bike Lane (City of Toronto)



Source: OTM Book 18 Figure 4.21

One-way Cycle Track (City of Toronto) Two-way Cycle Track (City of Toronto)



Source: OTM Book 18 Figure 4.30



Source: https://www.toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parkingtransportation/cycling-in-toronto/cycle-track-projects/lake-shore-cycle-track/



Evaluation of Alternative Bridge Street Designs:

Bridge Street Bicycle Facility Configuration – West Section

- Natural Heritage implications are comparable for all design options
- Socio-economic and cultural heritage implications are comparable for all design options

Design Options	Key Transportation and Cost Considerations	Findings
Bike Lanes	Low implementation cost; very low operational maintenance cost Low cost to add future left-turn lane and no short-term impact to properties Moderate / High level of cyclist safety	Recommended Interim
One-Way Cycle Track	Moderate implementation cost; low operational maintenance cost High cost to add future left-turn lane OR short-term impact to properties High level of cyclist safety	Recommended Ultimate
Two-way Cycle Track	Moderate / High implementation cost; low operational maintenance cost High cost to add future left-turn lane OR short-term impact to properties High level of cyclist safety	-



Evaluation of Alternative Bridge Street Designs:

Bridge Street Bicycle Facility Configuration – East Section

- Natural Heritage implications are comparable for all design options
- Socio-economic and cultural heritage implications are comparable for all design options

Design Options	Key Transportation and Cost Considerations	Findings
Bike Lanes	Low implementation cost; very low operational maintenance cost No cost to add future left-turn lane Moderate level of cyclist safety and convenience – interaction with bus traffic	-
One-Way Cycle Track	Moderate implementation cost; low operational maintenance cost No cost to add future left-turn lane High level of cyclist safety and convenience	Recommended
Two-way Cycle Track	Moderate implementation cost; low operational maintenance cost No cost to add future left-turn lane Low level of cyclist safety and convenience – transition area at Erie Avenue	-



Evaluation of Alternative Bridge Street Designs:

Bridge Street / Erie Avenue Intersection

Traffic Control

Design Options	Key Transportation and Cost Considerations	Findings
Traffic Signals	Provides a high level of conspicuity and driver recognition Allows pedestrian and vehicle actuation Provides higher level of pedestrian safety	Recommended
Pedestrian Crossover	Allows pedestrian actuation; not responsive to vehicle demand	-
Stop Control	More vehicle stops, delays and related emissions	-

Lane Configuration

Design Options	Key Considerations	Findings
2 Lane Cross-section	Narrower pedestrian crossing	-
3 Lane Cross-section	Region policy for left turn lanes at signalized intersections	Recommended



Design Considerations:

Stakeholder Impacts and Implementation

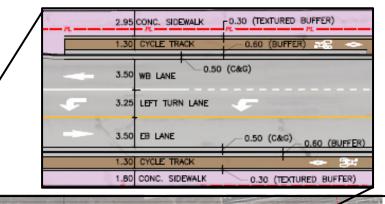
- Interim Solution
 - No significant impacts to property (minor impacts for utilities and grading)
 - Current parking within the Bridge Street existing right-of-way and on-street will no longer be permitted
 - Landscape features within the right of way will be replaced with a streetscape area and relocated sidewalk
 - Some building features (steps, ramps, porches) within or adjacent to the road right of way may be reconfigured
- Ultimate Solution
 - 2.5 metres is required across the frontage of 30 properties on the south side and 6 properties on the north side
 - 7 buildings and/or entranceways are directly affected by the additional 2.5 metres required on the south side
 - Parking and business operations are affected by the additional 2.5 metres required on the north side
 - The timing of property acquisition and implementation will be coordinated with property owners

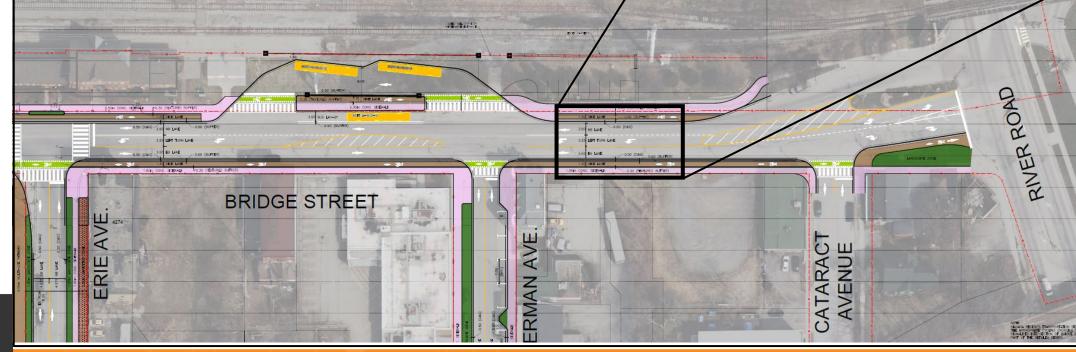


Preliminary Preferred Design: Interim & Ultimate

Alternative 3 (Cycle Tracks) – East Section

- Cycle track adjacent to sidewalk with buffer separation
- East Bus loop and one on-street bay accommodates 3 WEGO buses
- Maintain maintenance access to rail line and site parking
- Accommodates cyclists meeting OTM Book 18 guidelines



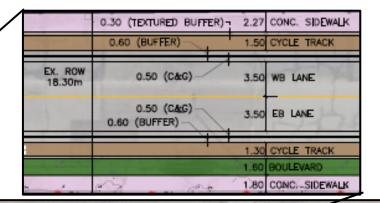


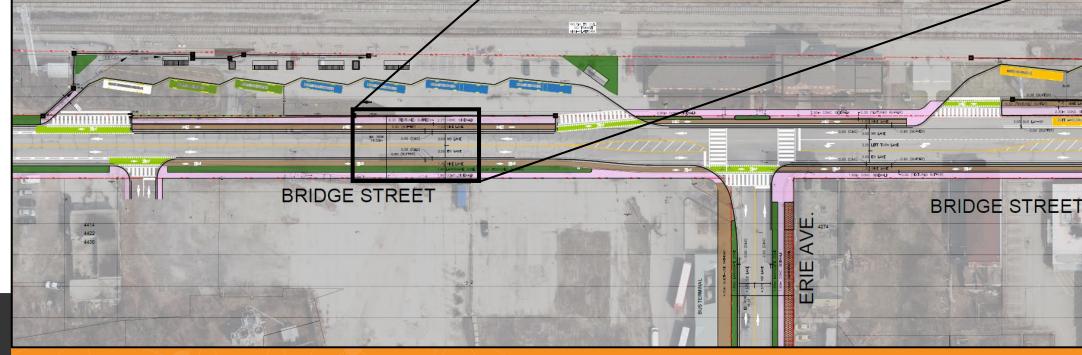


Preliminary Preferred Design: Interim & Ultimate

Alternative 3 (Cycle Tracks) – GO Precinct Section

- Cycle track adjacent to sidewalk with buffer separation
- West Bus loop accommodates 7 buses (GO, City Transit and Private)
- No changes to curb and drainage for ultimate configuration
- Accommodates cyclists meeting OTM Book 18 guidelines





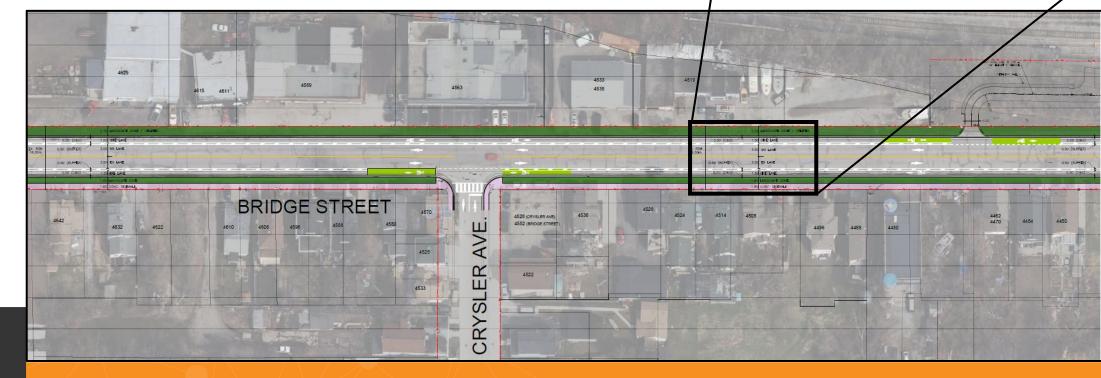


Preliminary Preferred Design: Interim

Alternative 1 (On-street Bike Lanes) – West Section

- Allows for continuous buffered bike lanes
- Lower property and cost implications
- No changes to curb and drainage for ultimate configuration
- Accommodates cyclists meeting OTM Book 18 guidelines

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/	EX. ROW 18.30m	1	3.50 WB LANE
/	1	0.50 (BUFFER)	3.50 EB LANE
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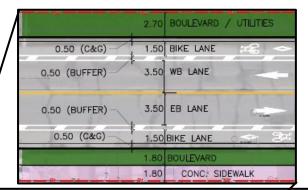


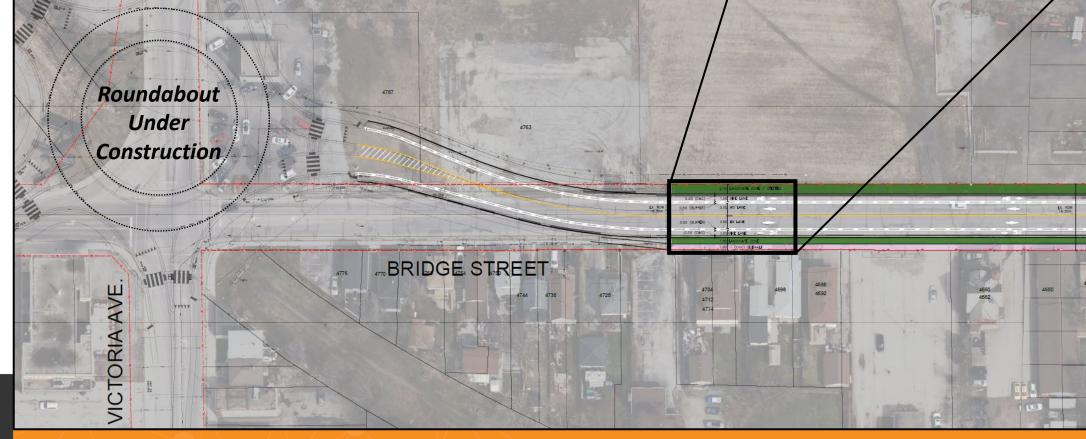
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Alternative 1 (On-street Bike Lanes) – West Section

Allows for continuous buffered bike lanes

Integration with the Victoria Avenue / Thorold Stone Road Extension Roundabout

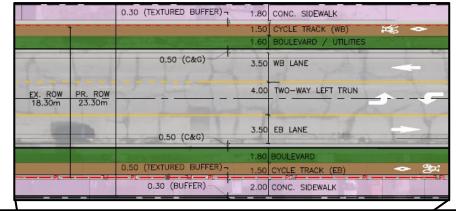


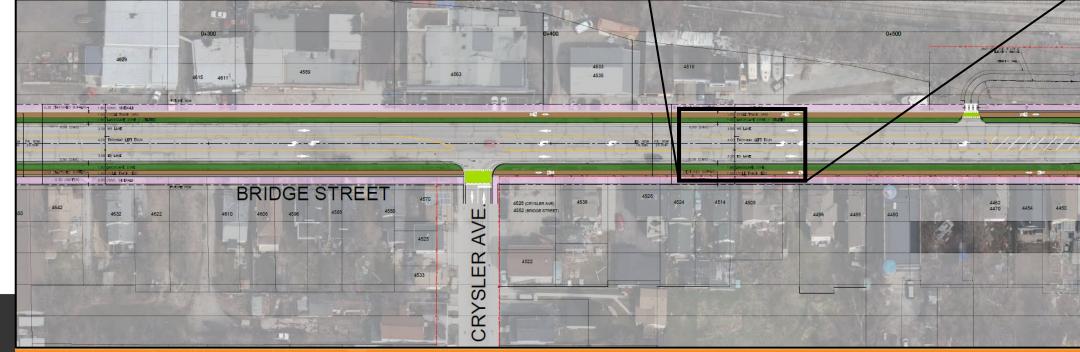


Preliminary Preferred Design (And Property): Ultimate

Alternative 3 (Cycle Tracks) – West Section

- Allows for continuous cycle tracks in the long term
- Coordinated with redevelopment of adjacent properties
- No changes to curb and drainage for ultimate configuration
- Requires 2.5 metres of additional property on each side of the road







Preliminary Preferred Design: City of Niagara Falls Streets

Erie Avenue

- Narrow the pavement width to 9.15m
- West side multi-use path 3.0m to 4.0m
- East side market zone (Bridge to Park)
- Planting zone east and west sides

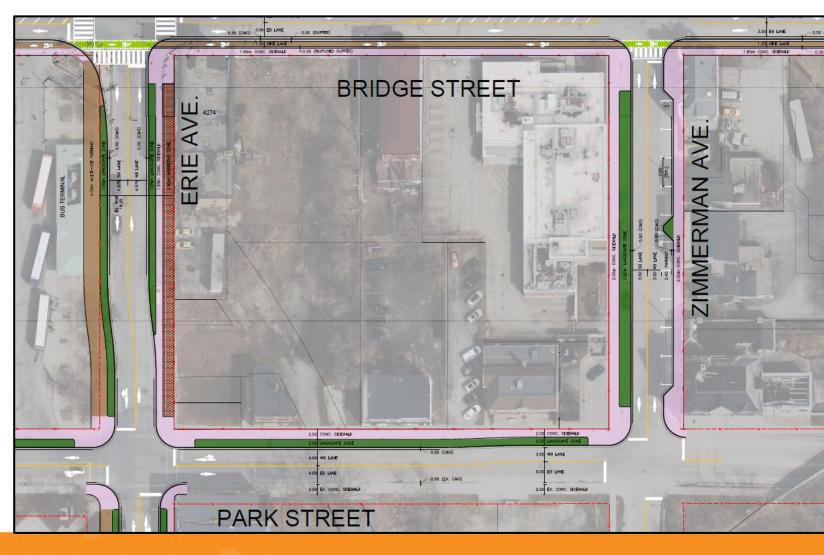
Park Street

- Planting zone north side 2.0m
- Road width narrowed 8.0m

Zimmerman Avenue

- Planting zone west side 2.9m
- Parking east side 2.4m
- Sidewalk 2.5m both sides





Next Steps







- 3-Week PIC #3 Comment Period Ending on February 18, 2022.
- Review PIC #3 Comments
- Develop a PIC Summary to document results of this PIC. The Summary Report will be posted on the project webpage
- Complete consultation with stakeholders
- Finalize the Preferred Design Concept
- Document the findings in an Environmental Study Report



How to Get Involved



Ask questions or discuss issues with the Project Team today at the PIC.



Fill out a PIC comment form and return by February 18, 2022.



Provide email comments or ask to be added to the Project contact list to receive updates and future public notices about the Project.



Visit the Project website for more information.

(https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea/default.aspx)

Questions

Your comments are important. They will be reviewed as part of the study process and incorporated into the Environmental Study Report as part of the consultation record.

To submit a comment, please complete a comment sheet and mail or email it to one of the individuals listed below. Alternatively, you can email or call one of the individuals listed below to discuss your concerns and/or comments.

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Appendix C

Comment Form and Comments Received



Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Comment Sheet	Name:	
Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) #3 – Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.	Address:	
Comment Period: February 2, 2022 to February 18, 2022	Postal Code:	
• •	Phone:	
	Email:	

Niagara Region is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), in consultation with the City of Niagara Falls for improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, including: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) from Victoria Avenue to River Road, Erie Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Queen Street, Park Street from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue, and Zimmerman Avenue from Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) to Park Street. The first PIC for this EA Study was held online from August 18 - September 15, 2020; the second PIC was held online from July 21 – August 6, 2021. This third PIC is scheduled for February 2, 2022 and will present the alternative design concepts considered and the preliminary preferred concept, and allow all interested parties an opportunity to discuss issues related to the project. Public input is encouraged and will be given consideration during the planning and design of this project.

Comments/Questions/Suggestions (additional space on the next page):

Niagara Region and R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited thank you for your involvement in this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways. Personal information collected or submitted in writing at public meetings will be collected, used and disclosed by members of Regional Council and Regional staff in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*. The written submissions including names, contact information and reports of the public meeting will be made available. Questions should be referred to the Privacy Office at 905-980-6000, ext. 3779 or FOI@niagararegion.ca.



Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Comments/Questions/Suggestions (Continued):

Please complete this Comment Sheet and submit via email to either of the Study Team members below on or before February 18, 2022. Your input and comments are appreciated.

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Project Manager
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1. Introduction

1. Contact information

First name		
Last name		
Street address		
Apt. / suite		
City		
Niagara Falls		
Phone		
Email		
2. Provide any comments	or questions you have on the preferred solution that is being proposed.	
From PIC #3 ppt, slide 27.		

It indicates a narrowing of park street by 8m -- it looks like on the north side. It also looks like that narrowing will continue west of Erie.

How far west will that narrowing continue and what will happen beyond that? I assume that the south side parking will remain, but that would make for a somewhat awkward transition... If it helps, I would be happy to accept 8m more front lawn.

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With the reconfiguring of the train/bus station area, are there anticipated changes to bus routes in the area?	

Of course I have in mind whether busses will continue along a somewhat narrower park street, but also whether there will be higher anticipated bus traffic along bridge -- and whether there are anticipated noise/other implications.

This is probably part of another study -- could you point me towards it?

thanks.

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PIC #3 slide 11: the	ere are listed some investi	gations that (I believe)	have been carried out:		

- -Vegetation communities
- -Incidental wildlife and migratory birds
- -Endangered and threatened species
- -Areas of Natural Scientific Interest (ANSI)

Could you please point me to where I can have a look at these?

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last one I promise and this one very definitely isn't really related to this PIC.	

So, as a cyclist/pedestrian I like the bike lines and sidewalks, and the area certainly couldn't look much worse than it does now. but...

- 1. There must be a plan showing how the go train service will be improved. Although they may claim otherwise, in practice it takes the go train nearly 3 hours from toronto now, and that will definitely make it not-commutable. can you point me to somewhere to look for planned go train track/service improvements?
- 2. Improving the train-bus linkage will also have the unintended consequence that people will be less likely to hang around in the area of the train station -- because they will be efficiently ushered onto the bus that takes them right to the casino.

Yes if 1 (above) is solved you will likely get some development over time, but there must be some incentives set up in the mean time to encourage business visible to passengers at the station -- like a restaurant or (gasp) a half decent coffee shop that is open after 2pm... can you point me to somewhere in a plan somewhere that describes such incentives?

thank you!

From: Niagara Region Website < webmaster@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 12:45 PM

To: Ryall, Carolyn < <u>Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca</u>> **Cc:** webincoming < <u>webincoming@niagararegion.ca</u>> **Subject:** Online Form - Enquiry from Region website

Enquiry from Region website

To reply, copy the email address from below and put into 'To'. (if resident entered their email address) name phone email municipality Niagara Falls other mun subject Bridge St. Environmental Assessment and Adjacent Municipal Roadways comments Good Afternoon, I did fill out an official comment on this Study through the portal provided. I am looking for any information that pertains to PARKING in the Study Area. There is nothing I can find on a parking strategy or a Parking Study for this entire area. Thank You. reply yes

Page Referrer

MailScanner has detected a possible fraud attempt from "urldefense.proofpoint.com" that could be a fraud attempt as the link does not match the site its claiming to be https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea/



Sylvia Waters

From:

Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:50 PM

To:

Sylvia Waters

Cc:

Ray Bacquie; carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca; Avid Banihashemi

Subject:

Re: 51307-Notice of Public Information Centre #3 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and

Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Would you happen to have that full-size map of the development area ready? Electronic version of course.

Also.

Approval of your interim solution is not negotiable, its your land. Looking forward to a new sidewalk and grass out front, by the way.

Your ultimate solution, though, will impact property owners.

I am under the opinion that currently, expropriations (or negotiated sales) would have to occur to immediately implement your ultimate plan.

If the ultimate solution is approved would the property owners now be in a situation where proposed development of their site would impose the site plan condition that that portion of the front yard would have to be granted to the region? And if I recall, the property owner also has to finance the transaction.

In essence property owners currently have an financial asset in the road allowance your requesting, with my knowledge of site plan requirements I sense that if you get the approval for your ultimate solution it will become a financial liability.

Please, the whole truth, it wouldn't be difficult for me to research the answer, but I would prefer to hear it from you.

Sylvia Waters

From:

Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 7:01 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Ray Bacquie; carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca; Avid Banihashemi

Subject: Re: 51307-Notice of Public Information Centre #3 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and

Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

From the perspective of the information below, how will the needs of all the road users desiring parking on bridge St. be appropriately accommodated should all the on street parking be removed.



3.2.2 Transportation — General

 In the design, refurbishment, or reconstruction of the existing and planned street network, a complete streets approach will be adopted that ensures the needs and safety of all road users are considered and appropriately accommodated.

Complete Streets

Streets planned to balance the needs of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, transit-users, and motorists.

Sylvia Waters

From:

Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 5:19 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Ray Bacquie; carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca; Avid Banihashemi

Subject: Re: 51307-Notice of Public Information Centre #3 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and

Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Also please comment of this ... from NFLS OP

3.12.3 Potential Street Grid Refinement

3.12.3.1 The mid-block laneway between Park Street and Queen Street shall be used as access to parking, loading and servicing. The lands along the laneway will be planned for with the following design recommendations:

- Buildings to the north of the laneway shall front onto Park Street;
- b) Buildings to the south of the laneway shall front onto Queen Street; and
- c) The laneway should be planned at a width of 7 metres.

3.12.3.2

Another potential refinement to the grid system would be an extension of Ontario Avenue north from Park Street to Bridge Street. This extension would allow for increased flow and circulation in and around the Transit Station Area.

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2022 3:25 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Ray Bacquie; carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca; Avid Banihashemi

Subject: Re: 51307-Notice of Public Information Centre #3 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Please comment on why your proposal conflicts with the Niagara Falls OP. Make it a good explanation, 80k+ people approved the OP.

- c) Redevelopment of Bridge Street is proposed to be accommodated within a planned 23.2 metre right-of way as illustrated on Figure 14. The previous general boulevard recommendations apply to Bridge Street and specific design recommendations include:
 - A minimum pedestrian clearway/sidewalk of 2.5 metres.
 - (ii) Textured edges and sound assisted crosswalks to assist the visually impaired.
 - (iii) High quality treatments, such as a decorative band, for the pedestrian clearway. The pedestrian clearway should be coordinated with the design of feature paving across boulevards, intersections, crosswalks and driveways.
 - (iv) Feature paving used to delineate areas of pedestrian priority.
 - The Planting and Furnishing Zone plus Edge Zone with a width of 1.9 metres.
 - On-street parking 2.5 metres in width and provided on both sides of the street.
 - (vii) On-street cycling lanes on both sides of the street with minimum widths of 1.2 metres.
 - (viii) One 3.3 metre wide travel lane in each direction.

From: Sylvia Waters

Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 9:03 AM

Cc: Ray Bacquie ; carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca ; Avid Banihashemi

Subject: 51307-Notice of Public Information Centre #3 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent

Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

On behalf of the Niagara Region, please see the attached Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) #3 for Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), City of Niagara Falls.

The public is invited to provide input on PIC #3 that will present the alternative design concepts considered and the preliminary preferred concept. Due to the current closures of public spaces for large gatherings, PIC #3 is being held **online and will include a presentation on Wednesday**, **February 2**, **2022 starting at 6:00 P.M**. followed by a question and answer session.

To access the online PIC #3, please visit the Project Website

(<u>https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/bridge-street-ea</u>). PIC #3 information material will be available on the website by Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and comments will be received until **February 18, 2022**.

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Appendix A4

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Subject: Regional Road 43 "C" Class EA - Acknowledgement letter

Attachments: Regional Road 43 Acknowledgment letter.docx; A Proponent's Introduction to the

Delegated Aspects of Consultation with....pdf

With best regards

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A PROPONENT'S INTRODUCTION TO THE DELEGATION OF PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF CONSULTATION WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are specific to this document and may not apply in other contexts:

Aboriginal communities – the First Nation or Métis communities identified by the Crown for the purpose of consultation.

Consultation – the Crown's legal obligation to consult when the Crown has knowledge of an established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that might adversely impact that right. This is the type of consultation required pursuant to s. 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. Note that this definition does not include consultation with Aboriginal communities for other reasons, such as regulatory requirements.

Crown – the Ontario Crown, acting through a particular ministry or ministries.

Procedural aspects of consultation – those portions of consultation related to the process of consultation, such as notifying an Aboriginal community about a project, providing information about the potential impacts of a project, responding to concerns raised by an Aboriginal community and proposing changes to the project to avoid negative impacts.

Proponent – the person or entity that wants to undertake a project and requires an Ontario Crown decision or approval for the project.

I. PURPOSE

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge of an existing or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that may adversely impact that right. In outlining a framework for the duty to consult, the Supreme Court of Canada has stated that the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to third parties. This document provides general information about the Ontario Crown's approach to delegation of the procedural aspects of consultation to proponents.

This document is not intended to instruct a proponent about an individual project, and it does not constitute legal advice.

II. WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO CONSULT WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES?

The objective of the modern law of Aboriginal and treaty rights is the *reconciliation* of Aboriginal peoples and non-Aboriginal peoples and their respective rights, claims and interests. Consultation is an important component of the reconciliation process.

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge of an existing or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that might adversely impact that right. For example, the Crown's duty to consult is triggered when it considers issuing a permit, authorization or approval for a project which has the potential to adversely impact an Aboriginal right, such as the right to hunt, fish, or trap in a particular area.

The scope of consultation required in particular circumstances ranges across a spectrum depending on both the nature of the asserted or established right and the seriousness of the potential adverse impacts on that right.

Depending on the particular circumstances, the Crown may also need to take steps to accommodate the potentially impacted Aboriginal or treaty right. For example, the Crown may be required to avoid or minimize the potential adverse impacts of the project.

III. THE CROWN'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DELEGATED CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Crown has the responsibility for ensuring that the duty to consult, and accommodate where appropriate, is met. However, the Crown may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to a proponent.

There are different ways in which the Crown may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to a proponent, including through a letter, a memorandum of understanding, legislation, regulation, policy and codes of practice.

If the Crown decides to delegate procedural aspects of consultation, the Crown will generally:

- Ensure that the delegation of procedural aspects of consultation and the responsibilities of the proponent are clearly communicated to the proponent;
- Identify which Aboriginal communities must be consulted;
- Provide contact information for the Aboriginal communities;
- Revise, as necessary, the list of Aboriginal communities to be consulted as new information becomes available and is assessed by the Crown;
- Assess the scope of consultation owed to the Aboriginal communities;

- Maintain appropriate oversight of the actions taken by the proponent in fulfilling the procedural aspects of consultation;
- Assess the adequacy of consultation that is undertaken and any accommodation that may be required;
- Provide a contact within any responsible ministry in case issues arise that require direction from the Crown; and
- Participate in the consultation process as necessary and as determined by the Crown.

IV. THE PROPONENT'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DELEGATED CONSULTATION PROCESS

Where aspects of the consultation process have been delegated to a proponent, the Crown, in meeting its duty to consult, will rely on the proponent's consultation activities and documentation of those activities. The consultation process informs the Crown's decision of whether or not to approve a proposed project or activity.

A proponent's role and responsibilities will vary depending on a variety of factors including the extent of consultation required in the circumstance and the procedural aspects of consultation the Crown has delegated to it. Proponents are often in a better position than the Crown to discuss a project and its potential impacts with Aboriginal communities and to determine ways to avoid or minimize the adverse impacts of a project.

A proponent can raise issues or questions with the Crown at any time during the consultation process. If issues or concerns arise during the consultation that cannot be addressed by the proponent, the proponent should contact the Crown.

a) What might a proponent be required to do in carrying out the procedural aspects of consultation?

Where the Crown delegates procedural aspects of consultation, it is often the proponent's responsibility to provide notice of the proposed project to the identified Aboriginal communities. The notice should indicate that the Crown has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to the proponent and should include the following information:

- a description of the proposed project or activity;
- mapping;
- proposed timelines;
- details regarding anticipated environmental and other impacts;
- details regarding opportunities to comment; and
- any changes to the proposed project that have been made for seasonal conditions or other factors, where relevant.

Proponents should provide enough information and time to allow Aboriginal communities to provide meaningful feedback regarding the potential impacts of the project. Depending on the nature of consultation required for a project, a proponent also may be required to:

- provide the Crown with copies of any consultation plans prepared and an opportunity to review and comment;
- ensure that any necessary follow-up discussions with Aboriginal communities take place in a timely manner, including to confirm receipt of information, share and update information and to address questions or concerns that may arise;
- as appropriate, discuss with Aboriginal communities potential mitigation measures and/or changes to the project in response to concerns raised by Aboriginal communities;
- use language that is accessible and not overly technical, and translate material into Aboriginal languages where requested or appropriate;
- bear the reasonable costs associated with the consultation process such as, but not limited to, meeting hall rental, meal costs, document translation(s), or to address technical & capacity issues;
- provide the Crown with all the details about potential impacts on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights, how these concerns have been considered and addressed by the proponent and the Aboriginal communities and any steps taken to mitigate the potential impacts;
- provide the Crown with complete and accurate documentation from these meetings and communications; and
- notify the Crown immediately if an Aboriginal community not identified by the Crown approaches the proponent seeking consultation opportunities.

b) What documentation and reporting does the Crown need from the proponent?

Proponents should keep records of all communications with the Aboriginal communities involved in the consultation process and any information provided to these Aboriginal communities.

As the Crown is required to assess the adequacy of consultation, it needs documentation to satisfy itself that the proponent has fulfilled the procedural aspects of consultation delegated to it. The documentation required would typically include:

- the date of meetings, the agendas, any materials distributed, those in attendance and copies of any minutes prepared;
- the description of the proposed project that was shared at the meeting;
- any and all concerns or other feedback provided by the communities;
- any information that was shared by a community in relation to its asserted or established Aboriginal or treaty rights and any potential adverse impacts of the proposed activity, approval or disposition on such rights;

- any proposed project changes or mitigation measures that were discussed, and feedback from Aboriginal communities about the proposed changes and measures;
- any commitments made by the proponent in response to any concerns raised, and feedback from Aboriginal communities on those commitments;
- copies of correspondence to or from Aboriginal communities, and any materials distributed electronically or by mail;
- information regarding any financial assistance provided by the proponent to enable participation by Aboriginal communities in the consultation;
- periodic consultation progress reports or copies of meeting notes if requested by the Crown;
- a summary of how the delegated aspects of consultation were carried out and the results; and
- a summary of issues raised by the Aboriginal communities, how the issues were addressed and any outstanding issues.

In certain circumstances, the Crown may share and discuss the proponent's consultation record with an Aboriginal community to ensure that it is an accurate reflection of the consultation process.

c) Will the Crown require a proponent to provide information about its commercial arrangements with Aboriginal communities?

The Crown may require a proponent to share information about aspects of commercial arrangements between the proponent and Aboriginal communities where the arrangements:

- include elements that are directed at mitigating or otherwise addressing impacts of the project;
- include securing an Aboriginal community's support for the project; or
- may potentially affect the obligations of the Crown to the Aboriginal communities.

The proponent should make every reasonable effort to exempt the Crown from confidentiality provisions in commercial arrangements with Aboriginal communities to the extent necessary to allow this information to be shared with the Crown.

The Crown cannot guarantee that information shared with the Crown will remain confidential. Confidential commercial information should not be provided to the Crown as part of the consultation record if it is not relevant to the duty to consult or otherwise required to be submitted to the Crown as part of the regulatory process.

V. WHAT ARE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES' IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS?

Like the Crown, Aboriginal communities are expected to engage in consultation in good faith. This includes:

- responding to the consultation notice;
- engaging in the proposed consultation process;
- providing relevant information;
- clearly articulating the potential impacts of the proposed project on Aboriginal or treaty rights; and
- discussing ways to mitigate any adverse impacts.

Some Aboriginal communities have developed tools, such as consultation protocols, policies or processes that provide guidance on how they would prefer to be consulted. Although not legally binding, proponents are encouraged to respect these community processes where it is reasonable to do so. Please note that there is no obligation for a proponent to pay a fee to an Aboriginal community in order to enter into a consultation process.

To ensure that the Crown is aware of existing community consultation protocols, proponents should contact the relevant Crown ministry when presented with a consultation protocol by an Aboriginal community or anyone purporting to be a representative of an Aboriginal community.

VI. WHAT IF MORE THAN ONE PROVINCIAL CROWN MINISTRY IS INVOLVED IN APPROVING A PROPONENT'S PROJECT?

Depending on the project and the required permits or approvals, one or more ministries may delegate procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult to the proponent. The proponent may contact individual ministries for guidance related to the delegation of procedural aspects of consultation for ministry-specific permits/approvals required for the project in question. Proponents are encouraged to seek input from all involved Crown ministries sooner rather than later.

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Subject: RE: 51307-Agency-Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for

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Thank you Sylvia

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Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways

Attachments: 51307_MECP-ProjectInfoForm.xlsx; 51307_Bridge Street EA-NOCm.pdf

Please find attached the EA Project Information Form and Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 for the City of Niagara Falls, MCEA Schedule C, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways.

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August 5, 2020

RE: Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls

To Whom It May Concern,

Niagara Region, through their consultant R. J. Burnside & Associates, is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to examine transportation infrastructure needs for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways (Erie Avenue, Park Street, and Zimmerman Avenue), in the City of Niagara Falls. This Study is being undertaken in consultation with the City of Niagara Falls with respect to the Municipal Roadways. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre (PIC) #1.

The purpose of this Study is to identify alternative solutions and designs and to obtain the necessary approvals to undertake detailed design and construction of suitable transportation infrastructure to service the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station and surrounding land-uses. Opportunities for developing complete streets and increasing access for all road-users will be explored. As part of the Study, the alternatives will be evaluated against their potential impacts to the cultural, natural, and social environments. At the conclusion of the MCEA, the process will be documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR) that will be filed for public review.

In accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association's *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 200, as Amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015), which is approved under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*, this Study is being carried out following the planning process for Schedule C projects. An essential component of the planning process is the consultation with the stakeholders and community. Early and active discussions will be critical to identifying ways to minimize the impacts of this Study to local residents while evaluating and selecting the preferred solution to suit the overall needs of the area.

At this stage of the process, we are requesting that your Agency provide feedback by September 15, 2020, to the undersigned in order to assist us in understanding your agency's involvement with this project. Specifically, we are seeking information on:

 Policies, standards, guidelines, and/or best-practices employed by your Agency that may affect or be affected by the implementation of the final outcome of this Study;



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- Background information that is pertinent to the compilation of an environmental inventory of the general area of study;
- Any preliminary comments or concerns that your Agency has on the proposed project; and
- Other projects proposed within or near the general area of study.

We are making contact early on in the Study so that concerns from your Agency can be addressed and incorporated into the overall planning process. Input and comments received from Agencies, Indigenous Communities, and the Public will be incorporated throughout the MCEA process and documented in the ESR.

If you and/or others from your Agency would like to participate throughout the MCEA or be removed from the Project Contact List, please contact the undersigned with your name and email address and your contact preference.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: File 0012852: Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Good afternoon Dan,

Thank-you for your letter response to the Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that Archaeological Services Inc. will be completing a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (AA) and Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment (CHRA) for this EA, the results of which will be document in the Environmental Study Report. The Stage 1 AA Report will be submitted by ASI once completed to the Ministry directly. As requested, we will provide a copy of the CHRA Report to MHSTCI prior to issuing the Notice of Study Completion. We will continue to consult with MHSTCI throughout the EA process.

Best regards, Jennifer



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From: Harvey, Joseph (MHSTCI) < <u>Joseph.Harvey@ontario.ca</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2020 3:50 PM

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Cc: Barboza, Karla (MHSTCI) < Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>; Minkin, Dan (MHSTCI) < Dan.Minkin@ontario.ca>; Ray Bacquie

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Jordan Frost,

Please find attached MHSTCI comments on the above referenced project. Please do not hesitate to contact Dan Minkin if you have any questions.

Joseph Harvey

On behalf of

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MHSTCI File: 0012852

Proponent: Niagara Region

Subject : Notice of Study Commencement

Project : Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation

Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal

Roadways

Location : City of Niagara Falls

Dear Jordan Frost:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) with the Notice of Study Commencement for the above-referenced project. MHSTCI's interest in this Environmental Assessment (EA) project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- Archaeological resources, including land and marine;
- Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,
- Cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on cultural heritage resources. The recommendations below are for a Schedule C Municipal Class EA project, as described in the notice of study commencement.

Project Summary

Niagara Region, through their consultant R. J. Burnside & Associates, is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to examine transportation infrastructure needs for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways (Erie Avenue, Park Street, and Zimmerman Avenue), in the City of Niagara Falls. This Study is being carried out following the planning process for Schedule C projects in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association's *Municipal Class Environmental assessment* (October 200, as Amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015), which is approved under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources

While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to these communities. Municipal Heritage Committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations may also have knowledge that contributes to the identification of cultural heritage resources.

Please note that the <u>Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage</u>
<u>Properties</u> (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the <u>Ontario Heritage Act</u> (OHA), came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

Archaeological Resources

This EA project may impact archaeological resources and should be screened using the MHSTCI <u>Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential</u> determine if an archaeological assessment is needed. MHSTCI archaeological sites data are available at <u>archaeology@ontario.ca</u>. If the EA project area exhibits archaeological potential, then an archaeological assessment (AA) should be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *OHA*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MHSTCI for review.

Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

The MHSTCI <u>Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</u> should be completed to help determine whether this EA project may impact cultural heritage resources. If potential or known heritage resources exist, MHSTCI recommends that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), prepared by a qualified consultant, should be completed to assess potential project impacts. Our Ministry's <u>Info Sheet #5: Heritage Impact Assessments and Conservation Plans</u> outlines the scope of HIAs. Please send the HIA to MHSTCI review and make it available to local organizations or individuals who have expressed interest in review.

Environmental Assessment Reporting

All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects. Please advise MHSTCI whether any technical cultural heritage studies will be completed for this EA project, and provide them to MHSTCI before issuing a Notice of Completion or commencing any work on the site. If screening has identified no known or potential cultural heritage resources, or no impacts to these resources, please include the completed checklists and supporting documentation in the EA report or file.

Thank you for consulting MHSTCI on this project and please continue to do so throughout the EA process. If you have any questions or require clarification, do not hesitate to contact Dan Minkin.

Sincerely,

Joseph Harvey
On behalf of

Dan Minkin Heritage Planner Heritage Planning Unit Dan.Minkin@ontario.ca

Copied to: Ray Bacquie, Consultant Project Manager, R.J. Burnside and Associates

It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their EA report or file is accurate. MHSTCI makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the EA process, and in no way shall MHSTCI be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Please notify MHSTCI if archaeological resources are impacted by EA project work. All activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and a licensed archaeologist is required to carry out an archaeological assessment in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

If human remains are encountered, all activities must cease immediately and the local police as well as the Registrar, Burials of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (416-326-8800) must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MHSTCI should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

From: David Deluce <ddeluce@npca.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:56 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: Automatic reply: 51307-Agency-Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Thank you for your email. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NPCA has taken measures to protect staff and public while providing continuity of services. The NPCA main office and all Conservation Areas are closed. Staff are currently working remotely and will respond to your email as soon as possible.

Updates with regards to NPCA operations and activities can be found on our website at www.npca.ca/our-voice, the NPCA Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NPCAOntario and on Twitter at https://twitter.com/NPCA_Ontario.

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From: Jennifer Vandermeer

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:28 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Avid Banihashemi; Ray Bacquie; 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA

Subject: FW: 51307-Agency-Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for

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From: Weston Sagle < Weston. Sagle @npei.ca > Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:34 AM

To: Frost, Jordan < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: RE: 51307-Agency-Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for Regional Road

43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

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thank you for your email

I will be away from the office July 31 returning August 10. If there is a pipeline emergency please call 1-877-420-8800.

If you are inquiring about right-of-way or crossing information or are looking for lands related information please contact the Eastern Region right-of-way group at:

email: est.reg.crossing@enbridge.com

If you need immediate response please call Amy Robinson at 519-339-0517.

Othersie, I will respond to your message as soon as I am able.

thank you Ann Newman Supervisor, ROW Services Enbridge Pipelines Inc.

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To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: Re: 51307-Agency-Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for

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Thank you for your submission, it has been placed in the queue and will be replied to within 15 business days. When possible please try to avoid submitting AutoCAD files.

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Good afternoon,

Zayo has no existing plant in the area indicated in your submission. No markup and no objection. Thank you.

Phil Arbeau Utility Circulations

On Wed, 5 Aug 2020 at 09:57, Sylvia Waters <Sylvia.Waters@rjburnside.com> wrote:

On behalf of the Niagara Region, please see the attached Letter and Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 for Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), City of Niagara Falls. This notice signals the commencement of the Municipal Class EA.

Due to the current closures of public spaces for large gatherings, a virtual PIC will be held on the Niagara Region website at: https://niagararegion.ca/projects/ starting **August 18, 2020**. Your comments on the project and information materials are encouraged by **September 15, 2020**.

Please contact either of the following Project Team members if you are unable to access the online information concerning this Study.

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I am currently away from the office and will be returning on Monday, August 10, 2020. I do not have access to e-mail. For traffic engineering and transportation planning inquiries, please contact Mathew Bilodeau at mbilodeau@niagarafalls.ca

John Grubich

Traffic Planning Supervisor



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We thank you in advance for your understanding, should we take longer than usual to respond to your inquiry.

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I'll be out of the office until Monday August 17th. If your matter is urgent please contact Vanessa Bilodeau at vanessa.bilodeau@niagararegion.ca or at (905) 327-4942. If your email is regarding a traffic signal service call, please contact our dispatch at (905) 984-3600

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From: Ray Bacquie

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To: britney.fricke@niagararegion.ca

Cc: Jordan.frost@niagararegion.ca; Jennifer Vandermeer; Sylvia Waters; Henry Centen

Subject: FW: Planning and Development Services Comments- Bridge Street Municipal Class EA

Attachments: Regional PDS Comments (EN-20-0021)- Bridge Street and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, NF.pdf

Hello Britney,

Thank you very much for your comments. We will update you on the progress of the project and any issues related to your comments.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Bacquie, P. Eng., MBA

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Subject: Planning and Development Services Comments- Bridge Street Municipal Class EA

Hi Ray,

Please find attached comment letter from Planning and Development Services regarding the Bridge Street and adjacent municipal roadways EA.

Please let me know if you have any questions, would like to discuss any of the comments, or if we can assist with the project in any way.

Kind regards,

Britney Fricke, MCIP, RPP

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September 16, 2020

File No.: E.03.04.EN-20-0021

Ray Bacquie, P.Eng. Project Manager RJ Burnside & Associates Limited 128 Wellington Street West, Suite 301 Barrie, Ontario L4N 8J6

Dear Mr. Bacquie:

Re: Planning and Development Services Comments

Regional Municipality of Niagara – Bridge Street and Adjacent Municipal

Roadways, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Regional Planning and Development Services staff have reviewed the information circulated with regard to the initiation of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (EA) for improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) (from Victoria Avenue to River Road) and adjacent Municipal Roadways, including Erie Avenue (from Regional Bridge Street to Queen Street), Park Street (from Ontario Avenue to Zimmerman Avenue), and Zimmerman Avenue (from Bridge Street to Park Street) in the City of Niagara Falls.

The purpose of this Study is to identify alternative solutions and designs and to obtain the necessary approvals to undertake detailed design and construction of suitable transportation infrastructure to service the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station and vicinity. The Niagara Falls GO Transition Station Area is an important area planned to accommodate both short and long-term growth. Regional Planning and Development Services staff are fully supportive of this Environmental Assessment, and wish to emphasize the potential for future road/infrastructure upgrades to support development in the area and the residents of Niagara. Regional staff offers the following comments regarding Provincial and Regional planning policy and urban design for your consideration as the project advances.

Provincial and Regional Policies

The study area is located within a Settlement Area under the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and within the Delineated Built-Up Area under the 2020 A Place to

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Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan). Both the PPS and the Growth Plan direct growth to settlement areas and encourage a mix of land uses and densities that are compatible; efficiently use land, resources, infrastructure, and public service facilities, which are planned or available; and, support vibrant neighbourhoods.

The study area is located within the Urban Area of the City of Niagara Falls, as designated in the Regional Official Plan (ROP). A full range of residential, commercial and industrial uses are permitted generally within the Urban Area designation of the ROP, subject to the availability of adequate municipal services and infrastructure, and in accordance with local Official Plan policies. The ROP also directs the efficient use of land within the Urban Area, including development of higher densities than in the past and using lands suitable for infilling, intensification and redevelopment to promote more compact urban forms.

Niagara Region also partnered with the City of Niagara Falls to develop a Secondary Plan for the Niagara Falls GO Transition Station area, which provides a 20-year vision and planning framework to guide transit-supportive development around the GO station, located at the existing VIA Rail station on Bridge Street. Official Plan Amendment No. 125 for the Niagara Falls GO Station Secondary Plan was adopted by the City and subsequently approved by the Niagara Region on June 14, 2018 and is now in effect. The Secondary Plan has been added to Part 5, Section 2 of the Official Plan, and contains policies and guidelines for development and redevelopment, which is complimentary to the existing community. The plan also identifies capital infrastructure improvements, including streetscaping, bike lanes, multi-use trail, gateway features and public space improvements, necessary to provide residents and commuters with safe and efficient access to the GO station. The project team should review the Secondary Plan for detailed direction and consideration when refining options as part of the EA process. The land use schedule for the Secondary Plan is included in the Appendix.

As noted above, Bridge Street and the surrounding municipal roads are part of an important planning area and will support population and employment growth in Niagara Falls as envisioned by the Secondary Plan. Planning and Development Services is fully supportive of the this EA, as it will facilitate further development in the area and the movement of people and goods throughout the Secondary Plan area. Regional staff recognizes that this project is a major investment from an infrastructure perspective, but that it also has the capacity to fulfill a broader complete communities and active transportation role. To this end, Planning and Development Services staff is committed to assisting the project team as needed from a planning and urban design perspective. Regional staff is supportive of the work being undertaken, and looks forward to continuing to work with the project team moving forward, including feedback on the alternative solutions and designs, to address the comments below.

Urban Design

The Urban Design and Landscape Architecture team are interested in the design of public realm components of this EA project. We are also interested in the relationship of active transportation facilities to the public realm, and the interface between the public and private realm. Specific areas of interest will be provided under separate cover.

Archaeological Potential

The PPS and ROP provide direction for the conservation of significant cultural heritage and archaeological resources. Specifically, Section 2.6.2 of the PPS and Policy 10.C.2.1.13 of the ROP state that development and site alteration are not permitted on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential, unless significant archaeological resources have been conserved.

The study area has high potential for discovery of archaeological resources as a result of proximity to the Niagara River. As the existing road allowance has been heavily disturbed, an archaeological assessment may not be required; however, any excavation beyond presently disturbed lands should ensure the protection/preservation of any potential archaeological resources through the completion of an assessment. In either instance, Regional staff also recommends that the following warning clause be included in all tender and construction documents to warn of the potential for discovery of archaeological resources.

"Should deeply buried archaeological remains/resources be found during construction activities, all activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and the proponent must notify the Archaeology Programs Unit of the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (416-212-8886) and contact a licensed archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

In the event that human remains are encountered during construction, all activities must cease immediately and the local police as well as the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (416-326-8800) must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MHSTCI should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act."

Built Heritage Resources

Section 2.6.3 of the PPS also states that "Planning authorities shall not permit development and site alteration on adjacent lands to protected heritage property except where the proposed development and site alterations has been evaluated and it has

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been demonstrated that the heritage attributes of the protected heritage property will be conserved."

The study area contains properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* (i.e. protected heritage property), including:

- Via Railway Station (4267 Bridge Street);
- Old Imperial Bank (4190 Bridge Street); and,
- Post Office/Customs House (4177 Park Street)

As part of the EA process, consideration should be given to the heritage attributes of those designated properties and how they will be conserved. This should include the identification, protection, management and use of built heritage resources in a manner that ensures their cultural heritage value or interest is retained, and may be achieved by the implementation of recommendations set out in a conservation plan and/or heritage impact assessment. Mitigative measures and/or alternative development approaches can be included in these plans and assessments. The City of Niagara Falls' Heritage Committee could also be consulted in this regard.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Planning and Development staff is supportive of the EA for the Bridge Street and adjacent municipal roadways area. The Niagara Falls GO Station Secondary Plan area is an important planning area and will support population and employment growth in Niagara Falls as envisioned by the Secondary Plan. Staff offer the aforementioned comments for consideration through the EA process. To assist the team, the Secondary Plan Land Use and Active Transportation Network schedules attached in the appendix. Planning and Development staff looks forward to continuing to work with the project team moving forward, including feedback on the alternative solutions and designs, to address the comments above.

Should you have any questions related to the above comments, please feel free to contact me at 905-980-600 ext. 3432 or by email at Britney.Fricke@niagararegion.ca.

Kind regards,

Britney Fricke, MCIP, RPP Senior Development Planner

cc: Jordan Frost, Manager Transportation Planning, Niagara Region

Appendix I- GO Station Secondary Plan Schedules

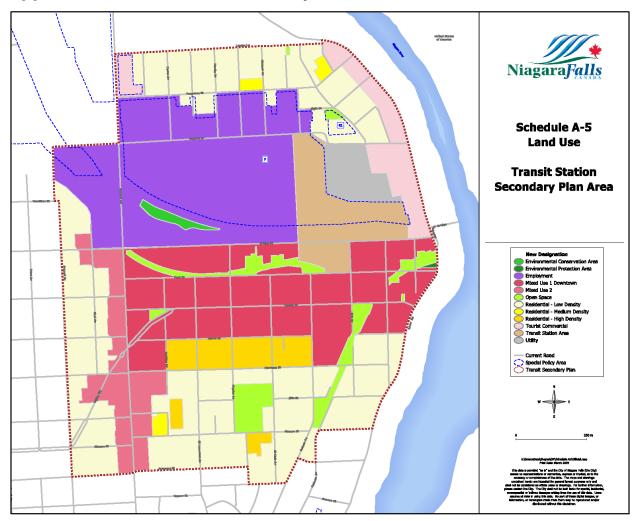




Figure 12: Planned Active Transportation Network

Planned Active Transportation Network

From: Sylvia Waters

Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 11:29 AM

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Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 1:49 PM **To:** markupanddrawingrequests@tnpi.ca

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Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 11:31 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

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Thank you for your email. I am currently on leave until October 12, 2021. For assistance during this time, please contact Karla Barboza at karla.barboza@ontario.ca .

From: Verhaeghe, Tammy (MNRF) < Tammy. Verhaeghe@ontario.ca>

Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 12:50 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Thornton, Ian (MNRF)

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Hi Sylvia,

Thanks for reaching out to the ministry to let us know about the public information centre. I wanted to send a note to let you know that I'm on another assignment in the ministry and not in Guelph District right now.

By way of this email, I'm connecting you to Ian Thornton the Resources Operations Supervisor. He'll be able to direct this information appropriately.

Thanks,

Tammy

a/Renewal Planning Manager, Recovery and Renewal Secretariat Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry [Phone: 519.994.4922]

Visit the MNRF Recovery and Renewal Intranet Site!

Please Note: As part of providing <u>accessible customer service</u>, please let me know if you have any accommodation needs or require communication supports or alternate formats.

From: INFO <info@npei.ca>

Monday, July 05, 2021 2:26 PM Sent:

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: Thank You from Niagara Peninsula Energy

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Thank you and have a great day!



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You should receive an application form along with our Technical Crossing Guidelines when you accept the terms & conditions of the locate report.

If not, you may request those to be emailed out to you.

For Locates Contact **On1Call (Ontario),** if a locate is required, someone from TNPI field services will contact you to set up a site meet & pipeline stake out within 3-5 days. For inspector bookings the number is on your permit

If you require drawing markups or to make a drawing request please email your request to:

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Vous devriez recevoir un formulaire de demande ainsi que nos directives techniques de croisement lorsque vous acceptez les termes et conditions du rapport de localisation. Si ce n'est pas le cas, vous pouvez demander que ces documents vous soient envoyés par courriel.

Pour une localisation contactez **Info-Excavation (Québec)**, si une localisation est requise, un de nos techniciens vous contactera pour un rendez-vous sur place, et pour marquez l'endroit du pipeline dans les 3 à 5 jours. Pour réserver un inspecteur, le numéro est sur votre permis

Si vous avez besoin d'annotations sur plans ou pour faire une demande de plans ou dessins, veuillez envoyer votre demande par courriel à: «markupanddrawingrequests@tnpi.ca»

Kindest Regards, Sincèrement

Cliff

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From: Utility Circulations <utility.circulations+canned.response@zayo.com>

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Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 11:40 AM

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From: Mostacci, Rino <Rino.Mostacci@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 4:20 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: Automatic reply: 51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA for Regional Road 43

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Thank you for your email.

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Please contact Doug Giles, Acting Planning Commissioner (doug.giles@niagararegion.ca) or Nicole Oakes (nicole.oakes@niagararegion.ca) my Executive Assistant for immediate attention.

Regards,

Rino Mostacci, MCIP, RPP

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Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 11:30 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL]-51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA for

Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Fire Chief Boutilier has retired as of June 30,2021 at which time Jo Zambito <code>grambito@niagarafalls.ca</code> shall assume the role & duties of Fire Chief.

Please contact Diane Tukonic, Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief at extension 2203 or dtukonic@niagarafalls.ca for any matters.

From: Lydia Waters < lwaters@niagarafalls.ca>

Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 2:05 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Ray Bacquie; carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]-FW: 51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA for Regional Road

43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Thank you Sylvia. I will forward to Business Development representatives. Kindly add Angela Davidson, adavidson@niagarafalls.ca & Michael Warchala, mwarchala@niagarafalls.ca to your email mail outs. You can remove Wendy Canavan, due to her retirement from the City of Niagara Falls.

Lydia Waters | Executive Secretary | Business Development | City of Niagara Falls

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Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 2:00 PM

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Forwarded as per email from Wendy Canavan on July 5, 2021.

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Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 11:30 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: Automatic reply: [EXTERNAL]-51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA for

Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Thank you for your business inquiry, I wish to inform you that I have retired from the City of Niagara Falls. Please contact Lydia Waters to redirect your inquiry to our Business Development staff by calling 905-356-7521 ext. 5000 or email lwaters@niagarafalls.ca

From: Sylvia Waters

Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2021 10:31 AM

To: Michael Warchala
Cc: Avid Banihashemi

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]-51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA for Regional Road 43

(Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Good morning Michael

Yes the business community along Bridge Street were sent a notice in the mail.

From: Michael Warchala < mwarchala@niagarafalls.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2021 4:25 PM

To: Sylvia Waters <Sylvia.Waters@rjburnside.com>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]-51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge

Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Good Afternoon Sylvia,

Thank you for sending this information.

I was wondering if this was also circulated by RJ Burnside (or the Region) to the businesses along Bridge Street? If not, we would like to make sure they receive this information and will circulate it to them.

Thank you, Michael

Michael Warchala Economic Development Officer | Business Development | City of Niagara Falls 4343 Morrison Street | Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6Z9 | (905) 356-7521 ext 5004 | Fax 905-357-9293 | mwarchala@niagarafalls.ca



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From: Info (Queen Street Niagara) <info@queenstreetniagara.com>

Sent: Monday, July 05, 2021 5:27 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: Re: 51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street)

and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Hello,

Please update your records to our new email info@downtownniagarafalls.com

Thank you

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Cc: Ray Bacquie; carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca

Subject: 51307-Agency-Notice of Public Information Centre #3 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street)

and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Attachments: Bridge Street EA - Notice of PIC#3-MailOut-Final.pdf

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Ray Bacquie, P. Eng. Project Manager R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited 905.821.5891

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From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 11:48 AM

To: Ahmad Ishtiaq

Cc: Sylvia Waters; Ray Bacquie

Subject: FW: Niagara Region - Schedule C MCEA Study for Bridge Street Improvements - Utilities Mark-up

Request

From: Markup & Drawing Requests <markupanddrawingrequests@tnpi.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2022 10:27 AM

To: Avid Banihashemi < Avid. Banihashemi@rjburnside.com >

Subject: RE: Niagara Region - Schedule C MCEA Study for Bridge Street Improvements - Utilities Mark-up Request

Hi Avid,

Based on your attached map, TNPI has no facilities close to your planned work areas.

Please be advised if your ground disturbance is within the pipeline right of way of TNPI, you need Permit. In that case, please contact crossingrequestseast@tnpi.ca or 514-500-1241.

Thanks,

Ladan Parsi

Drafting & GIS Specialist
TRANS-NORTHERN PIPELINES INC.

45 VOGELL ROAD, SUITE 310, RICHMOND HILL, ON L4B 3P6

OFFICE: 289-475-5382

lparsi@tnpi.ca







From: Avid Banihashemi < Avid.Banihashemi@rjburnside.com>

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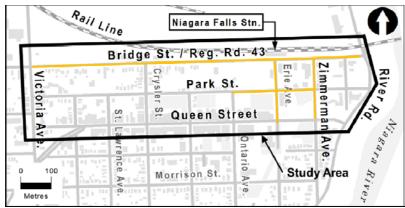
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Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 9:28 AM

To: esavoia@niagaraparks.com; mgruosso@niagaraparks.com

Cc: Elmadhoon, Maged; Avid Banihashemi; Sylvia Waters; Ryall, Carolyn

Subject: Bridge Street and Municipal Roads Class EA - Meeting with Niagara Parks Commission

Hello Ellen,

I hope that you are doing well. We are preparing for our next public meeting for the Bridge Street Class EA, and would like to arrange a meeting with you and any appropriate colleagues.

Would you be able to provide a few dates you may be available the next couple of weeks?

Regards, Ray



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Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:41 AMTo: consultations@metisnation.orgCc: Frost, Jordan; Ray Bacquie

Subject: 51307-Metis Nation of Ontario, Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Attachments: 51307-NOCm Indigenous Cover Letter-Metis Nation of Ontario.pdf; Bridge Street EA - NOCm.pdf

Hello Jesse Fieldwebster, Consultation Assessment Coordinator Metis Nation of Ontario

On behalf of the Niagara Region, please see the attached Letter, Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 for Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA), City of Niagara Falls. This notice signals the commencement of the MCEA.

Due to the current closures of public spaces for large gatherings, a virtual PIC will be held on the Niagara Region website at: https://niagararegion.ca/projects/ starting **August 18, 2020**. Your comments on the project and information materials are encouraged by **September 15, 2020**.

Please contact either of the following Project Team members if you are unable to access the online information concerning this Study.

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Metis Nation of Ontario

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RE: Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

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To Whom It May Concern,

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The purpose of this Study is to identify alternative solutions and designs and to obtain the necessary approvals to undertake detailed design and construction of suitable transportation infrastructure to service the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station and surrounding land-uses. Opportunities for developing complete streets and increasing access for all road-users will be explored. As part of the Study, the alternatives will be evaluated against their potential impacts to the cultural, natural, and social environments. At the conclusion of the MCEA, the process will be documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR) that will be filed for public review.

In accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association's *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 200, as Amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015), which is approved under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*, this Study is being carried out following the planning process for Schedule C projects. An essential component of the planning process is the consultation with the stakeholders and community. Early and active discussions will be critical to identifying ways to minimize the impacts of this Study to local residents while evaluating and selecting the preferred solution to suit the overall needs of the area.

This notification is being provided to you to determine if your Community may hold an interest in this Study. Specifically, we are seeking input from your Community on:



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- Any preliminary comments or concerns on the Study;
- The level of interest in the project and any further engagement; and
- The best methods to communicate throughout the completion of the Study.

We are making contact early on in the Study so that concerns from your Community can be addressed and incorporated into the overall planning process. Input and comments received from Agencies, Indigenous Communities, and the Public will be incorporated throughout the MCEA process and documented in the ESR.

If you and/or others from your Community would like to participate throughout the MCEA or be removed from the Project Contact List, please contact the undersigned with your name and email address and your contact preference.

Sincerely,

Jordan Frost, P.Eng., PTOE

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From: Sylvia Waters

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:47 AM

To: lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca

Cc: Dawn LaForme; Frost, Jordan; Ray Bacquie

Subject: 51307-Six Nations of the Grand River, Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information

Centre #1 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of

Niagara Falls

Attachments: 51307-NOCm Indigenous Cover Letter-Lonny Bomberry-.pdf; 51307_Bridge Street EA-NOCm.pdf

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August 5, 2020

Mr. Lonny Bomberry
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From: Sylvia Waters

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 10:14 AM

To: rlinn@sixnations.ca
Cc: Jennifer Vandermeer
Subject: MCEAs as per phone call

Attachments: Notice of Study Commencement_full page_June 6 FINAL.pdf; 050185 Ponderosa Notice PIC2 (1).pdf;

AppA_51307-NOCm-PIC.pdf

Importance: High

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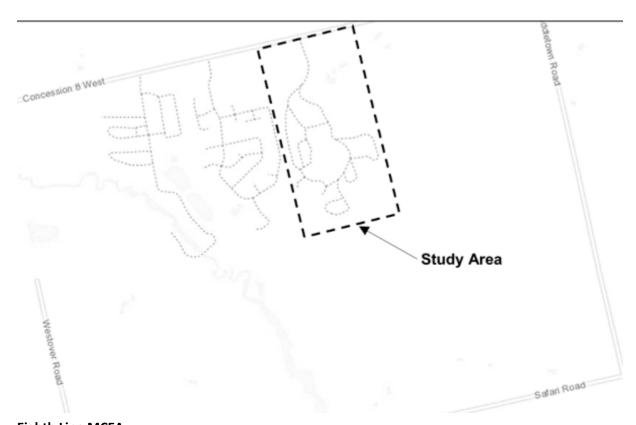
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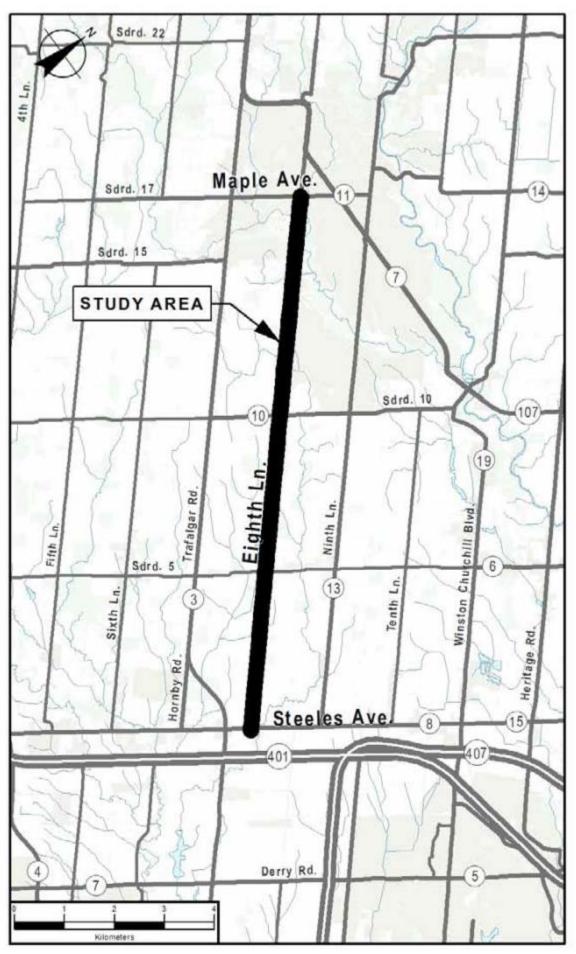


Ponderosa Nature Resort

Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA Ponderosa Nature Resort Water and Wastewater System Improvements,



Eighth Line MCEAEighth Line, Town of Halton Hills. Improvements to Eighth Line from Steeles Avenue to Maple Avenue



From: Sylvia Waters

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:59 AM

To: Fawn Sault

Cc: Ray Bacquie; Frost, Jordan; Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca

Subject: 51307-Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, Notice of Study Commencement and Public

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Attachments: 51307_Bridge Street EA-NOCm.pdf; 51307-NOCm Indigenous Cover Letter-Final.pdf

Categories: Red Category

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Enclosed: Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

From: Fawn Sault <Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 3:41 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Jennifer Vandermeer; Ray Bacquie; Megan DeVries; Mark LaForme

Subject: RE: 51307-Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, Notice of Study Commencement and Public

Information Centre #1 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways,

City of Niagara Falls

Good Afternoon Sylvia,

Thank you it was lovely speaking to you as well. Yes please send all reports for our review prior to approval as I mentioned. I have included my colleague Megan DeVries, our Archaeological Operations Supervisor, in this reply. She will review all archaeological reports and provide feedback.

If you have any more questions please feel free to contact me.

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Fawn Sault
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From: Sylvia Waters < Sylvia. Waters@rjburnside.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 3:23 PM **To:** Fawn Sault <Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca>

Cc: Jennifer Vandermeer < Jennifer. Vandermeer@rjburnside.com>; Ray Bacquie < Ray. Bacquie@rjburnside.com> **Subject:** FW: 51307-Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Hello Fawn, it was lovely speaking with you today. As you were unsure of your receipt of the NOCm/ PIC for the MCEA for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls, I have attached copies. This project will complete a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (AA), Built Heritage and Cultural Landscape Assessment which will become part of the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

ASI will be contracted to do the Stage 1 AA.

Please advise whether you wish to be sent a copy of the Stage 1 AA, upon completion.

Thank you.

Technical Administrator, EPA

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From: Jennifer Vandermeer

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:07 PM

To: Sylvia Waters
Cc: Tricia Radburn

Subject: FW: PIF Notification - Regional Road 43

Attachments: Williams - Regional Road 43.pdf

From: Tricia Radburn < Tricia. Radburn@rjburnside.com >

Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:43 AM

To: Jennifer Vandermeer < Jennifer. Vandermeer@rjburnside.com>

Subject: FW: PIF Notification - Regional Road 43

Is this your project...

From: Megan DeVries < Megan. DeVries@mncfn.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 11:41 AM

To: Blake Williams < bwilliams@asiheritage.ca >; Tricia Radburn < Tricia.Radburn@rjburnside.com >

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<archaeology@ontario.ca>

Subject: PIF Notification - Regional Road 43

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation regarding your upcoming archaeological assessment.

Regards,

Megan.

Megan DeVries, M.A. Archaeological Operations Supervisor



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October 26, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Consultation and Accommodation [DOCA], requesting information on a project within the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation's [MCFN] treaty territory.

MCFN are an Aboriginal people within the meaning of section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 29182*. We have signed numerous treaties with the Crown, reaffirming our rights as the original owners of the lands in our territory and establishing Treaty rights over the same. Furthermore, we have un-surrendered Aboriginal title to the waters, beds of water, and foreshore within our territory. Our constitutionally protected rights give rise to specific legal obligations and duties which supersede policies and guidelines.

We are an Indigenous community as understood by the United Nations and our rights include those referenced in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("UNDRIP"). Article 11 of UNDRIP states that Indigenous peoples have "the right to maintain, protect and develop the past, present and future manifestations of their cultures, such as archaeological and historical sites, artefacts..." In May, 2016, the Federal Government committed to adopting and implementing UNDRIP; therefore, the rights of Indigenous peoples outlined in it deserve renewed consideration and respect.

These lands have been the territory and home of MCFN and our ancestors for many generations. As such, there is significant potential for archaeological and other cultural resources of our people to be located during the archaeological fieldwork required for projects or development. Such resources are of critical importance to MCFN given the increasing urbanization and development of our territory that effectively whitewashes our past. Without our active participation and monitoring during archaeological fieldwork, our history stands to be lost forever. As the original stewards of these lands – and continuing owners of the waters – we have ongoing obligations to ensure the protection of our cultural and natural resources for future generations. This is our responsibility and our right.



DOCA has been notified that in a project information file was submitted to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries for the following project:

PIF ID	111691
Project Name	Regional Road 43 (20EA-040)
Proponent Identified	R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd
Municipal Address	n/a
Stage of Assessment	Stage 1
Licensee Name and	Blake Williams (P383)
Number	

Please provide a summary of the history of this project and the current state of its associated environmental and archaeological fieldwork. If it is complete, please provide a summary of the preliminary results, followed by the draft report when available. If it is not yet complete, please provide the anticipated start date of fieldwork.

Please be aware that the development may have impacts on MCFN's treaty and aboriginal rights and MCFN has not been properly consulted on this project. Until a reasonable understanding has been reached between MCFN and the proponent regarding the project and our participation in it to ensure that the fieldwork is conducted in a respectful manner that protects our rights, we are of the opinion that any duty to consult over the project has not been met and all subsequent approvals relating to the project are subject to challenge on this basis.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that MCFN has its own Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology, which we expect that will be followed in our Territory. Additionally, DOCA requires that our Field Liaison Representatives participate in all environmental and archaeological fieldwork within the MCFN treaty territory, including Stages 2 through 4. It is our expectation that no fieldwork will take place without the participation of our FLRs. MCFN has an Aboriginal and Treaty Right to protect the environmental and our archaeological heritage and our FLRs are our boots on the ground to ensure our interests are protected. MCFN considers it disrespectful to our rights as Indigenous peoples if our natural and cultural heritage is interfered with without our involvement.

It is my hope that in light of the above considerations and with a renewed focus on reconciliation, we can navigate through these issues towards a relationship of respect, partnership, and mutual benefit. Please provide the requested information by 4pm on November 20, 2020.



Thank you.

Megan DeVries,

Archaeological Operations Supervisor

Mark LaForme, MCFN-DOCA (mark.laforme@mncfn.ca) CC

Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries

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Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:40 AM **To:** 'jocko@sixnationsns.com'; 'hdi2@bellnet.ca'

Cc: Frost, Jordan; Ray Bacquie

Subject: 51307-Haudensaunee Confederacy -Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

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Attachments: 51307_Bridge Street EA-NOCm.pdf; 51307-NOCm Indigenous Cover Letter-Hohahes Leroy Hill-.pdf

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August 5, 2020

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Subject: MCEA Notices for Bridge St. and Ponderosa Nature Resort

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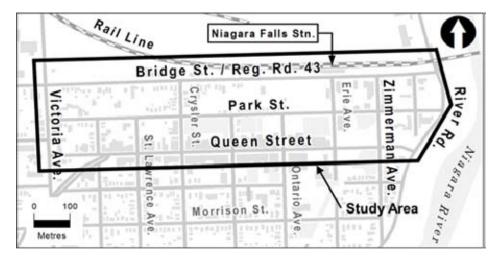
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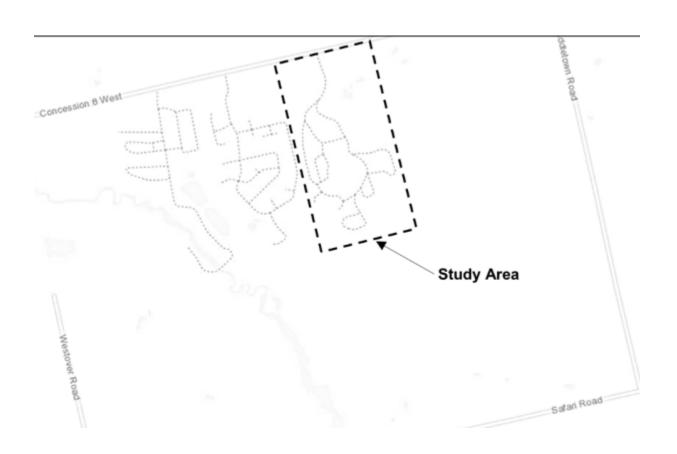
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Ponderosa Nature Resort

Notice of Public Information Centre #2 MCEA Ponderosa Nature Resort Water and Wastewater System Improvements,



From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 2:45 PM **To:** 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA

Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 2 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge

Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls

Attachments: Signed-Metis_Notice of PIC2_Cover Letter.pdf; Bridge Street EA - Notice of PIC#2-Website.pdf

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

Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2021 12:45 PM

To: BonnieB@metisnation.org

Cc: van den Burg, Gina <Gina.vandenBurg@niagararegion.ca>; Ray Bacquie <Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>; Avid Banihashemi <Avid.Banihashemi@rjburnside.com>; Ryall, Carolyn <Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca>; Tassone, Frank <frank.tassone@niagararegion.ca>; Alkarawi, Sulaf <Sulaf.Alkarawi@niagararegion.ca>; Wilson, Josh

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Subject: Notice of PIC 2 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent

Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls

Attention: Bonnie Bartlett, Manager of Lands, Resources, and Consultations

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Metis Nation of Ontario Lands, Resources and Consultations Suite 311 – 75, Sherbourne Street Toronto, Ontario M5A 2P9

Attention: Bonnie Bartlett, Manager of Lands, Resources, and Consultations

RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #2

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Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 2:45 PM To: 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA

Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 2 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge

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Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2021 12:45 PM

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From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 11:18 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 3 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge

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From: Linda Norheim < LindaN@metisnation.org>

Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 9:15 AM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca>; Joe de Laronde <JoeD@metisnation.org>

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Dear Mr. Elmadhoon,

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Kind regards,

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From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 12:00 PM **To:** consultations@metisnation.org

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Call Date / Time: January 26, 2022; 11:00 am **Project No.:** 300051307.0000

Project Name: Niagara Region and Adjacent Municipal Roadways MCEA

Phone Number: 519-706-1880

Contact Name: Robbin Vanstone (RV) – Six Nations of the Grand River

Project Team Member: Ray Bacquie (RB)

The following items were discussed

Action by

1. Introduction and Project Summary

RV received an email from Maged Elmadhoon regarding the project and had a follow-up discussion with Sylvia Waters. RV noted that it is difficult to comment without a full understanding of the project and that the provincial process does not full address indigenous interests.

RB provided a project description. He noted that the project preliminary recommendations will consist of improvements for active transportation and streetscaping. He noted that the Bridge Street pavement width would remain the same.

RB did indicate that the existing south side sidewalk is proposed to be shifted south to accommodate a boulevard planting area and the shift may impact some existing street trees.

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2. Questions/Comments

RV noted that trees represent habitat.

RV requested a count of the number of trees impacted and the number of trees added. RV noted that they require a 10:1 replacement ratio (i.e. replacing 10 trees for every one lost).

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3. Answers/Responses

RB noted that Burnside will be documenting the number of trees impacted and the number of recommended replacement trees.

Burnside

The preceding telephone comments were documented by the project team member as record of the discussion.

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Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 11:56 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 3 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge

Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls

FYI

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

Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 8:15 AM

To: Avid Banihashemi < Avid.Banihashemi@rjburnside.com >

Cc: Ray Bacquie < Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com >

Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 3 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and

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Fyi

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From: Fawn Sault < Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 8:04 AM

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

Subject: Automatic reply: Notice of PIC 3 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge

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Aanii,

I have moved on to my new role for the MCFN Council and will not be checking or recieving any emails at this address. Please forward all Archaeological inquries to Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca and any Consultation inquires to MCFN.Consultation@mncfn.ca or DOCA.Admin@mncfn.ca

Have a safe and happynew year!

Miigwech,

Fawn Sault

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For FLR deployment and scheduling, please contact field.coordinator@mncfn.ca.

For archaeology-related matters, please contact adam.laforme@mncfn.ca

From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 11:55 AM

To: Marie-Annick Prevost

Cc: Adam LaForme; Adrian.Blake@mncfn.ca; MCFN.Consultation@mncfn.ca; 300051307 Bridge St

Niagara EA; Ray Bacquie; Elmadhoon, Maged

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Attachments: Notice of PIC3 Indigenous Cover Letter-HDI.pdf; Bridge Street EA - Notice of PIC#3-Website-

Final.pdf

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

Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 8:00:17 AM

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Attention: Tracey General, Office Manager

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January 17, 2022

Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council c/o Haudenosaunee Development Institute 16 Sunrise Court, PO Box 714 Ohsweken, Ontario NOA 1M0

Attention: Tracey General, Office Manager

SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #3

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls

To Whom It May Concern,

Niagara Region, through their consultant R. J. Burnside & Associates, has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to examine transportation infrastructure needs for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways (Erie Avenue, Park Street, and Zimmerman Avenue), in the City of Niagara Falls. This Study is being undertaken in consultation with the City of Niagara Falls with respect to the Municipal Roadways.

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We initially contacted you in August 2020 to seek input from your community and to determine if your community may hold an interest in this Study. A Notice of Study and invitation to Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 was included. On July 6, 2021 a Notice of PIC #2 was sent to your community to further inform and engage your community. This notification is being provided to invite you to the third PIC #3. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Notice of PIC #3.

Input and comments received from Agencies, Indigenous Communities, and the Public will be incorporated throughout the MCEA process and documented in the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

If you and/or others from your Community would like to participate throughout the MCEA or be removed from the Project Contact List, please contact the undersigned with your name and email address and your contact preference.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Transportation Planning

Public Works, Regional Municipality of Niagara

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H. Elmadhoon

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CC: Ray Bacquie, P.Eng., MBA

Project Manager, R. J. Burnside & Associates

Avid Banihashemi, Ph.D.

Environmental Coordinator, R. J. Burnside & Associates

Enclosed: Notice of Public Information Centre #3



Notice of Public Information Centre #3 Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

The Study

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Bridge St. / Reg. Rd. 43

Victoria Ave.

O 100

Morrison St.

Niagara Falls Stn.

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Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 4:23 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA

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From: Aaron Detlor aarondetlor@gmail.com>

Date: Jan. 17, 2022 4:06 p.m.

Subject: Re: Notice of PIC 3 for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and

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

Cc: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>,Brian Doolittle <ganowa@me.com>,"williams todde@gmail.com"

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Dear Mr. Elmadhoon:

Thank you for your email of January 17, 2022.

As you are aware the Haudenosaunee hold rights over that area of land contemplated by the MCEA. We can advise that the project contemplated by the MCEA will impair infringe and otherwise impair Haudenosaunee rights and interests.

To date there has been no engagement that would uphold the Honour of the Crown or the MCEA process. In particular the MCEA process is required to undertake engagement throughout the process including the process for identifying the problem or opportunity (Phase 1) with its associated consultation. I would ask that you please have reference to the MCEA Companion Guide and in particular the Preliminary Assessment Checklist: First Nation and Metis Community Interest.

I would also note that the MCEA is incapable, on its own account, of addressing a rights based approach which requires the Crown/Province to undertake engagement. In this regard please have reference to page 2 of the Companion Guide and the commentary in reference to a rights-based consultation. https://municipalclassea.ca/files/Companion%20Guide%20to%20MCEA%20Manual%20rev1.pdf

We look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience to determine how and when Niagara Region will be discharging the obligations set out in the MCEA process as well as 1.2.2 of the Provincial Policy Statement which states that Niagara Region shall engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Aaron Detlor

On Jan 17, 2022, at 8:55 AM, Tracey General < traceyghdi@gmail.com> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: January 17, 2022 at 8:00:17 AM EST

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From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 12:12 PM

To: traceyghdi@gmail.com

Cc: Ray Bacquie; Elmadhoon, Maged; 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA; aarondetlor@gmail.com;

jocko@sixnationsns.com; Misty Hill

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From: Jennifer Vandermeer

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 10:38 AM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Avid Banihashemi; Ray Bacquie **Subject:** FW: Mailing Address Change

From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 2:45 PM

To: Frost, Jordan < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>

Cc: Ray.Bacquie@rjbutnside.com Subject: Mailing Address Change

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Our current address is:

Niagara Falls, ON

Thank you for looking after this matter,

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From: Sent:

Thursday, August 06, 2020 11:09 PM

To:

; Sylvia Waters

Subject:

Re: Fwd: 51307-Agency-Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 MCEA for

Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls

Hi Sylvia,

Ron has been forwarding me these, can you add me to the list as interim executive director for Downtown Niagara Falls?

Thanks and nice to e-meet you,



Serving on the land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning - the traditional territory of Seneca, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Huron, Petun, Erie and the Susquehannock.

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- > Adjacent Municipal Roadways, City of Niagara Falls
- > Date: 2020-08-05 09:55
- > From: Sylvia Waters < Sylvia. Waters@rjburnside.com>
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> Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 for
> Detailed Transportation Assessment, and Active Transportation Plan for
> Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways,
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comments on the project and information materials are encouraged by September 15, 2020.
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> Please contact either of the following Project Team members if you are
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From: Jennifer Vandermeer

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 1:11 PM

To: Sylvia Waters

Cc: Avid Banihashemi; Ray Bacquie; 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA

Subject: FW:

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please adjust your records

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From: Frost, Jordan < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2020 10:14 AM

To: Henry Centen; Jennifer Vandermeer; Nansen Feng; Ray Bacquie; Ryall, Carolyn; Sales, Alex; Sylvia

Waters

Subject: FW: RE: bridge st

Attachments:

From: Frost, Jordan

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:29 PM

To:

Cc: 'Ray Bacquie' < Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>

Subject: RE: bridge st

Good Afternoon

Please see attached response to your comments provided pertaining to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls.

Regards,

Jordan Frost, P.Eng., PTOE

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August 17, 2020



RE: Comments Received Pertaining to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls

Mr.

Thank you for your interest in Niagara Region's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls. This letter is in response to your email message received on Saturday, August 15, 2020 and two email messages received on Monday, August 17, 2020; see Enclosures.

To Niagara Region's understanding, you are the property owner of the following properties situated within the study area bounded by Bridge Street to the north, River Road to the east, Queen Street to the south, and Victoria Avenue to the west:



Further, you have indicated that the City of Niagara Falls has provided you with an easement over the property owned by the City of Niagara Falls to gain access to Bridge Street via Bridge Street.

As you have requested in your correspondence, you have been added to our list of stakeholders to be consulted with throughout the duration of the MCEA. As a property owner and member of the public, you will be presented with the information at Public Information Centres (PICs) for review and comment. It is noted that the first PIC will be held online as a presentation with audio commentary beginning on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 until Tuesday, September 15, 2020. For details, please visit www.niagararegion.ca/projects and review the Environmental Assessment for Bridget Street and Adjacent Municipal Roadways.



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Should any of your properties be directly impacted as a result of the proposed improvements identified within the MCEA, you will be contacted directly to initiate discussions. While your input is valued, it will be documented as part of the MCEA and taken into account as one of many factors in the evaluation process which includes, but is not limited to: archaeological, cultural heritage, natural environment, property, utilities, transportation, financial, etc.

In your correspondence, you have suggested that hydro-electric and telecommunications utilities be buried. This will be taken into consideration as Niagara Region, the City of Niagara Falls, and the utility agencies discuss the proposed improvements and potential relocations. Understandably, burying utility infrastructure has a higher cost than aboveground installations; however, the benefits will be weighed against the costs through the MCEA.

In terms of separating sanitary flows from storm water, the MCEA will explore the urbanization of Bridge Street and consider the conveyance of storm water through separated storm sewers. Niagara Region and the City of Niagara Falls will work collectively to identify suitable solutions and include them within the list of alternative designs.

Given the existing Canadian National Railway (CN Rail) corridor and utilization by Metrolinx for GO Train service, you have expressed elevated noise levels for properties along Bridge Street; specifically while on porches, balconies, and in the yards. Through the MCEA, Niagara Region does not have the authority to make changes to the CN Rail right-of-way nor alter its operations. The function of a MCEA is to seek approvals for municipal improvements within or immediately adjacent to the right-of-way in order to address the stated problem and opportunity. Specifically within this MCEA, the problem and opportunity does not reflect addressing noise resulting from the operation of transit within the CN Rail right-of-way. Any requests need to be submitted to CN Rail and Metrolinx regarding any noise complaints and/or violations.

In terms of changes to property zoning, property limits, existing and future structures, and property access, you have indicated the following:

•	A Site Plan Application (SPA) has been submitted to the City of Niagara	Falls	to
	construct a building that is	on	
	Bridge Street;		

• You are requesting that Bridge Street be rezoned back to Central Business (CB) Commercial Zone by the City of Niagara Falls as per conditions prior to the changes introduced to support the Niagara Falls GO Transit Station;



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- You are requesting a new property access via Park Street to Bridge Street at the western property limit through the property owned by the City of Niagara Falls known as the former NS&T Railway corridor; and
- You are indicating the potential future merger of Bridge Street with Bridge Street with Bridge Street.

The aforementioned alterations are not subject to approval through the *Environmental Assessment Act* with which this MCEA is undertaken in accordance with. These items are dealt with through the *Planning Act* whereby applications are submitted to the City of Niagara Falls. Through the MCEA, Niagara Region is willing to work alongside property owners to accommodate future conditions where both feasible and reasonable. As per practice, only certainties are accounted for within the MCEA and speculative alterations cannot be taken into consideration.

Should you have any further comments and/or questions, please contact me at my coordinates below and we can discuss.

Regards,

Jordan Frost, P.Eng., PTOE

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From: Jennifer Vandermeer

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 2:19 PM

To: Frost, Jordan

Cc: Ray Bacquie; Sylvia Waters

Subject: FW: Becoming a Stakeholder - EA for Bridge St. and Adjacent Municipal Roadways

From: Ray Bacquie < Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 1:51 PM

jordan.frost@niagararegion.ca

Cc: Jennifer Vandermeer < Jennifer. Vandermeer@rjburnside.com >; Sylvia Waters < Sylvia. Waters@rjburnside.com >

Subject: RE: Becoming a Stakeholder - EA for Bridge St. and Adjacent Municipal Roadways

Hello

Thank you for your interest in this study. We will add your information to the contact list and email list.

Regards,

Ray

To:

Ray Bacquie, P. Eng., MBA

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From:

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To: Ray Bacquie < Ray. Bacquie@rjburnside.com >; jordan.frost@niagararegion.ca

Subject: Becoming a Stakeholder - EA for Bridge St. and Adjacent Municipal Roadways

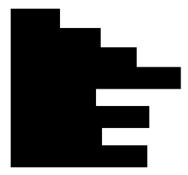
Hi Ray, Jordan,

I own & operate Snap E Bike Rentals, a retail business within this zone at shop and would like to be added as a stakeholder.

I did not recieve the initial mailer. For future, could you please mail:



Thank you! Good talking with you Jordan about this project!



From: Sent:

Saturday, August 15, 2020 4:18 PM

To:

Frost, Jordan

Cc:

Subject: Attachments: bridge st study.png

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Hi Jordan,

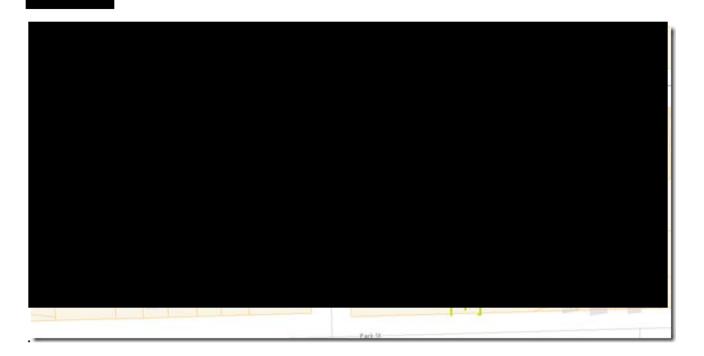
I own with a right of way of the city owned lane way (red), bridge St. properties.

I would like to be informed of this project to a level that allows me to exercise all the options (recommendations/approvals/disapprovals/appeals etc.) available with a project such as this..

I currently have a site plan application for a building on bridge St.

I have a desire for a right of way for a driveway ,if that is what you call it, so can be accessed from park St. at its south west corner (green). As well as its zoning changed back to CB, its former zoning prior to the go station changes that occurred.

Any thoughts towards these goals much appreciated, thanks



Small map attached

From:

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:57 AM

To: Frost, Jordan **Subject:** Re: bridge st

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And 1 more note, going to need to design something to stop the noise from the train engines from hitting buildings, my building is 5 stories tall and on the other side of bridge St., and the sound can be loud on the front balconies while its idling out, and now all adjacent properties can have buildings 12 stories tall.

From:

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:42 AM To: Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca

Subject: bridge st

Joedy again, also it would be nice if all the hydro wires went under ground. I believe we have 1 sewer pipe down here, are we going to have rain water separate? Be nice to have these thing prepped to the properties boarding this are for future building projects.

From: Ray Bacquie

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:17 PM **To:** Jennifer Vandermeer; Sylvia Waters

Subject: FW: Re. Niagara Region development - ESR for downtown Niagara Falls

From: Ryall, Carolyn < Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca>

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:16 PM

To: ; Alkarawi, Sulaf

<Sulaf.Alkarawi@niagararegion.ca>

Cc: Ray Bacquie < Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com >

Subject: RE: Re. Niagara Region development - ESR for downtown Niagara Falls

Hi

As part of the EA, you are able to provide comments regarding the project. If you go to the Region's website and search for the Bridge Street EA under the Transportation Division, the latest information related to the project is posted. If you have any comments after your review of the material, please send to the contact details listed for the file and follow-up. Any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

Carolyn Ryall

Director

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Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca

From:

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:57 AM

To: Ryall, Carolyn < Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca >;

Alkarawi, Sulaf

<Sulaf.Alkarawi@niagararegion.ca>

Cc: 'Ray Bacquie' < Ray. Bacquie@rjburnside.com >

Subject: Re: Re. Niagara Region development - ESR for downtown Niagara Falls

Hi everyone,

I would love to be included as well!



Serving on the land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning – the traditional Niagara Region shared territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and the Chonnonton* peoples. The Chonnonton people have called these lands home for thousands of years and more recently the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee have been sharing the land as One Dish, One Spoon Treaty territory.

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Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 5:11 PM

To: "Alkarawi, Sulaf" < <u>Sulaf.Alkarawi@niagararegion.ca</u>> Cc: "Ray Bacquie" < <u>Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com</u>>

Subject: RE: Re. Niagara Region development - ESR for downtown Niagara Falls

Hi

We are still in the EA process with PIC #1 recently completed. I have copied the Region's consultant running the EA if you would like to send an email to both Ray and my attention. Thanks

Regards,

Carolyn Ryall

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:44 PM

To: Alkarawi, Sulaf < Sulaf. Alkarawi@niagararegion.ca >; Ryall, Carolyn < Carolyn. Ryall@niagararegion.ca >

Cc:

Subject: Re. Niagara Region development - ESR for downtown Niagara Falls

Hi Sulaf & Carolyn,

It is great to make your acquaintance. I am working with a couple of groups in downtown Niagara Falls to develop a strategic development plan for the area.

Is your ESR report ready yet? If not, is there still time for input?



From: Frost, Jordan < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>

Date: Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 4:32 PM

Subject: Automatic reply: contact for Niagara Region development - ESR for downtown Niagara Falls

To:

Hello.

Please note that I will be away from the office on a Parental Leave of Absense with limited access to email commencing at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 and concluding at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021.

For matters regarding the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) and Regional Road 47 (Lyons Creek Road)/Biggar Road, in the City of Niagara Falls or the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways, in the City of Niagara Falls, please contact Carolyn Ryall via email at carolyn.ryall@niagararegion.ca.

For all other matters, please contact Sulaf Alkarawi via email at sulaf alkarawi@niagararegion.ca.

Regards,

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From: Ryall, Carolyn <Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 10:25 AM

To: Ray Bacquie

Cc: Jennifer Vandermeer; Sylvia Waters

Subject: RE: PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY FW: Feedback Requested - Niagara Watershed Plan Goals and

Objectives Discussion Paper

From: Frost, Jordan < <u>Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2020 7:24 PM

To: Erik Nickel < enickel@niagarafalls.ca >;

Cc: Ryall, Carolyn < <u>Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca</u>>;

Subject: Re: PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY FW: Feedback Requested - Niagara Watershed Plan Goals and Objectives

Discussion Paper

Good Evening

Carolyn Ryall (carolyn Ryall (carolyn Ryall (carolyn Ryall (carolyn Bacquie from R.J. Burnside & Associates can add you to the stakeholder list for the Bridge Street and Adjacent Municipal Roadways Environmental Assessment. Ray's email address can be found on the project webpage at mailto:

Regards,

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On Nov. 3, 2020 6:56 p.m., Erik Nickel <<u>enickel@niagarafalls.ca</u>> wrote:

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Hello

Sorry, I cannot help you with those questions.

Erik Nickel

Director of Municipal Works/City Engineer

On Nov 3, 2020, at 5:53 PM,

> wrote:

Hello, Bonjour Erik,

I received an email notifying Jordan is in a parental leave so we need to contact Carolyn or Sulaf but I also notice that the emails provided in Jordan's email are not longer valid. Please let me know if you can answer my questions.

Thank you,



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From: Torres, Salomé

Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 5:42 PM

To: 'Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca' < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca>

Cc:

'Sean.Norman@niagararegion.ca' <Sean.Norman@niagararegion.ca>; 'enickel@niagarafalls.ca' <enickel@niagarafalls.ca>

Subject: PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY FW: Feedback Requested - Niagara Watershed Plan Goals and Objectives Discussion Paper

Bonjour, Hello Jordan,

I've received by mail your invitation to participate on Moving Roads Forward and I am also following the meetings and information about The Natural Environment Work Program, leaded by Sam Norman from the Region (see email below his most recent email).

I am contacting today because I knew by our Niagara Tourism Network Group that one of our members, was referred to the project of Moving Roads you are leading, and he was invited by Erik Nickel to contact you to know more about the plans for the Sustainable revitalization of this part of Niagara Falls including our famous Michigan Bridge (please see attached the exchange of emails about this).

I would really appreciate to know how to be involved, to help on the process to recover this part of the world, just one block from the famous Niagara River and with a lot of Canadian history. Who is in charge of this part in the Sustainable Niagara Plan that we can contact? As you can see in the Untitled outlook item attached, the photo shows our sad today's reality (literately Nov. 3, 2020). Unhealthy, dangerous and a place where we have fires in a regular basis (our awful reality) on the bridge. Now, with the new Garbage, Recycling and Compost program, where garbage is picked up every two weeks, the Famous Bridge in the famous Niagara Falls, close to the famous Rapids of White Waters,

in the most important Canadian tourism destination is becoming a city's dumpster. A way of life here, but we thought this would change with the new sustainable project.

I attended a meeting 3 years ago at the City Hall, I asked M. Deodati if the restructuring project the City was presenting us together with the GoTrain new plan included the Michigan Bridge. He said yes and I want to know more about where we are now on this. Are you the right person to answer my questions? We really want to help, please tell us how.

Bien à vous,



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From: Norman, Sean < Sean.Norman@niagararegion.ca >

Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 3:16 PM

Cc: Making Our Mark <makingourmark@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Feedback Requested - Niagara Watershed Plan Goals and Objectives Discussion Paper

Good Afternoon,

As mentioned during our sessions on the Natural Environment Work Program for the Niagara Official Plan in September, we are also working or a watershed planning project.

The Niagara Watershed Plan project is the next step in implementing a watershed planning program and will ensure that the Niagara Official Plan is appropriately informed by watershed planning in accordance with provincial requirements.

An important step in this tertiary-level watershed planning process is to establish the goals and objectives of the plan. A discussion paper has been prepared to present a working draft of the goals and objectives, and to seek feedback from the public and other stakeholders. The working draft of the goals and objectives are based on provincial direction for watershed planning and input received to date on the natural environment work program and other associated studies.

We invite you to review the discussion paper and to provide feedback on the draft goals and objectives through an online survey.

The discussion paper can be found here: <u>MailScanner has detected a possible fraud attempt from "urldefense.proofpoint.com" that could be a fraud attempt as the link does not match the site its claiming to be https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/rural-and-natural-systems/pdf/niagara-watershed-plan-discussion-paper.pdf</u>

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We would appreciate receiving your feedback on the draft goals and objectives no later than **Friday November 27**, **2020**.

If you have any questions or additional comments, please send them by e-mail to sean.norman@niagararegion.ca

Regards, Sean Norman, PMP, MCIP, RPP

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From: Ray Bacquie

Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 5:46 PM **To:** Jennifer Vandermeer; Sylvia Waters

Subject: FW: FW: Class EA Schedule C Study for Bridge Street Niagara Falls

From:

Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 1:18 PM

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

Cc: Ray Bacquie <Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>

Subject: Re: FW: Class EA Schedule C Study for Bridge Street Niagara Falls

Thanks;

In addition to my email here is my mailing address:



On Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 11:18 AM Elmadhoon, Maged < Maged. Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca > wrote:

Hi Ray,

Please add to the study mailing list.

Thanks

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From:

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:35 AM

To: Elmadhoon, Maged < Maged Maged <a href="Maged.Elmadhoon.ca"

Cc: Dunsmore, Susan < Susan. Dunsmore@niagararegion.ca >; Ryall, Carolyn < Carolyn. Ryall@niagararegion.ca >

Subject: Re: Class EA Schedule C Study for Bridge Street Niagara Falls

Thanks for the info Magee

Would you please put me on the circulation list?

On Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 8:50 AM Elmadhoon, Maged < Maged. Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca > wrote:

Good morning



Sorry for the late response. I was out of the office for the last 3 days.

Sorry for the confusion, PIC #2 has not been held yet. Our Communications staff will fix the Project Timeline on the study website. Due to Covid-19 situation and staff resources, the project has been delayed. It is expected that PIC#2 will be in Spring 2021 (mid-May). The consultant is currently coordinating with the City of Niagara Falls and preparing the alternatives to be presented during PIC #2.

Thanks

Maged

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From: Dunsmore, Susan < <u>Susan.Dunsmore@niagararegion.ca</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:53 AM

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

Cc:

Subject: FW: Class EA Schedule C Study for Bridge Street Niagara Falls

Hi Maged

Would you be able to help Bob with regards to the Bridge Street EA.

Thanks

Susan

From:

Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 11:50 AM

To: Frost, Jordan < Jordan.Frost@niagararegion.ca

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Toll Free: 1-800-263-7215 Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 8:02 AM

To: Ryall, Carolyn < Carolyn. Ryall@niagararegion.ca>

Subject: Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assess (bridge St)

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Hi Carolyn,

Can you add our name to the list to receive updated information for this project.

Thank you

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From: Ray Bacquie

Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2021 11:40 AM

To: Sylvia Waters **Cc:** Avid Banihashemi

Subject: FW: Mailing List & PIC #3: Bridge Street Municipal Class EA

From: Ryall, Carolyn < Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca >

Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2021 10:51 AM

To:

Cc: Ray Bacquie < Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com >

Subject: RE: Mailing List & PIC #3: Bridge Street Municipal Class EA

Good morning

RJ Burnside can add you to the mailing distribution. The 2nd PIC was recently held on July 21st and the material can be found on the Region's website. Thanks

Regards,

Carolyn Ryall

Director

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2021 9:35 AM

To: Ryall, Carolyn < <u>Carolyn.Ryall@niagararegion.ca</u>>; <u>Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com</u>

Subject: Mailing List & PIC #3: Bridge Street Municipal Class EA

Good Morning Carolyn / Ray,

We have clients with properties within the study area for the improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and adjacent Municipal Roadways, and I would to be added to the study mailing list. As well, can you please send me the invite for the upcoming Public Information Centre No.3?

Kind regards,



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in the late afternoon.

From: Avid Banihashemi Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 10:04 AM 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA To: Cc: Ray Bacquie; Sylvia Waters Subject: FW: Potential property impact at Bridge Str. N. Falls FYI for the records. From: Avid Banihashemi Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 10:04 AM To: Cc: Ray Bacquie <Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>; Elmadhoon, Maged <Maged.Elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca> Subject: RE: Potential property impact at Bridge Str. N. Falls Good morning I apologize for the inconvenience if the times and dates options provided are not quite fitting and we totally understand your concern. We make sure that we arrange the meeting with you in your preferred time and date indicated below. The meeting is going to be virtual and we very much hope that this would make it more convenient for you to plan. We will be providing an invitation link once we confirm dates and times preferences. If you prefer to join in a bit later during the time slot (4-6:30), kindly please let me know and we make sure we arrange that according to your best convenience. And sure! Feel free to have you support with you. You will be able to forward the meeting invite to them or if you prefer, you can provide us with their email and we can include them in our invite. Thank you for contacting us! Have a wonderful day! Avid From: Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 4:01 PM To: Avid Banihashemi <Avid.Banihashemi@rjburnside.com> **Subject:** Potential property impact at Bridge Str. N. Falls Dear Avid Banihashemi, My name is , I am the owner of the property on Bridge Street in Niagara Falls. I am writing to you in regards to your request for a meeting next week. The only time that would work for me is on December 2nd, 4:00 to 6:30 pm. It is a bit disappointing that this was the

Also, the letter does not identify what type of meeting you had in mind (virtual, phone, in-person?), and the location of the meeting if applicable. Please provide more details about the meeting, so I can make additional arrangements if necessary.

only time offered somewhat outside of business hours, so in a sense, I was forced to choose the time on December 2nd,

Considering the fact that we will be discussing possible impact of the proposed project on my property, I would like to have additional supports with me in the meeting if possible.

I would kindly ask you to provide the answers to my questions at your earliest convenience, so I have time to organize on my end. Thank you in advance.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Summary of Meetings with the Property Owners

Meeting with (FL, Owner: 4650,4662, and 4660 Bridge Street)

Meeting Date: Nov 30th, 2021

Study Team presented interim configuration, noting that pink area (see attached slides), the existing planted /fenced area will be impacted in front of 4662/4660 Bridge Street. Impacts are limited within the region's right of way. Access points to driveway however may also be impacted. Study Team presented ultimate configuration, area between red and blue line (see attached slides). The parking area currently used will be affected in front of 4662/4660 Bridge Street.

FL asked if these configurations (slides) can be provided? Study Team responded that once configuration is confirmed within a month or early next year this can be provided to you.

FL asked if for the ultimate solution property will be taken? Region Real State Rep responded that once the detailed design is confirmed the Region will reach out to the owners for property purchase.

FL asked if 4650 Bridge Street will be impacted in the ultimate configuration. Project Team responded that the building will be impacted as well as the steps and the porch. They added that the timing of the ultimate configuration may be meshed with the development of the road by the Region which may be 10 years or so from now; the timing is not really known at the moment.

FL asked about the estimated timing for the interim configuration. The Study Team clarified that if this EA study filed by April, the design phase may begin later in 2022. The construction for this would follow the roundabout construction late 2022 early 2023, which still may change.

FL asked if access for customers through Park Street can be communicated with the City? Assuming that he will get notified timely so that he can arrange that. Project Team invited him to send (an email) request regarding this so that it can be included on the EA record, just send and email to Ray/Avid.

Project Team added that the PIC in the new year would be another opportunity to submit comments. The final Phasing will be better identified in the EA report and the Region's Real State department will approach owners timely in the future to discuss with the impacted owners.

Meeting with (MC, Owner: 4414 and 4444 Bridge Street)

Meeting Date: Nov 30th, 2021

The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

For 4444 Bridge Street, the interim configuration will transform the current sidewalk into a planting zone, and the sidewalk will be pushed further. The blue line (see the slide) shows the extent of the existing ROW (18.3m). The red line (see the slides) shows the future ROW with the ultimate configuration (23.3). Therefore, there will be a 2.5m on additional on each side for which the properties will be acquired through the Region real state.

For 4414 Bridge Street, with the modifications to sidewalks, there will be some impacts on parking, access, etc. so the Region will be coordinated with the owner.

The Street on the south side is the future parking area.

MC noted that It would be a good to have development in the area, it needs it. It is anticipated that (the city will be taking into account the allowed number of building stories, and the potential future development.

Meeting with Owner: 4629 Bridge Street)

Meeting Date: Nov 30th, 2021

He was provided with a brief summary of the EA and the purpose of the meeting. The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

BB asked if this EA is proposing a road widening? Project Team responded that the ROW is becoming wider, but the road is not widening. BB noted that he seems to be fortunate that he can still have the parking area.

BB noted that he started an expansion through the City last summer and then stopped because of some oppositions. and then he became aware of this Study.

Project Team noted that a public meeting for this Study is planned for next year in February.

BB noted that he is very supportive of the proposed improvements. He added that the go station should be beautified. BB asked if the Region want the residents to leave. Project Team responded that the City might have plans but there is no plan to push anyone out. The Region real state clarified that the Region is currently focusing on the road. BB asked they are not going to say you have six months to leave? The Region real state clarified that no, you are the owner. It was also noted that a parking is also proposed to support the GO station.

Meeting with and her son, Srdjan (VD, SD, Owner: 4570 Bridge Street)

Meeting Date: Dec 2nd, 2021

She was provided with a brief summary of the EA and the purpose of the meeting. The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

VD noted that she has missed the PICs and asked if the presentations can be sent to her (post meeting note: they were emailed to her post meeting).

The Project Team noted that on Crysler Road it seems that the building is at the edge of the ROW (or over hanging the property line. SD asked what would happen if that is the case. Project Team responded that if that's the case, the owners may want to talk to the lawyer or real state that helped the owners with the purchase of the property.

VD asked about the project timeline and when the actual work would begin. The Project Team clarified that the Region is planning to do the detailed design in summer 2022 to early 2023 + utility relocation+ property acquisition, so the construction is expected to start around late 2023 - early 2024.

The Region's Real State recommended that the owners reach-out to the lawyer to understand if there are any encroachment agreements in place and get the reference plan or any additional information. That would be the City's ROW and not the Region's. The region can provide the contact to the real state for the City and they can arrange and encroachment agreement.

The Project Team encouraged the owners to attend the next Public meeting in first week of February.

Meeting with and her husband (AD, Owner: 4698 Bridge Street)
Meeting Date: Dec 2nd, 2021

She was provided with a brief summary of the EA and the purpose of the meeting. The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

AD noted that they are one of the few owners in the area that are actually living in the property. The rest are mostly rental. AD asked about the natural gas lines north of Bridge Street that has been installed and if that is continuing to their property. The Region Real State Rep clarified that it is part of the roundabout that is being done and that the Region do not believe it is. He noted that hydro and gas may need to be relocated for some of the projects.

The Project Team further clarified that this project (Bridge St. EA) is being done by the Region and the City is reviewing any developments applications that are coming in. AD certainly can talk to the City to get a better understanding of what is happening with the natural gas installation north of Bridge St.

Meeting with (JB, Owner: 4480, 4508, and 4622 Bridge Street)
Meeting Date: Dec 3rd, 2021

He was provided with a brief summary of the EA and the purpose of the meeting. The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

On 4480 Bridge St.: JB noted that the building is probably is set back enough not to be impacted, and that he understood they would be losing 2 parking spots. JB noted that he has a laneway easement, and that he want to acquire that. He has already discussed that with the City. The Region Real State Rep clarified that the Region can always discuss that we the City, as this is a City property, but the Region can bring them into the conversation.

On 4508 Bridge St.: The Project Team clarified that in the short-term solution the steps/porch of the building may be affected. The upcoming survey info might help on finding the best approach to do this. This is probably the one that we will need more discussion with the owner over the next 2 months.

JB noted that they anticipate that the whole porch will need to be removed. He noted an existing encroachment agreement. He noted that the way that the house is designed, the door can be relocated. Would that be on façade of the CIP (facade redoing program). The Project Team to look into that.

For the long-term solution, JB asked about when the conversation regarding the property acquisition is to happen? The Region Real State Rep clarified that this meeting is just the first step to inform of the on the potential design, the conversation regarding the property acquisitions will not start until the Region has the full drawings and designs. So once they are available the conversations will happen case by case.

JB asked that in such situation, 2.5 m from the house, make the house obsolete. What is the approach? The Region Real State Rep clarified that sometimes the whole property is purchased if the impacts cannot be addressed. JB further asked not giving up the whole land, with the building being removed, will the building be compensated? The Region Real State responded positive. He clarified that the building can be compensated along with any money that the owner might need to spend further on the property due to the impacts, landscape, etc. The Region will have conversations with each landowner to see what their preference is. The Region/City usually coordinate any utility relocating, so that the new road is not affected after improvements to the road is done.

JB asked about the construction timing. The Project Team responded that with EA being filing in April/May, the region will follow with the detail design, usually taking approx. 6 months, and then the tender package will go out. The Region is looking at 2023/2024 for construction. No decision has yet been made regarding the phasing, i.e. short term/long term. The Phasing strategy will be dealt with as the Region moves forward with the EA.

JB asked if there would be for any discussion with the owners regarding the utilities relocation (e.g. regarding curbs, etc.), so that it can accommodate the owners future plans for the property? The Project Team responded that if the owner has an application before the City, there would be an opportunity to coordinate the access and other concerns. The Team recommended that the owner submit an application (if they do note have one yet) maybe the sooner, the better so that there is opportunity for accommodation.

On 4622 Bridge At.: JB noted that there is no yard set back for this property, so it will be impacted. Regarding the building ideal plan, how this will be dealt with? The Project Team responded that any applications will be reviewed, and improvements would have to be accommodating the developments. JB further asked is any control by-law exists on preventing the developments. The Project Team responded that they are not aware of any control by-law.

Meeting with (RP, Owner: 4563 Bridge Street)

Meeting Date: Dec 3rd, 2021

He was provided with a brief summary of the EA and the purpose of the meeting. The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

RP noted that he is happy with this happening. He owns 4563 Bridge Street and the building beside it. RB explained that the sidewalks will be moved further on south side toward south. RP noted that for interim configuration, as long of they have access to the properties, they are fine. They may reach out to the Region to better understand how the access configuration will be over the next 2 months or so.

RB further explained the ultimate configuration and that the timing of that will be arranged with the time of re-developments.

RP explained that his only concern is timeline, since he needs to get a heads up about accessibility and other issues. MA responded that during construction there will be accesses to the property. There will be a construction phasing. With respect to timing with the EA and then detailed design, and then utility relocations and property acquisition, the Region is anticipating 2023-2024 for construction.

: 4611 Bridge Street

In the attempt to arrange a meeting with MD, the Project Team called him.

Summary of the phone conversation: He noted that he was recording the conversation. He was provided with a brief summary of the EA and why the Team has contacted him for a meeting. He said that he has contacted his lawyer and that he (and the lawyer) will not be attending any meetings before they get more written information on what the preliminary design impacts would be to his property. He was provided with explanation that the purpose of the suggested meeting is in fact to provide that information to the owner. He still refused to attend a meeting and he asked for information on the impacts before any meeting can be arranged. He was also provided information regarding the previous notices and PICs for this project and also the explanation that the Region is actually reaching out to provide information on the project, consult with the owners, answer any questions they might have and get their feedback, and that is the purpose of the suggested meeting. To be contacted for future discussion.

Maged Elmadhoon (Region) called him and convinced him to meet online. Avid called him and sent an invite which he accepted. On the day of the scheduled meeting on 5th at 2 pm, he did not show up. Avid called, but he said he cannot attend the meeting and he is busy with the clients. Avid reminded him that he initially accepted the invite. He said he un-accepts it now!

Meeting with 1034446 ONTARIO INC, (NM, Owner: 4488 and 4496 Bridge Street)
Meeting Date: Jan 6th, 2022

He was provided with a brief summary of the EA and the purpose of the meeting. The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

NM noted that he has no plans for development. The Project Team explained that the Region has not decided on the acquisition of the additional property. So at this point the Region is not asking for any land at this point. The Project Team also explained that the Region is anticipating 2023-2024 for construction. RB reminded him on the upcoming Feb 2nd PIC.

Meeting with (CA, Owner: 4528 Bridge Street)

Meeting Date: Feb 3rd, 2022

He was provided with a brief summary of the EA and the purpose of the meeting. The Project Team presented the interim and ultimate configurations and elaborated on how they potentially impact the properties. With interim configuration, all of the work will be done within the road ROW.

He explained that he bought this building to use it as a dispatch location, but the business has now moved to Toronto, and not sure if he needs this property anymore. He asked if the Region has any plans to buy this property? The Project Team responded when the time comes, yes, on property by property basis

Ray further explained that the interim configuration will comes exactly where the building is and that grading will be considered and proper drainage will be installed by the Region.

CA further noted that the investors are looking and 4138 Bridge Street, and a whole bunch of other properties, 4522 Bridge Street, 4524 Bridge Street may have sold their properties already over the last 30 days. The project Team noted that it would be to the benefit of this project actually, good to know

CA inquired about the timing of the project. The project Team clarified that

With respect to timing with the EA and then detailed design, and then utility relocations and property acquisition, the Region is anticipating 2023-2024 for construction. CA further noted that his intention over 2023 or 2024 was to be out of this property. He asked is he should contact the Region's Real Estate (Craig) before engaging any other real state? Project Team responded yes. The Region Real State Representative's contact information was emailed to CA after the meeting.

CA further noted that 4138 Bridge Street has been already sold, FYI (owner: provided).



Appendix A7

Pre-Filing Consultation Records

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Good morning,

Thank you for circulating the draft ESR for the Region's Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment. Please find attached MECP comments on the draft for your consideration.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,

Joan Del Villar Cuicas (she/her)

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Hello Joan,

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Thank you,

Warm regards, Avid

Avid Banihashemi

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Re: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways

City of Niagara Falls

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Schedule C

Project Review Unit Comments - Draft Environmental Study Report

Dear Maged Elmadhoon and Avid Banihashemi,

Thank you for providing the ministry with an opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Study Report (Report) for the above noted Class Environmental Assessment (EA) project. Our understanding is that in order to identify improvements associated with Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal Roadways in the City of Niagara Falls, the Niagara Region (the proponent) has determined that the preferred alternatives include a one-way bicycle facility on Bridge Street, a two-way cycling facility on the west side of Erie Avenue, and the addition of streetscape features on the north side of Park Street and the west side of Zimmerman Avenue.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) provides the following comments for your consideration.

Consultation Records

- 1. The date for the Notice of Completion and any follow- up correspondence should be included in the final Environmental Study Report.
- 2. Please revise Appendix A1 (Page 11-13 table with no title). Ensure one or more of the following information (i.e., Group Internal Use, Agency, Organization Title, etc.) is provided.

Indigenous Consultation

- 3. It appears that the Proponent provided notices to a select number of communities and some communities are actively participating in the Class EA process. During the final point of consultation with communities for this Class EA process, the ministry recommends that the proponent offer to share the Stage 1 Archeological Assessment report and invite all the communities to participate in the Stage 2 Archeological Assessment reporting and monitoring process. This could be beneficial for relationship-building with communities during subsequent permitting and consultation processes.
- 4. Further to any follow-up during the review period for the EA, the proponent should continue reaching out to all communities previously engaged if there any substantial changes to the project/process or if they are applying for subsequent permits from the ministry that may be of interest or concern to communities.

Species at Risk

- 5. Tables ES 1 (Page 26) and 10.1 (Page 188) of the Report mentions the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) will be contacted to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act. These sections should be revised, as the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is currently responsible for Ontario's Species at Risk program.
- 6. Please note that it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that Species at Risk (SAR) are not killed, harmed, or harassed, and that their habitat is not damaged or destroyed through the proposed activities to be carried out on the site. If the proposed activities cannot avoid impacting protected species and their habitats, then the proponent will need to apply for an authorization under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). As is noted in the Report, if the proponent believes that their proposed activities are going to have an impact or are uncertain about the impacts, they should contact SAROntario@ontario.ca to undergo a formal review under the ESA.
- 7. Please note that further comments concerning SAR may be provided during the review of the final Report.

Air Quality and Odour

8. Table ES 1 (Page 26) Impact Management Measures (including Mitigation Measures) for the Design and Construction Phases identifies potential dust impacts during construction. Please note that the ministry recommends that non-chloride dust suppressants be applied during construction. For a comprehensive list of fugitive dust prevention and control measures, refer to Cheminfo Services Inc. Best Practices for the Reduction of Air Emissions from Construction and Demolition Activities report prepared for Environment Canada. March 2005.

Construction and Operational Impacts

9. MECP recommends that potential mitigation measures related to traffic, noise and dust be expanded in Table ES 1 (Page 26) of the ESR. Additional details should be provided to make it more clear on how these impacts will be addressed.

Source Water Protection

10. In October 2015 the Municipal Engineers Association Parent Class EA document was amended to include reference to the Clean Water Act in Section A.2.10.6 (accessible online at https://municipalclassea.ca/manual/page19.html), which indicates that proponents of a Class EA project must identify early in their process whether a project is or could potentially be occurring within a vulnerable area. The ministry recommends that the proponent include a section on source water protection in the main body of Report in order to clearly document how the proximity of the project to any delineated vulnerable areas was considered and assessed.

For further information about the source protection plan and assistance in identifying all applicable policies and their requirements, proponents should contact source protection program manager for the applicable source protection region (resources available online: https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/source-water-protection/source-protection-plans-and-resources/).

Excess Materials and Waste

- 11. All waste generated during construction must be disposed of in accordance with ministry requirements.
- 12. In December 2019, the ministry released a new regulation under the Environmental Protection Act, titled On-Site and Excess Soil Management (O. Reg. 406/19) to support improved management of excess construction soil. Construction-related activities associated with project implementation involving the management of excess soil should be completed in accordance with O. Reg. 406/19 and the ministry's current guidance document titled "Management of Excess Soil A Guide for Best Management Practices" (2014).

Analysis of Alternatives

- 13. It is recommended that the preferred alternatives and preferred designs be highlighted in the report to provide more clarity (i.e., Highlight the preferred alternatives and design concepts for ES 4.2-4.4; ES 5.1.2 on Pages 8-11)
- 14. It is advised that the Table of Contents (i) be relocated to the top rather than in the middle of the report to prevent confusion and provide coherency.
- 15. Table 10.1 (Page 188) is identical to Table ES 1 (Page 26). It is recommended to display and refer to one table, as needed, to provide more clarity.
- 16. It is recommended that the Proponent highlights each row of symbology in Table 7.2 (Page 150-154) summarizing evaluation criteria to assist with visual clarity.

Future Commitments

17. MECP recommends that a future commitments section be included to provide information about the timing of project implementation, if available, such as a high-level Project Schedule indicating the anticipated timeline for detailed design, approvals/permits and construction.

Miscellaneous

- 18. Please ensure that the spelling of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy found on Pages 74, 76, and 79 are correct once finalized.
- 19. The ministry notes that Section 1.6.5 (Page 55) should be revised to state Section 1.6.4 as identified on the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement.
- 20. Please update Section 2.2.2 (Page 56). This section references the 2017 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Please note that the "A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe" was updated in August 2020.

Thank you for circulating this Report for the ministry's consideration. Please document the receipt of this Project Review Unit Comments letter in the final report. We look forward to receiving a written response from Niagara Region to address our comments provided above.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at joan.delvillarcuicas@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

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Good evening,

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Thank you,

Warm regards,

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MTCS File : 0012852

Proponent : Niagara Region

Subject : Municipal Class EA – Schedule C – Draft Environmental Study

Report

Project: Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) and Adjacent Municipal

Roadways

Location : Niagara Falls, Ontario

Dear Mr. Banihashemi:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) with the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the above-referenced project, dated September 2022, prepared by R.J. Burnside. MTCS's interest in this Environmental Assessment (EA) project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- archaeological resources, including land and marine;
- built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and
- cultural heritage landscapes.

Project Summary

The purpose of this study is to consider improvements to Regional Road 43 (Bridge Street) between Victoria Avenue and River Road (also referred to as Niagara Parkway) and portions of adjacent City of Niagara Falls Roads: Erie Avenue, Zimmerman Avenue and Park Street.

Draft ESR Comments

We offer the following comments on the Draft ESR:

1. The statement in Table 10.1 (Archaeology row) that "Based on the results of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, the Study Area does not retain archaeological potential" is confusing, given that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment prepared by ASI under PIF # P383-0235-2020, included in Appendix E and summarized in Section 4.5, did identify areas of archaeological potential in its study area. The columns for the selected alternatives in Tables 8.1 and 8.2 contain the ambiguous value "Archaeological potential, but no impacts expected". If the selected alternative designs entirely avoid encroachment on lands with archaeological potential as identified in the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, this should be made explicit in the evaluation tables and in Section 10.1, and the above-quoted sentence from Table 10.1 should replace "Study Area" with "impacted area", "footprint of the preferred alternative" or similar.

- 2. Also with respect to the Archaeology row in Table 10.1, the impact management measure should specify that construction at the site of an archaeological find would cease immediately. See, for example, the language in the second-last bullet of Section 5.0 of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment in Appendix E. We further note that by the time this project is completed, the relevant Provincial staff units will have been transitioned from MTCS to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), and so the referenced ministry name can be changed accordingly in the context of future commitments.
- 3. Likewise, it is unclear why no mitigation measures are proposed for built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, given that several such resources are identified in the *Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment* dated October 2020 (revised January 2021 and March 2022), prepared by ASI, included in Appendix F and summarized in Section 4.6. Indeed, the *Cultural Heritage Report* recommends Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) for some of the resources identified, and the alternative design evaluation tables note "Construction methods to mitigate impacts to heritage properties". This would seem to suggest that there is necessary heritage impact assessment work and/or construction-related mitigation that should be committed to in Section 10.

If the selected design alternatives avoid all the direct and indirect impacts contemplated in the *Cultural Heritage Report*, this should be clearly explained in Section 10.1, and the evaluation tables revised accordingly. If not, a row for built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, noting the required mitigation measures as proposed in the *Cultural Heritage Report*, should be added to Table 10.1.

- 4. We would recommend that language regarding cultural heritage be made consistent with standard terminology. **Cultural heritage** and **cultural heritage** resources are terms that encompass archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The terms "cultural heritage features/resources/environment" should be replaced with "built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes" (or suitable acronyms) where they refer to these types of resources to the exclusion of archaeological resources, such as in the title of Section 4.6, Figure 4.11, and Table 7.1. In the third paragraph of 7.4.2, "cultural heritage features and archaeological resources" can be simplified to "cultural heritage resources".
- 5. As an editing note, we would recommend deleting the second sentence of the last paragraph of Section 3.3.1.

Thank you for consulting MTCS on this project and please continue to do so throughout the EA process. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Minkin Heritage Planner Dan.Minkin@Ontario.ca

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Hi Mathew,

Thanks for confirming that The City of Niagara Falls supports and in agreement with the draft ESR document.

With respect to the letter and information you noted below, please submit the letter to the Region's attention, as to my understanding we (Region and the City) will be discussing these items at a later date.

Best regards Maged

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

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The City of Niagara Falls does not have any edits/changes to the draft ESR document and are supportive of it being finalized for filing.

That said, we will be submitting a letter by the end of next week to formally document:

- agreement of the preferred alternative for Bridge Street and adjacent municipal roadways;
- request for additional details on maintenance responsibilities along Bridge Street;
- information pertaining to future City projects in the vicinity and their phasing; and
- core Infrastructure elements (sewer/water/storm) to be included in the detailed design.

Regards, -Mathew

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Good afternoon Mathew,

Just following up on the Bridge Street EA draft ESR Report review and if the City has any comments before the ESR gets finalized for filing.

Thank you,

Best regards, Avid



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Bridge St Niagara EA

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Thank you so much Abby!

Warm regards,

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Good Morning Avid,

Thank you for following up on the Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment Study. MCFN DOCA has no comments or concerns at this time regarding the said project above. Please see attached letter.

Thank you

Abby LaForme, Acting Consultation Coordinator



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Niagara EA <300051307@rjburnside.com>

Subject: RE: Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment - Draft Report for Review

Hello Abby,

Just a friendly reminder on your review of the draft ESR (link provided on 8 September, email below) for Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment Study (Niagara Region). We would appreciate your input by **Wednesday 12 October**.

Thank you,

Warm regards, Avid

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From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2022 4:59 PM

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Subject: Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment - Draft Report for Review

Good afternoon Abby,

On behalf of the Niagara Region and Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment Team, I would like submit a draft copy of the Environmental Study Report for your review before the Team moves ahead with filing the document for 30-day public review, aiming for early October.

The ESR document is available for download through $\frac{1}{2}$ this link, including the followings:

- ESR Main Report
- Appendices

Kindly, please let me know if you have any issues with downloading the shared files or if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Warm regards,

Avid Banihashemi, on behalf of Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment Team

From: Avid Banihashemi

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 12:11 PM **To:** lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca

Cc: Ray Bacquie; 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA; Elmadhoon, Maged;

dlaforme@sixnations.ca

Subject: FW: Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment - Draft Report for Review

Good morning Lonny,

I am forwarding the email we sent to Robin on 26 September 2022, submitting a draft copy of the Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Study Report for review before the Study Team moves ahead with filing the document for 30-day public review. I understand that Robin is no longer with Six Nations. The Project Team is hoping to get your input on the shared documents (link below) and can extend the initial timeline for filing for a couple of weeks in hope to get any comments your may have by 28 October. Would that timeline work for you?

Thank you,

Kind regards, Avid

From: Dawn LaForme <dlaforme@sixnations.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 9:02 AM

To: Avid Banihashemi < Avid. Banihashemi@rjburnside.com>

Cc: Ray Bacquie <Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com>; 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA <300051307@rjburnside.com>

Subject: RE: Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment - Draft Report for Review

Good morning Avid,

Please note that Robbin is no longer employed with Six Nations.

Please send further documentation to Lonny Bomberry, Director of Lands and Resources (<u>lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca</u>) and he will ensure that someone will tend to this until we have found a replacement at this time.

Thank you kindly,

Dawn LaForme Secretary/Receptionist, SN Lands & Resources (519) 753-0665

From: Avid Banihashemi < Avid.Banihashemi@rjburnside.com >

Sent: September 26, 2022 12:22 PM

To: Robin Vanstone < rvanstone@sixnations.ca>

Cc: Dawn LaForme < dlaforme@sixnations.ca; Ray Bacquie Ray.Bacquie@rjburnside.com; 300051307 Bridge St

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Subject: Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment - Draft Report for Review

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Thank you,

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Avid Banihashemi, on behalf of Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment Team



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From: Sent:	Avid Banihashemi Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:34 AM	
To: Cc:	traceyghdi@gmail.com aarondetlor@gmail.com; Misty Hill; Ray Bacquie; 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA; Elmadhoon, Maged	
Subject:	RE: Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment - Draft Report for Review	
Hello Tracey,		
	review of the draft ESR (link provided below) for Bridge Street Improvements (Niagara Region). We would appreciate your input by Wednesday 12 October .	
Thank you,		
Warm regards, Avid		
Bridge St Niagara EA <300051307	ty Hill <hdi2@bellnet.ca>; Ray Bacquie <ray.bacquie@rjburnside.com>; 300051307</ray.bacquie@rjburnside.com></hdi2@bellnet.ca>	
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Thank you,		
Warm regards, Avid Banihashemi, on behalf of Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment Team		

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Avid Banihashemi Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:35 AM consultations@metisnation.org Ray Bacquie; 300051307 Bridge St Niagara EA; Elmadhoon, Maged RE: Bridge Street Improvements Environmental Assessment - Draft Report for Review		
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