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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The City of Belleville initiated this Class Environmental Assessment (EA) in August of 2014 in order to move forward with reconstruction and provision of full municipal servicing for Mineral Road, Maitland Drive and Farnham Road.

This EA Study will complete all phases of the Municipal Class EA by establishing the need and justification for the project, considering all alternatives and proactively involving the public in defining a recommended plan for improvements.

This assignment is following the approved Planning and Design process of the "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment", as amended in 2011, for a

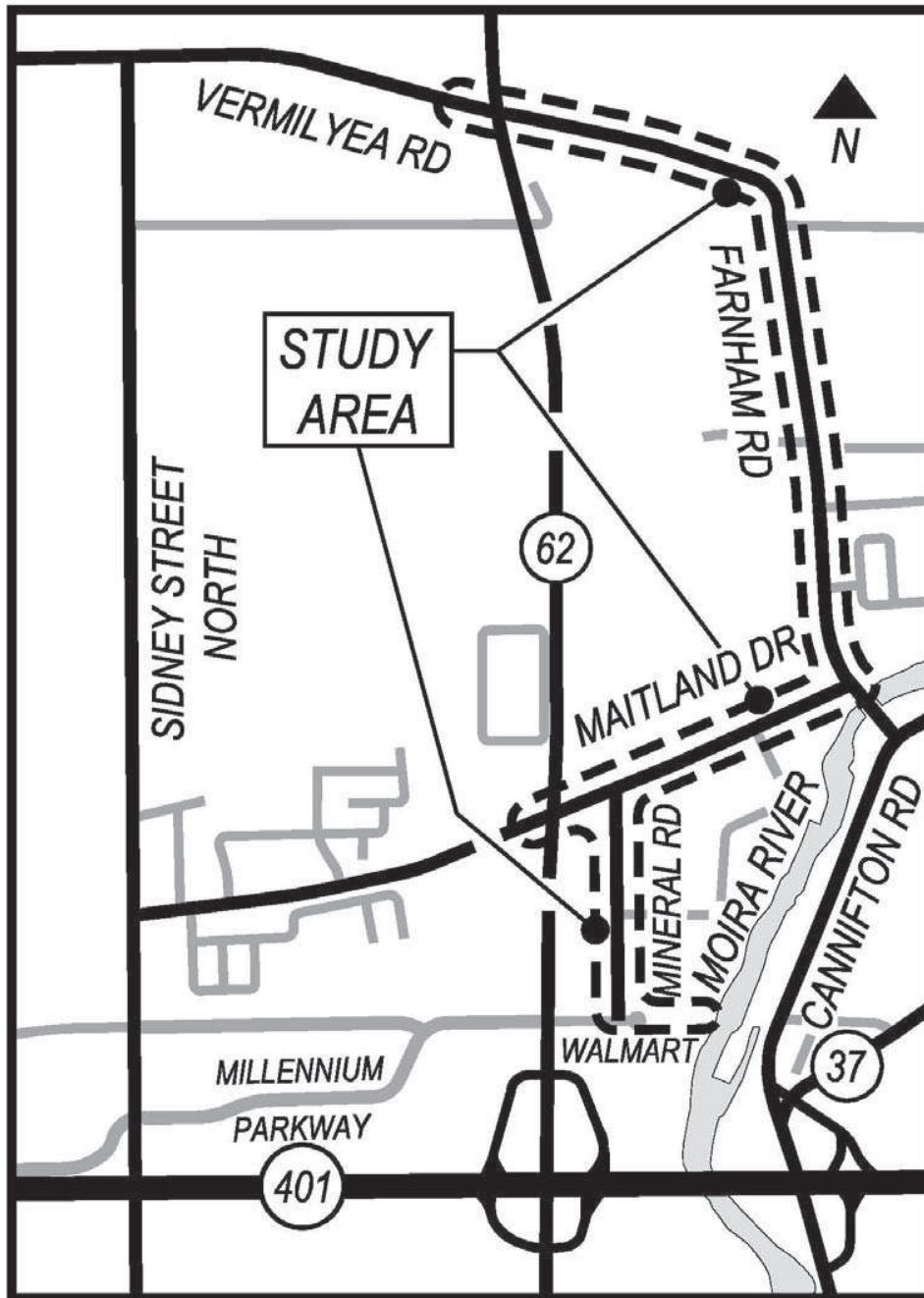
Schedule 'C' project. This is a self-assessment process that includes mandatory public consultation.

This Study is being completed as a Schedule 'C' undertaking, based on the range of anticipated effects (i.e. minor environmental impacts) and capital cost of the roadway.

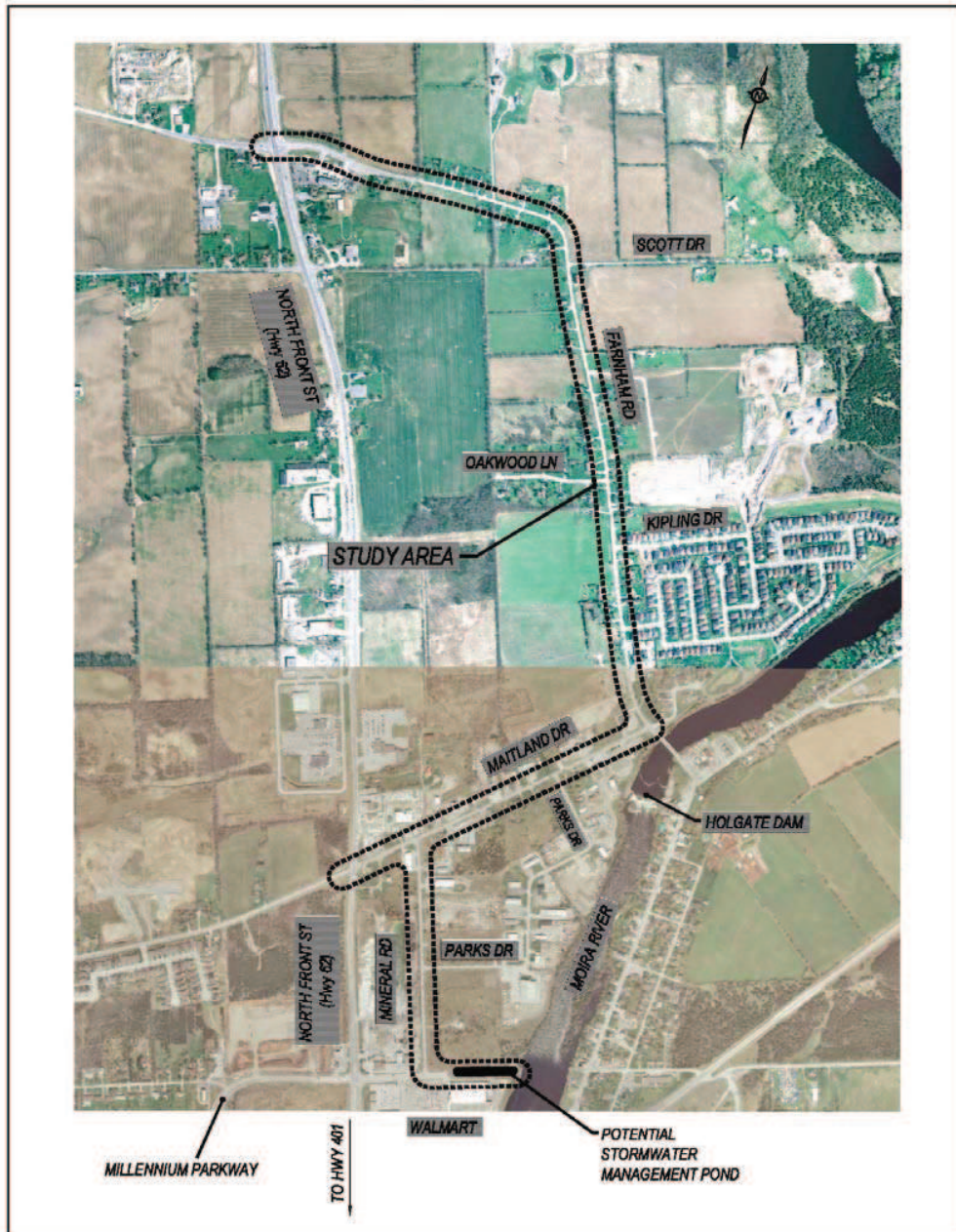
At the completion of the Schedule C project, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared for a 30-day public review.

The project location is shown in **Figure 1** and the study area is shown in **Figure 2**.

FIGURE 1  
PROJECT LOCATION  
MINERAL ROAD, MAITLAND DRIVE & FARNHAM ROAD



**FIGURE 2**  
**STUDY AREA**  
MINERAL ROAD, MAITLAND DRIVE & FARNHAM ROAD



The Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project was held on:

Wednesday, January 14, 2015  
at  
Fireplace Meeting Room (Room "B")  
Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre  
265 Cannifton Road  
Belleville, ON  
4:00 – 7:00 pm

The Public Information Centre included presenting the following:

- EA Process
- Need and Justification
- Environmental Inventories
- Improvement (Intersection and Alignment) Alternatives
- Analysis and Evaluation of Alternatives
- Roundabout informational videos
- Technically Preferred Alternatives

City of Belleville and consultant representatives were available to respond to any inquiries.

All members of the public and interest groups were invited to the Public Information Centre to view the presentation material and to discuss the project with the City and consultant representatives.

Fifty (50) people registered at the Public Information Centre. Each person was encouraged to provide a written response to any issues or concerns.

## **2.0 PUBLIC AND AGENCY CONSULTATION**

One of the key aspects of the project is to provide the public, interested parties, affected agencies and municipalities with the opportunity for input. In order to ensure this objective is met, a public and agency notification program was undertaken. The program includes a number of communication mechanisms, discussed in the following sections. A Study Design was released for public review with no comments received to change the scope of the project.

### **2.1 Individual Property Owner Contacts**

Flyers (approximately 100) were mailed to all property owners within the study area, inviting them to attend the Public Information Centre. A sample of the flyer letter is provided in **Appendix A**.

### **2.2 Newspaper Notice**

Notice of the Public Information Centre was placed in The Belleville Intelligencer on January 7th and January 10th, 2015 and the Quinte News website on January 14th, 2015.

The newspaper notice is found in **Appendix B**.

### **2.3 Agency Contacts**

The following agencies were invited to attend the PIC:

- Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport



- Ministry of Transportation, Eastern Region
- Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Quinte Conservation Authority
- Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
- Canada Post Corporation
- City of Belleville Fire Department
- County of Hastings
- EMS County of Hastings
- Belleville Police Services
- Quinte Field Naturalists
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
- Ministry of the Attorney General
- Office of Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians
- Bell Canada
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Union Gas Ltd.
- Veridian Connections
- Cogeco
- TransCanada Pipelines Inc.
- Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc.
- Enbridge Pipelines Inc.

Notification of the Public Information Centre was communicated to all affected residents, local municipalities, external agencies and interested groups.

## 2.4 First Nations

Individual letters were sent to the First Nations within the vicinity of the Study Area, inviting them to attend the meeting. Letters were sent to the following First Nations:

- Hiawatha First Nation
- Alderville First Nation
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Chiefs of Ontario
- Assembly of First Nations

## 3.0 PIC COMMENTS

Display panels/boards were set up around the perimeter of the room, to be viewed at leisure. A copy of the PIC presentation boards is provided in **Appendix C**.

Sixteen (16) comment sheets were received at the PIC. Five (5) emails were received during the subsequent 2-week comment period. Copies of the comments, excluding personal information, are provided in **Appendix D**. The results of the comments and discussions are summarized in the following sections.

### 3.1 Summary of Comments

The results of the comments received and discussions held at the Public Information Centre are summarized below in **Table 1**. The comments have been summarized by general subject matter.

Comments raised by the public include:

- Strong support from the public on the roundabout recommendation.
- Identification of a new alternative on Farnham Road to flatten the sub-standard curve. This new alternative does not require the buyout property at 158 Farnham Road.

- First Nations contact attendee requested to be added to the mailing list, and to receive background reports (interested especially in the environmental background reports).
- Numerous residents provided comments and confirmation on locations for service connections.
- Comments from the public support on the two Maitland Drive alignment alternatives presented at the PIC; supported using the south alignment alternative (less impact to existing residential properties).
- Trucking company on Parks Drive that has oversized trucks. These trucks will need to find an alternate route than using the roundabout (from Maitland over the bridge and vice versa).
- Flooding in Norbelle creek has been a concern from snow dumping.
- Strong support for improvements to Maitland Drive potholes.
- Sidewalks strongly supported by public along Farnham and Maitland.
- Cycling lanes or room on the side of the road for cyclists.
- Developers identified a need for future intersection on Farnham Road between Kipling Drive and Scott Drive.

| <b>Table 1<br/>                     Summary of Written Comments<br/>                     Public Information Centre<br/>                     January 14, 2015</b> |                              |                                    |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Comment</b>   | <b>Number of Respondents</b> | <b>Comment Sheet Reference No.</b> |
| Large trucks using Mineral Road, Parks Drive and Maitland Drive need a larger turning radius   | 1                            | 1                                  |
| Support for road improvements on Maitland Drive and Farnham Road   | 4                            | 2, 3, 4, 7                         |
| Speed limits too high on Maitland Drive and Farnham Road   | 3                            | 3, 9, 17                           |
| Support for the roundabout at Farnham Road and Maitland Drive  | 3                            | 4, 5, 7                            |
| Sidewalk only on north side of Maitland Drive  | 2                            | 3, 9                               |
| Flooding at creek due to dumping   | 1                            | 3                                  |
| Support for Farnham Road curve flattening  | 1                            | 4                                  |
| Sidewalks on both sides of Farnham   | 2                            | 5, 8                               |
| Extend walking trails and add trails and parks for residents along Farnham Road  | 2                            | 2, 5                               |

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| Cycling lanes on Farnham Road and Maitland Drive   | 1                            | 8                                  |
| New alternative for Farnham Road curve   | 1                            | 6                                  |
| Double roundabout instead of single lane roundabout  | 2                            | 15, 16                             |
| Will water pressure improve in subdivision?  | 1                            | 2                                  |
| 3-way stop at Mineral Road and Maitland Drive will cause unnecessary delays  | 1                            | 4                                  |
| Suggest roundabout on other side of bridge   | 1                            | 5                                  |
| Resurface Kipling Drive and Farnham Road intersection during construction  | 1                            | 5                                  |
| Concerns about wildlife in creek and trees on properties   | 1                            | 9                                  |
| Phase construction on Maitland to minimize impact to vehicular use   | 1                            | 10                                 |
| Treat Farnham Road as a residential road no highway (remain 2-lane)  | 1                            | 17                                 |
| Was there an assessment completed to study the environmental impact of filling the quarry on Maitland Drive?   | 1                            | 18                                 |

#### 4.0 CONCLUSIONS

The conclusions from the meeting include:

- Support for the recommended roundabout at Farnham Road and Maitland Drive
- Reduce speed on Maitland Drive and Farnham Road
- Roadway improvements are supported in the Study Area