

Notice of Proposed Transition

QEW Garden City Skyway Bridge Twinning Project, Niagara Region, City of St. Catharines, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) retained Stantec to carry out a 30-day consultation process in advance of the QEW Garden City Skyway Bridge Twinning Project located in the Region of Niagara, connecting the City of St. Catharines and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The project will address and improve the structural and traffic safety needs of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) crossing of the Welland Canal. The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the project intends to transition to the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways, 2024* (2024 Class EA). A Transition Memo was prepared for this project and can be found at www.qewgcs.ca.

THE PROCESS

The project was approved through the planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000* (2000 Class EA).

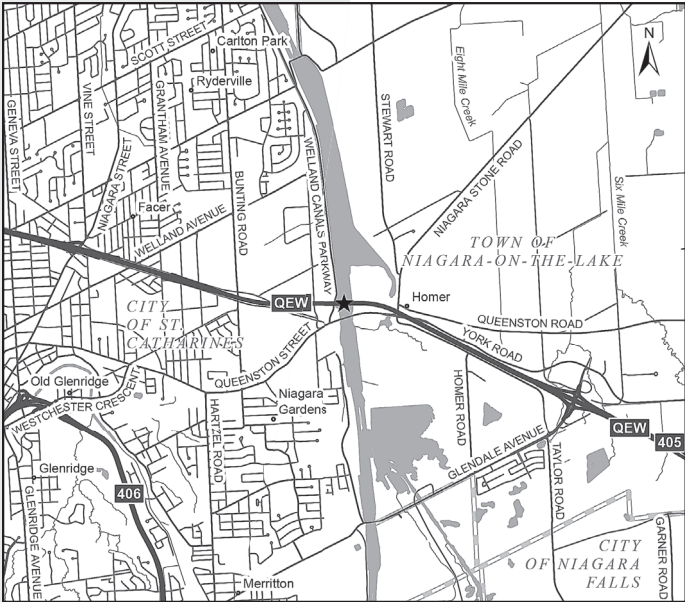
PROPOSED TRANSITION

This notice is being issued to inform interested stakeholders, members of the public, and Indigenous communities of the intent to transition this project to the 2024 Class EA. Transitioning will not result in any changes to the project's design, potential for impacts, or potential environmental effects. Any commitments made during the completed Class EA planning process such as the necessary environmental investigations and federal or provincial approvals will continue to be fulfilled. The rationale for transitioning to the 2024 Class EA, is to improve the efficiency of the process, and reduce duplication, while maintaining strong environmental oversight and protection. Any commitments made during the 2000 Class EA process will be considered and/or addressed or fulfilled under the 2024 Class EA process.

Information on the project, including the process under the 2024 Class EA can be found at www.qewgcs.ca.

COMMENTS

This notice will be available for a 30-day comment period between **July 10, 2025 and August 9, 2025** at the project website: www.qewgcs.ca.



If you have any comments or questions about this notice, or have questions about the project, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website at www.qewgcs.ca, where project information including study notices, background information, etc. is available. You can also submit comments or questions to the project team on the project website.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

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