

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

For the QEW Garden City Skyway

STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **McCormick Rankin**, a member of MMM Group Limited, to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) 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 in the City of St. Catharines and Glendale Avenue in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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 is considering all phases of the planning process, including:

- Identifying structural and operational issues;
- Generating and evaluating a full range of alternatives;
- Selecting a preferred alternative; and
- 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.

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Date: Tuesday October 22, 2013
Place: Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre
2 North Service Road (east of Lake Street)
St. Catharines, ON L2N 4G9
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (open house drop-in)

To facilitate public involvement, Public Information Centres (PICs) are being held at three key study stages. The first PIC was held on March 30, 2011. The second PIC is being arranged to provide stakeholders an opportunity to review and comment on the results of the assessment and evaluation process, and to present the technically preferred alternative. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and to provide us with your comments.

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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