



MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF SOPERS BRIDGE

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

THE PROJECT:

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process in September 2020 to consider options associated with Sopers Bridge, which spans Tara Creek along Sideroad 20 southwest of the community of Tara (as shown on the accompanying key plan). Recent engineering inspections of the structure identified significant deterioration with many bridge components, necessitating replacement of the crossing. The new bridge will be a 2 lane slab girder bridge constructed in the same location. Due to the extent of work needed to replace the structure, it is anticipated that Sideroad 20 would be completely closed to traffic for a period of 4-5 months during construction. Detours would be provided on adjacent local roads. At this time, replacement of the crossing is scheduled for spring of 2022.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the environmental screening process set out for Schedule B activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document. The Class EA process involves consultation with the public and review agencies to ensure that the project can be carried out in an environmentally-sound manner. The environmental assessment process has now been completed. There were no negative impacts identified with the project that could not be mitigated.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

For further information on this project, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (Toll Free): (888) 524-2641.

Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net), prior to February 11, 2022. Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. An Environmental Screening Report, documenting the environmental assessment conducted for this process, will be available for public review on the Arran-Elderslie website at www.arran-elderslie.ca as of January 12, 2022.

Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by February 11, 2022. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Mr. Scott McLeod, Manager of Public Works at the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie at 519-363-3039 x-115 or by email at works@arran-elderslie.ca. In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

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

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

Requests should also be sent to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie by mail or by e-mail.

Scott McLeod, Manager of Public Works
Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

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