

Notice of Public Information Centre #2 & Notice of Secondary Plan Open House

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

A traffic analysis completed as part of the study identified future capacity issues at the Highway 7 and McNeely Avenue intersection. In order to address these issues and identify solutions along the Highway 7 corridor, the study area for the Class EA Study has been expanded easterly along Highway 7 to include the Highway 7 and McNeely Avenue intersection to approximately 550 m east of McNeely Avenue.

The study area now includes the following:

- Highway 15 / 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 550 m east of McNeely Avenue.

The recommended improvements to the Highway 7 and Highway 15 intersection and the Highway 7 at McNeely Avenue intersection include:

- The addition of a through travel lane, as follows:
 - Highway 7 westbound (WB) from approximately 550 m east of McNeely Avenue to 360 m west of Highway 15;
 - Highway 7 eastbound (EB) from approximately 360 m west of Highway 15 to the Highway 7 / 15 intersection;
 - Highway 15 northbound (NB) from approximately 850 m south of Highway 7 to the Highway 7 / Highway 15 intersection; and
 - Franktown Road southbound (SB) for approximately 430 m north of Highway 7 to the Highway 7 / Highway 15 intersection.
- The addition of a dual left turn lane, as follows:
 - Highway 7 WB, Highway 15 NB and Franktown Road SB at the Highway 7 / Highway 15 intersection; and
 - Highway 7 WB and McNeely Avenue NB at the Highway 7 / McNeely intersection.
- Elimination of the channelized right-turn lane on Highway 7 WB onto Franktown Road with a controlled right turn lane at the Highway 7 at Highway 15 intersection;
- Elimination of the channelized right-turn lane on Highway 15 NB onto EB Highway 7 with a controlled right turn lane at the Highway 7 and Highway 15 intersection;
- The addition of sidewalks on both the north and south side of Highway 7; and
- Improvements to the Highway 7 at Highway 15 and Highway 7 at McNeely Avenue intersection pedestrian crossing locations to meet the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* requirements.

In the interim, a median will be installed at the Highway 7 at Highway 15 and Highway 7 at McNeely Avenue intersections to improve safety along the Highway 7 corridor. In the long-term, a median will be installed along the entire Highway 7 corridor from McNeely Avenue to just west of Highway 15. At that time, access will be restricted to right-in, right-out only on Highway 7. A raised median will also be installed on Highway 15 / Franktown Road from just south of the future Captain A. Roy Brown Boulevard to just north of Findlay Avenue.

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

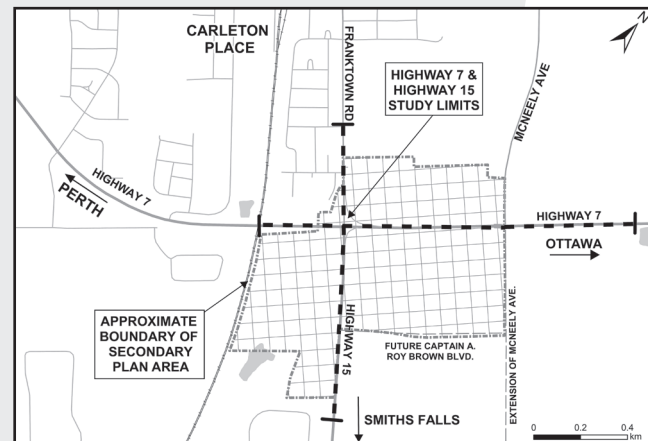
This is the second of the two Public Information Centres (PICs). At this PIC, the Recommended Plan will be presented including the intersection improvements, how intersection improvement alternatives were evaluated, the anticipated environmental impacts and preliminary environmental mitigation measures. Members of the Project Team will be available at the PIC to discuss the study and answer any questions. Following the PIC, digital copies of the PIC display materials will be posted to the project website at www.hwy7-15ea.ca.

STATUTORY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR THE SECONDARY PLAN

A Secondary Plan is a planning document illustrating a vision and guiding principles for development and redevelopment in the Secondary Plan area. The Secondary Plan will be adopted as an amendment to the Official Plan of the Town of Carleton Place. The Town invites all interested persons to attend a Public Open House in order to consider input on the Town's Draft Highway District Secondary Plan, pursuant to the requirements of Section 17(16) of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, as amended.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the proposed Town-initiated Official Plan Amendment is to:

- Add a new Section 8 within the Official Plan to adopt the Secondary Plan;
- Amend Section 2.4 of the Official Plan as it pertains to Gateways;
- Correct the boundary of the Highway District and Residential District designations located along the centreline of future Captain A. Roy Brown Boulevard right-of-way in Schedule A of the Town of Carleton Place Official Plan, as permitted per Section 7.4 of the Town of Carleton Place Official Plan; and
- Amend Schedule A of the Town of Carleton Place Official Plan to have the Business Park Campus and Industrial Campus designations follow the new property lines west of Highway 15 and the Residential District be entirely south of Captain A. Roy Brown, as per Schedule A of the Secondary Plan.



The PIC and Secondary Plan Open House will be held as follows:

Date: January 30, 2020 **Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Carleton Place Arena, Upper Hall – 75 Neelin St., Carleton Place, ON K7C 4H1

PROCESS

The Preliminary Design and Class EA 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. To obtain the Draft Secondary Plan, please visit the Town's website at www.carletonplace.ca/development-services-2.php after January 16, 2020. The document will also be available at the following location during regular hours:

Town of Carleton Place Town Hall

175 Bridge Street, Carleton Place, ON (Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding the EA Study and/or the Secondary Plan. 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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For more information about the Secondary Plan, including information about appeal rights, please contact: Paul Knowles, Town Engineer for the Town of Carleton Place.

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 (courriel : Meghan.MacMillan@wsp.com).