

MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

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

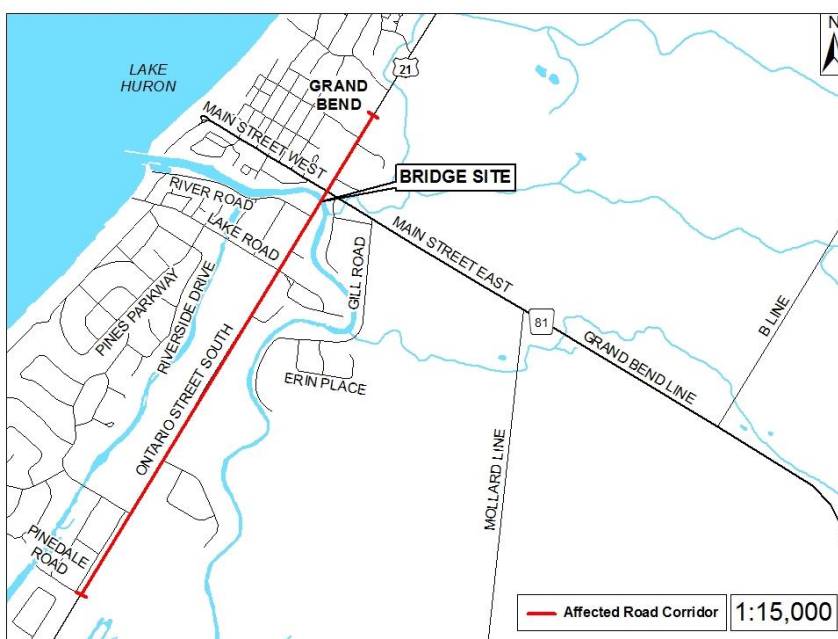
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING

THE PROJECT:

The Municipality of Lambton Shores, in cooperation with the Provincial Ministry of Transportation, has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process 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. The study will consider a range of alternatives to address the traffic problem including, but not limited to, i) widening the bridge at Parkhill Creek to accommodate more lanes of traffic (see map for location), ii) construction of a by-pass around Grand Bend, iii) an examination of various lane configurations to optimize traffic flow, and iv) road widening to accommodate more lanes of traffic. The study will also include a review of cycling lane alternatives, pedestrian crossing options, and signal light optimization.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the planning process established for Schedule B activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document. Schedule B projects are approved subject to the completion of a screening process. The purpose of the screening process is to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. The process includes consultation with the public, Aboriginal communities, stakeholders and review agencies. This notice is being issued to advise of the start of study investigations. A public information meeting is planned for the summer of 2016 to update residents on the status of the study progress.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Public consultation is a key component of this study. A **Public Information Centre** has therefore been scheduled to advise residents about the project and to receive input from interested parties on the alternatives being considered in regards to the traffic congestion problem. Details of the Public Information Centre are as follows:

Date:	Wednesday August 24, 2016
Time:	3 pm – 5 pm and 7 pm – 9 pm.
Location:	Grand Bend Legion, 20 Municipal Drive, Grand Bend

Following the meeting, input into the Class EA will be accepted until **September 30, 2016**. Comments collected in conjunction with this Class EA Schedule 'B' process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. For further information on this project, or to review the MEA Class EA process, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (Toll Free): (888) 524-2641. Fax: (519) 524-4403. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net).

This Notice issued July 28th, 2016.
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