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July 5, 2013

Mr. Larry McGregor  
Township of Perth South  
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Dear Mr. McGregor:

**Re: Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study  
From Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg Area (GWP 13-00-00)  
Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 – July 24, July 25 and August 14, 2013**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg Area. The purpose of the study is to identify and address the long-term transportation needs for the Analysis Area and prepare a preliminary design for the provincial roadway components of the recommended plan.

Public Information Centres have been held at key decision points in the study. At the last PIC (PIC #5) held in the summer of 2012, MTO presented a range of preliminary design alternatives for roadway cross sections, crossing road treatments and the Shakespeare bypass. In addition, the refined evaluation process to be used in the selection of a preferred preliminary design for the entire study area from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg area was presented.

At PIC #6, the public is being invited to review and comment on the recommended plan which includes a southerly bypass of Shakespeare and the evaluation of preliminary design alternatives. In addition, preliminary mitigation measures and strategies to address potential impacts will be presented for review and comment.

PIC #6 is being held on Wednesday July 24, Thursday July 25 and Wednesday August 14, 2013 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. A copy of the Notice of PIC #6 is enclosed for your reference. External agencies and government representatives are invited to attend the information centre one hour in advance of the general public for each PIC (i.e. between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm).

Information to be presented at this PIC will also be available for review at local municipal offices, local libraries and on the study website ([www.7and8corridorstudy.ca](http://www.7and8corridorstudy.ca)), beginning on July 24, 2013. Comments are requested by October 31, 2013 so they can be considered in the finalization of the recommended plan and the completion of the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) to be filed in 2014.

If you are unable to attend the information centre and have questions or comments on the study, please contact the undersigned or Mr. Charles Organ, the MTO Project Manager, at 1-800-265-6072 ext. 519-873-4591 or via e-mail at [Chuck.Organ@ontario.ca](mailto:Chuck.Organ@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,  
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Encl. PIC #6 Notice

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #6

### Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study – Recommended Plan G.W.P. 13-00-00

#### STUDY OVERVIEW

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study, from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg Area. The purpose of the study is to identify and address the long-term transportation needs for the Analysis Area and prepare a preliminary design for the provincial roadway components of the recommended plan.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #6

The public is invited to attend the final Public Information Centre (PIC) for the study, which is being held to present the recommended plan and the evaluation of preliminary design alternatives. Refinements were made to the preliminary design alternatives based on stakeholder input received through the PIC #5 consultation process and through Preliminary Design as the corridor was defined in greater detail. PIC #6 is offered on three dates:

**Wednesday, July 24, 2013**  
Shakespeare & District Optimist Hall  
3976 Gait Street, Shakespeare  
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

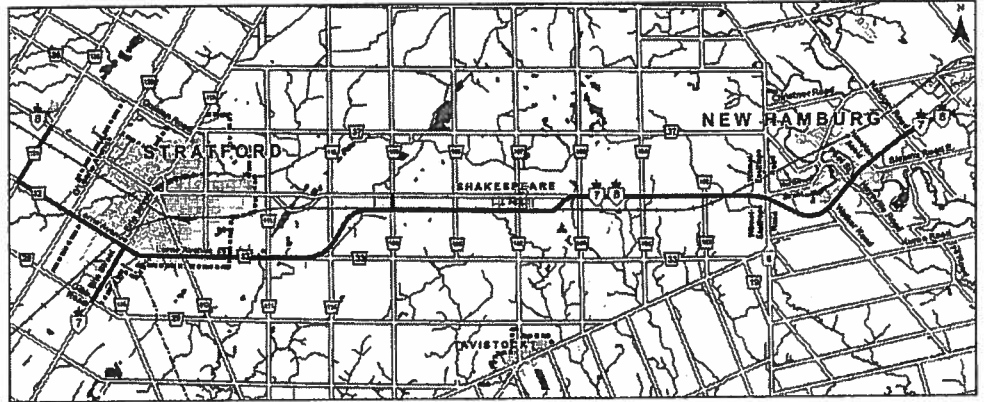
**Thursday, July 25, 2013**  
Stratford Rotary Complex, Community Hall B  
353 McCarthy Road, Stratford  
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 14, 2013**  
Wilmot Recreation Complex  
1291 Nafziger Road, Baden  
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This PICs will be a drop-in style, open house format with brief presentations at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The same information will be presented at each PIC.

The recommended plan includes:

- Southerly bypass of Shakespeare adjacent to the existing GEXR railway corridor, revised to reduce impacts to the large woodlot east of Road 110 and agricultural field operations
- 2-lane cross-section from Highway 8 to Erie Street with a 5 m two-way centre left turn lane for Line 32/Lome Avenue
- 4-lane cross-section from Erie Street easterly to east study limit, including Erie Street southerly to Perth Line 29, with:
  - 5 m two-way centre left turn lane from Erie Street to west of Shakespeare bypass, from east of Shakespeare bypass to Wilmot/Easthope Road/RR 1 and on Erie Street southerly to Perth Line 29
  - 7 m median for Shakespeare bypass, from Wilmot/Easthope Road/RR 1 to west of Peel Street and from east of Hamilton Street to east study limit
  - 6-lane cross-section from west of Peel Street to east of Hamilton Street to serve these high-traffic at-grade intersections
- Full moves intersections controlled by traffic signals or stop signs on the crossing roads for majority of crossing roads with Walker Road revised to be a full moves intersection with stop signs on Walker Road
- Roundabouts at Perth Road 125 where Highway 7&8 changes direction
- Access to Shakespeare via a full moves intersection controlled by traffic signals at Road 107, a slip off provision for Highway 7&8 westbound traffic at the east limit of the village and retention of existing highway access at the west limit of the village
- Access to the east end of Stratford via a Road 109 connection between the south bypass and existing Highway 7&8
- Cui-de-sac at several intersections in Stratford, at one intersection in New Hamburg and for eastbound traffic on the existing highway in Shakespeare at the east limit of the village
- Interchange at Nafziger Road, revised to retain recreational complex soccer fields



Recommended Plan

In addition, preliminary mitigation measures and strategies to address potential impacts will be presented for review and comment.

Information to be presented at this PIC, including the Selection of Preliminary Design Alternatives Report, will be on the study website at local municipal offices and at local libraries beginning on July 24, 2013.

#### PROCESS

The study is following the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* process for a Group 'A' project. Comments received will be considered as the recommended plan is finalized and documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). At the time of TESR release, a Notice will be published to explain the review process and identify the locations where the TESR is available for a 60-day public review period.

#### COMMENTS

Your comments on the information presented at PIC #6 are requested by **October 31, 2013** so they can be considered in the finalization of the recommended plan and the completion of the TESR. Comments may be submitted at the PIC or via the study website at [www.7and8corridorstudy.ca](http://www.7and8corridorstudy.ca).

To obtain additional information, provide comments or to be placed on the study mailing list, please contact:

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