

# MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

## CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG THE ONTARIO STREET CORRIDOR (COMMUNITY OF GRAND BEND)

### NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

#### THE PROJECT:

The Municipality of Lambton Shores, in cooperation with the Provincial Ministry of Transportation, initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process in 2016 to consider alternatives to address ongoing traffic congestion along the Ontario Street corridor through Grand Bend. Continued traffic congestion along the corridor, particularly during peak tourist periods, has necessitated an examination of options aimed at improving the flow of traffic through the area.

Following an examination of various alternatives for the bridge crossing, including, i) Construction of a new bridge, or ii) replacement of the bridge deck with a wider deck and bridge substructure, the Municipality is proposing to Alternative II) replace the existing bridge deck with a new wider deck and bridge substructure. The new bridge deck will accommodate 5 lanes of traffic, including 2 southbound lanes, a left turn lane, a dedicated northbound through lane, and a combination through and right turn lane. The study also evaluated various options to improve bicycle and pedestrian opportunities along the corridor. The preferred alternative, to install multi-use paths on both sides of the corridor, will provide improved pedestrian and cycling opportunities along the entire corridor.

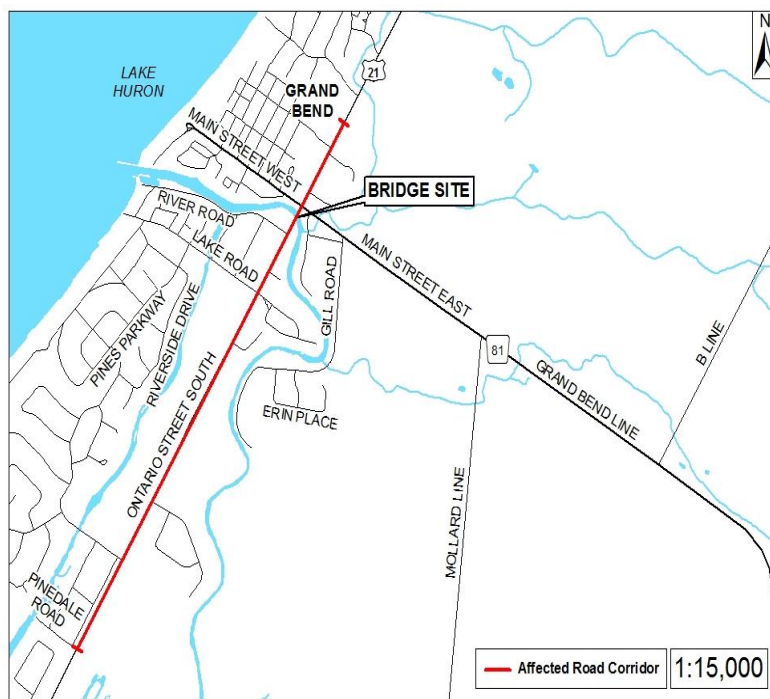
#### THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the planning process established for Schedule 'C' activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document. Schedule 'C' projects are approved following the completion of all 5 phases of the Class EA process. The purpose of the Class EA is to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. 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 Ltd., 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone: 1(888)524-2641. Fax: (519) 524-4403. Attn: Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net). The Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be available for review on-line at [www.lambtonshores.ca](http://www.lambtonshores.ca) and at the following location during normal business hours: Grand Bend Municipal Office, 4 Ontario St N, Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0

If environmental concerns regarding the project cannot be resolved through discussions with the Municipality of Lambton Shores, a person may request a Part II Order under the EA Act. To make such a request, a Part II Order Request form must be submitted within 30 calendar days of this notice and sent to 1) the Municipality; 2) Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Floor 11, 77 Wellesley St. W, Toronto ON M7A 2T5 Fax: (416) 314-8452; [Minister.MOEC@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MOEC@ontario.ca) and 3) Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, 135 St. Clair Ave West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Toronto ON M4V 1P5 [MOECCpermissions@ontario.ca](mailto:MOECCpermissions@ontario.ca). The mandatory form can be found at [http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/012-2206E~1/\\$File/2206E.pdf](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/GetFileAttach/012-2206E~1/$File/2206E.pdf) or copies can be obtained by contacting the project contact person as listed above. If no such request is received by **September 14, 2018**, the project will proceed to implementation as planned.



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