



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

SOUTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE AND PEDESTRIAN LINKAGE

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

THE STUDY

The City of Thorold has retained McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. (McIntosh Perry) to provide consulting services for the concerns related to the South Main Street Bridge and Pedestrian Linkage in the Port Robinson area (map below). The purpose of this Notice is to announce the Study Commencement and to invite all those interested in the Study to engage in reviewing the issues and opportunities, as well as to provide input.

As per the Ontario Structural Inspection Manual bi-annual inspection, the existing South Main Street Bridge is in poor condition and has been closed for public use at this time. Therefore, the City of Thorold is undertaking study to address the need to provide a safe and reliable pedestrian linkage between South Main Street and Cross Street in the Port Robinson area.

THE PROCESS

The project is following the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for a Schedule 'B' undertaking. During the study various technical studies will be conducted that will consider the associated impacts to the natural, cultural, socio-economic environments in the area, and identify the preferred alternative solution based on input through the study consultation activities. This will include input from agencies, affected groups, and the general public.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation is the vital to the success of this study. We want to ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input. Any comments or questions can be directed to one of the following project team members at any time during this process and will be considered in identifying the preferred design alternative to address pedestrian linkage within the EA study area.

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A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held during this study to provide the public with the opportunity to discuss the project and provide input to the Project Team. Notification of the time and location of the PIC will be distributed at a later date.

Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record. If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Per the requirements of the Schedule "B" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, a Project File will be maintained detailing the existing conditions, all alternative solutions considered, the evaluation process followed to select the preferred solution and required mitigation measures. The Project File will be made available for a 30-day public review period at the conclusion of the study. Another advertisement will be published at that time, indicating where the report can be viewed.

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