

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 FOR THE QEW GARDEN CITY SKYWAY

STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC)** to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment to determine a long-term strategy to address the structural, traffic safety, and operational needs of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) crossing of the Welland Canal. This includes the generation and evaluation of alternatives for the QEW Garden City Skyway. As shown on the key plan below, the study limits extend between Niagara Street and Glendale Avenue.

PROCESS

The study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities 1999, as amended in 2000*. The study will consider all phases of the planning process, including:

- identifying structural and operational issues
- generating and evaluating a full range of alternatives
- selecting a preferred alternative
- preparing a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR)

Upon completion of the study, the TESR will be made available for a 30-day public review period.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

To facilitate public involvement, Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held at three key study stages. The PICs will provide local residents, business owners, members of the public, and other stakeholders with an opportunity to review, comment on, and discuss the project with members of the Project Team. The first PIC has been arranged to allow members of the public and residents an opportunity to review the study process, existing conditions, need and justification, generation of preliminary alternatives, and the next steps in the study. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and to provide us with your comments.

Public Information Centre #1

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Place: Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn)
2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street)
St. Catharines, ON L2N 4G9
Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (drop-in)
Brief presentation at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding the study will be collected to assist the Project Team. Comment forms and study information are available on the study website: www.qewgcs.ca. If you wish to be added to the study contact list or submit comments or questions, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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