

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Highway 7 and Highway 15 Intersection Improvements (GWP 4084-16-00) Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP** to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for improvements to the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 15 in the Town of Carleton Place (GWP 4084-16-00). The study area, shown in the key plan, includes Franktown Road northerly approximately 430 m to Alexander Street, Highway 7 westerly approximately 360 m to the abandoned CPR/multi-use trail corridor, Highway 15 southerly approximately 850 m and Highway 7 easterly approximately 690 m to McNeely Avenue.

The objectives of this study include:

- Improvements to the intersection of Highway 7 and 15 to meet interim and long-term transportation needs;
- Access review of commercial entrances and intersections to Highways 7 and 15 to ensure safe and efficient traffic operations and to support ongoing and proposed development of surrounding lands; and
- Consideration for all road users including active transportation and recreational trail users.

In parallel with the Preliminary Design and EA Study, MTO and WSP are working with the Town of Carleton Place to develop a Secondary Plan for lands surrounding the Highway 7 & 15 intersection (as shown on the key plan).

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

This is the first of two Public Information Centres (PICs) that will be held as part of this study. The purpose of this PIC is to introduce the study and provide an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed alternatives for the intersection improvements and access review. It will also present information regarding the Secondary Plan, including the *Planning Act* process, preliminary vision for the study area, and preliminary local access/transportation network alternatives. Members of the Project Team will be available at the PIC to discuss the study with you and answer any questions you may have. Following the PIC, digital copies of the PIC display materials will be posted to the project website at www.hwy7-15ea.ca. The PIC will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2018
Location: Carleton Place Arena – Upper Hall
75 Neelin Street, Carleton Place, ON K7C 4H1
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the project. Upon study completion, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESR can be reviewed.

The Secondary Plan is following the approved process under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13. Upon study completion, it will be presented to the Town of Carleton Place Council for adoption.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information, provide comments or to be added to the study mailing list, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below, or visit the project website at www.hwy7-15ea.ca.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record. If you have accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant le 613 690-1117, auprès de Meghan MacMillan.

