

Appendix G

Stakeholder and Indigenous Community Consultation

Stakeholder and Agency Contact List

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Agency Correspondence

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks

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To: Ungar, Amanda (She/Her) (MECP); eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca
Cc: Del Villar Cuicas, Joan (MECP); Joe de Koning
Subject: RE: PIF for Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Attachments: [streamlined_ea_project_information_form_2_Blatchford_May 31, 2024.xlsx](#)

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for the information. I've attached the PIF and copied the west central notice email.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: PIF for Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

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Good morning,

I am reaching out to inform you that the Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is the West-Central region and to request the Project Information Form (PIF) for it, as only the Notice of Commencement was sent. If you could please provide the PIF as well, it would be greatly appreciated.

For future reference, please also find attached the instructions for providing Class EA notices to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for further information.

Thank you,

Amanda Ungar (she/her)

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Instructions for Providing Class EA Notices to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

The following protocol for providing Class EA notifications to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is in effect as of **May 1, 2018**. Important information is below. Please read carefully.

You must follow the process described below and submit an electronic version of the Notice and completed Project Information Form to the appropriate Regional EA Notification email address. These email addresses are provided below.

All Notices of Commencement and Completion are to follow this process. Please feel free to pass along this information to your colleagues. Thank you.

Notification Procedure:

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks becomes aware of streamlined environmental assessments (e.g., class environmental assessment projects, electricity projects and waste management projects) through notifications by project owners. Notifying the ministry is an important step in the streamlined environmental assessment processes. As part of the ministry's ongoing efforts to improve processes and ensure the ministry has an opportunity to provide input on projects undergoing streamlined environmental assessments, the ministry has established dedicated email accounts in each regional office. These accounts will be used to receive notices as required in your class environmental assessment process along with a new "Project Information Form". As of May 1, 2018, proponents must use this new process.

4 Step Process for Submitting Notices for Streamlined EAs

To submit your notice, you must do the following:

- 1. Download and complete the Project Information Form.** (The Form can be found [here](#) under “Streamlined EAs”. It is an excel spreadsheet with columns that need to be filled out by the proponent. The form has been developed for ease of use (i.e. drop-down pick list for most fields). Instructions on filling out the form are contained in 2 tabs within the form itself).
- 2. Create an email. The subject line of your email must include in this order: Project location, Type of streamlined EA, and Project name**

For example:

- York Region, MEA Class EA, Elgin Mills Rd East (Bayview to Woodbine)
 - Durham Region, Electricity Screening Process, New Cogeneration Station
 - City of Ottawa, Waste Management Screening Process, Landfill Expansion
- 3. Attach the completed Project Information Form (in excel format) and a copy of your project notice (in PDF format) to the email.**
 - 4. Send by email to the appropriate ministry regional office:**

Central Region – eanotification.cregion@ontario.ca

Eastern Region – eanotification.eregion@ontario.ca

Northern Region – eanotification.nregion@ontario.ca

South West Region – eanotification.swregion@ontario.ca

West Central Region – eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca

Notes:

- The hyperlink to the [MECP District Officer Locator](#) website, can be used to assist with determining what ministry region your project is located.
- The minimum requirement is to send project initiation and completion notices (and where applicable, Revised Notice of Completion, Notice of Filing of Addendum, Statement of Completion). All other notices (e.g. Notice of PIC/OH) can be sent to the Regional email address but not required.
- If your project is located in more than one ministry region, you need to submit your notices to all appropriate regions.

Van Ruyven, William

From: Del Villar Cuicas, Joan (MECP) <Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 4:20 PM
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Cc: Van Ruyven, William; Todd, Aaron (MECP)
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement
Attachments: MECP Acknow. of NOC Blatchford Bridge.pdf; A Proponent's Introduction to the Delegated Aspects of Consultation with....pdf; Client Guide to Preliminary Screening-May 2019.pdf
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached MECP's Letter of Acknowledgement and attachments in response to the Notice of Commencement for the County of Wellington, MEA Class EA for Blatchford Bridge.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Good Morning,

This email is to inform you of the Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment Study for the Blatchford Bridge (No. B032085), per the attached notices, located on the boarder of Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, on Wellington Road 32.

Additional information can be found:

www.wellington.ca/blatchfordEA

Unless you indicate otherwise, the Project Team will continue to provide you with updates throughout the Study including notification of online public engagement events and Study completion.

Kind regards,

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June 4, 2024

Joe de Koning
Manager of Roads
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
County of Wellington
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule B
Acknowledgement of Notice of Commencement

Dear Joe de Koning,

This letter is in response to the Notice of Commencement for the above noted project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) acknowledges that the County of Wellington (proponent) has indicated that the study is following the approved environmental planning process for a Schedule B project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA).

The **updated (August 2022)** attached "Areas of Interest" document provides guidance regarding the ministry's interests with respect to the Class EA process. Please address all areas of interest in the EA documentation at an appropriate level for the EA study. Proponents who address all the applicable areas of interest can minimize potential delays to the project schedule. Information is provided at the end of the Areas of Interest document relating to the Notice of Completion.

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge, real or constructive, of the existence or potential existence of an Aboriginal or treaty right and

contemplates conduct that may adversely impact that right. Before authorizing this project, the Crown must ensure that its duty to consult has been fulfilled, where such a duty is triggered. Although the duty to consult with Aboriginal peoples is a duty of the Crown, the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of this duty to project proponents while retaining oversight of the consultation process.

The proposed project may have the potential to affect Aboriginal or treaty rights protected under Section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act* 1982. Where the Crown's duty to consult is triggered in relation to the proposed project, **the MECP is delegating the procedural aspects of rights-based consultation to the proponent through this letter.** The Crown intends to rely on the delegated consultation process in discharging its duty to consult and maintains the right to participate in the consultation process as it sees fit.

Based on information provided to date and the Crown's preliminary assessment the proponent is required to consult with the following communities who have been identified as potentially affected by the proposed project:

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River (both elected and traditional/HCCC (Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council))

Steps that the proponent may need to take in relation to Aboriginal consultation for the proposed project are outlined in the "[Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process](#)". Additional information related to Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act is available online at: www.ontario.ca/environmentalassessments.

Please also refer to the attached document "A Proponent's Introduction to the Delegation of Procedural Aspects of consultation with Aboriginal Communities" for further information, including the MECP's expectations for EA report documentation related to consultation with communities.

The proponent must contact the Director of Environmental Assessment Branch (EABDirector@ontario.ca) under the following circumstances after initial discussions with the communities identified by the MECP:

- Aboriginal or treaty rights impacts are identified to you by the communities;
- You have reason to believe that your proposed project may adversely affect an Aboriginal or treaty right;
- Consultation with Indigenous communities or other stakeholders has reached an impasse; or
- A Section 16 Order request is expected based on impacts to Aboriginal or treaty rights

The MECP will then assess the extent of any Crown duty to consult for the circumstances and

will consider whether additional steps should be taken, including what role you will be asked to play should additional steps and activities be required.

A draft of the report should be sent directly to me prior to the release of the final report through the issuance of the Notice of Completion, allowing a minimum of 30 days for the ministry's technical reviewers to provide comments on the draft report.

Please also ensure a copy of the Notice of Completion is sent to the ministry's West Central Region EA notification email account (eanotification.wcregion@ontario.ca) after the draft report and Notice of Completion is reviewed and finalized.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Joan Del Villar Cuicas
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Enclosed: Areas of Interest

Attached: Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk
A Proponent's Introduction to the Delegation of Procedural Aspects of Consultation
with Aboriginal Communities

AREAS OF INTEREST (v. August 2022)

It is suggested that you check off each section after you have considered / addressed it.

Planning and Policy

- Applicable plans and policies should be identified in the report, and the proponent should describe how the proposed project adheres to the relevant policies in these plans.
 - Projects located in MECP Central, Eastern or West Central Region may be subject to [A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe \(2020\)](#).
 - Projects located in MECP Central or Eastern Region may be subject to the [Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan \(2017\)](#) or the [Lake Simcoe Protection Plan \(2014\)](#).
 - Projects located in MECP Central, Southwest or West Central Region may be subject to the [Niagara Escarpment Plan \(2017\)](#).
 - Projects located in MECP Central, Eastern, Southwest or West Central Region may be subject to the [Greenbelt Plan \(2017\)](#).
 - Projects located in MECP Northern Region may be subject to the [Growth Plan for Northern Ontario \(2011\)](#).
- The [Provincial Policy Statement \(2020\)](#) contains policies that protect Ontario's natural heritage and water resources. Applicable policies should be referenced in the report, and the proponent should describe how the proposed project is consistent with these policies.
- In addition to the provincial planning and policy level, the report should also discuss the planning context at the municipal and federal levels, as appropriate.

Source Water Protection

The *Clean Water Act*, 2006 (CWA) aims to protect existing and future sources of drinking water. To achieve this, several types of vulnerable areas have been delineated around surface water intakes and wellheads for every municipal residential drinking water system that is located in a source protection area. These vulnerable areas are known as a Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs) and surface water Intake Protection Zones (IPZs). Other vulnerable areas that have been delineated under the CWA include Highly Vulnerable Aquifers (HVAs), Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas (SGRAs), Event-based modelling areas (EBAs), and Issues Contributing Areas (ICAs). Source protection plans have been developed that include policies to address existing and future risks to sources of municipal drinking water within these vulnerable areas.

Projects that are subject to the Environmental Assessment Act that fall under a Class EA, or one of the Regulations, have the potential to impact sources of drinking water if they occur in designated vulnerable areas or in the vicinity of other at-risk drinking water systems (i.e. systems that are not municipal residential systems). MEA Class EA projects may include

activities that, if located in a vulnerable area, could be a threat to sources of drinking water (i.e. have the potential to adversely affect the quality or quantity of drinking water sources) and the activity could therefore be subject to policies in a source protection plan. Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, policies in the local source protection plan may impact how or where that activity is undertaken. Policies may prohibit certain activities, or they may require risk management measures for these activities. Municipal Official Plans, planning decisions, Class EA projects (where the project includes an activity that is a threat to drinking water) and prescribed instruments must conform with policies that address significant risks to drinking water and must have regard for policies that address moderate or low risks.

- In October 2015, the MEA Parent Class EA document was amended to include reference to the Clean Water Act (Section A.2.10.6) and indicates that proponents undertaking a Municipal Class EA project must identify early in their process whether a project is or could potentially be occurring with a vulnerable area. **Given this requirement, please include a section in the report on source water protection.**
 - The proponent should identify the source protection area and should clearly document how the proximity of the project to sources of drinking water (municipal or other) and any delineated vulnerable areas was considered and assessed. Specifically, the report should discuss whether or not the project is located in a vulnerable area and provide applicable details about the area.
 - If located in a vulnerable area, proponents should document whether any project activities are prescribed drinking water threats and thus pose a risk to drinking water (this should be consulted on with the appropriate Source Protection Authority). Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, the proponent must document and discuss in the report how the project adheres to or has regard to applicable policies in the local source protection plan. This section should then be used to inform and be reflected in other sections of the report, such as the identification of net positive/negative effects of alternatives, mitigation measures, evaluation of alternatives etc.
- While most source protection plans focused on including policies for significant drinking water threats in the WHPAs and IPZs it should be noted that even though source protection plan policies may not apply in HVAs, these are areas where aquifers are sensitive and at risk to impacts and within these areas, activities may impact the quality of sources of drinking water for systems other than municipal residential systems.
- In order to determine if this project is occurring within a vulnerable area, proponents can use [Source Protection Information Atlas](#), which is an online mapping tool available to the public. Note that various layers (including WHPAs, WHPA-Q1 and WHPA-Q2, IPZs, HVAs, SGRAs, EBAs, ICAs) can be turned on through the “Map Legend” bar on the left. The mapping tool will also provide a link to the appropriate source protection plan in order to identify what policies may be applicable in the vulnerable area.

- For further information on the maps or source protection plan policies which may relate to their project, proponents must contact the appropriate source protection authority. **Please consult with the local source protection authority to discuss potential impacts on drinking water. Please document the results of that consultation within the report and include all communication documents/correspondence.**

More Information

For more information on the *Clean Water Act*, source protection areas and plans, including specific information on the vulnerable areas and drinking water threats, please refer to [Conservation Ontario's website](#) where you will also find links to the local source protection plan/assessment report.

A list of the prescribed drinking water threats can be found in [section 1.1 of Ontario Regulation 287/07](#) made under the *Clean Water Act*. In addition to prescribed drinking water threats, some source protection plans may include policies to address additional "local" threat activities, as approved by the MECP.

Climate Change

The document "[Considering Climate Change in the Environmental Assessment Process](#)" (Guide) is part of the Environmental Assessment program's Guides and Codes of Practice. The Guide sets out the MECP's expectation for considering climate change in the preparation, execution and documentation of environmental assessment studies and processes. The guide provides examples, approaches, resources, and references to assist proponents with consideration of climate change in EA. Proponents should review this Guide in detail.

- **The MECP expects proponents of Class EA projects to:**
 1. Consider during the assessment of alternative solutions and alternative designs, the following:
 - a. the project's expected production of greenhouse gas emissions and impacts on carbon sinks (climate change mitigation); and
 - b. resilience or vulnerability of the undertaking to changing climatic conditions (climate change adaptation).
 2. Include a discrete section in the report detailing how climate change was considered in the EA.

How climate change is considered can be qualitative or quantitative in nature and should be scaled to the project's level of environmental effect. In all instances, both a project's impacts on climate change (mitigation) and impacts of climate change on a project (adaptation) should be considered.

- The MECP has also prepared another guide to support provincial land use planning direction related to the completion of energy and emission plans. The "[Community Emissions Reduction Planning: A Guide for Municipalities](#)" document is designed to educate stakeholders on the municipal opportunities to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and to provide guidance on methods and techniques to incorporate consideration of energy and greenhouse gas emissions into municipal activities of all types. We encourage you to review the Guide for information.

Air Quality, Dust and Noise

- If there are sensitive receptors in the surrounding area of this project, a quantitative air quality/odour impact assessment will be useful to evaluate alternatives, determine impacts and identify appropriate mitigation measures. The scope of the assessment can be determined based on the potential effects of the proposed alternatives, and typically includes source and receptor characterization and a quantification of local air quality impacts on the sensitive receptors and the environment in the study area. The assessment will compare to all applicable standards or guidelines for all contaminants of concern. **Please contact this office for further consultation on the level of Air Quality Impact Assessment required for this project if not already advised.**
- If a quantitative Air Quality Impact Assessment is not required for the project, the MECP expects that the report contain a qualitative assessment which includes:
 - A discussion of local air quality including existing activities/sources that significantly impact local air quality and how the project may impact existing conditions;
 - A discussion of the nearby sensitive receptors and the project's potential air quality impacts on present and future sensitive receptors;
 - A discussion of local air quality impacts that could arise from this project during both construction and operation; and
 - A discussion of potential mitigation measures.
- As a common practice, "air quality" should be used an evaluation criterion for all road projects.
- Dust and noise control measures should be addressed and included in the construction plans to ensure that nearby residential and other sensitive land uses within the study area are not adversely affected during construction activities.
- The MECP recommends that non-chloride dust-suppressants be applied. For a comprehensive list of fugitive dust prevention and control measures that could be applied, refer to [Cheminfo Services Inc. Best Practices for the Reduction of Air Emissions from Construction and Demolition Activities](#) report prepared for Environment Canada. March 2005.

- The report should consider the potential impacts of increased noise levels during the operation of the completed project. The proponent should explore all potential measures to mitigate significant noise impacts during the assessment of alternatives.

Ecosystem Protection and Restoration

- Any impacts to ecosystem form and function must be avoided where possible. The report should describe any proposed mitigation measures and how project planning will protect and enhance the local ecosystem.
- Natural heritage and hydrologic features should be identified and described in detail to assess potential impacts and to develop appropriate mitigation measures. The following sensitive environmental features may be located within or adjacent to the study area:
 - Key Natural Heritage Features: Habitat of endangered species and threatened species, fish habitat, wetlands, areas of natural and scientific interest (ANSIs), significant valleylands, significant woodlands; significant wildlife habitat (including habitat of special concern species); sand barrens, savannahs, and tallgrass prairies; and alvars.
 - Key Hydrologic Features: Permanent streams, intermittent streams, inland lakes and their littoral zones, seepage areas and springs, and wetlands.
 - Other natural heritage features and areas such as: vegetation communities, rare species of flora or fauna, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Environmentally Sensitive Policy Areas, federal and provincial parks and conservation reserves, Greenland systems etc.

We recommend consulting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and your local conservation authority to determine if special measures or additional studies will be necessary to preserve and protect these sensitive features. In addition, for projects located in Central Region you may consider the provisions of the Rouge Park Management Plan if applicable.

Species at Risk

- The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has now assumed responsibility of Ontario's Species at Risk program. Information, standards, guidelines, reference materials and technical resources to assist you are found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk>.
- The Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk (Draft May 2019) has been attached to the covering email for your reference and use. Please review this document for next steps.

- For any questions related to subsequent permit requirements, please contact SAROntario@ontario.ca.

Surface Water

- The report must include enough information to demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or ecological functions of any watercourses within the study area. Measures should be included in the planning and design process to ensure that any impacts to watercourses from construction or operational activities (e.g. spills, erosion, pollution) are mitigated as part of the proposed undertaking.
- Additional stormwater runoff from new pavement can impact receiving watercourses and flood conditions. Quality and quantity control measures to treat stormwater runoff should be considered for all new impervious areas and, where possible, existing surfaces. The ministry's [Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual \(2003\)](#) should be referenced in the report and utilized when designing stormwater control methods. **A Stormwater Management Plan should be prepared as part of the Class EA process** that includes:
 - Strategies to address potential water quantity and erosion impacts related to stormwater draining into streams or other sensitive environmental features, and to ensure that adequate (enhanced) water quality is maintained
 - Watershed information, drainage conditions, and other relevant background information
 - Future drainage conditions, stormwater management options, information on erosion and sediment control during construction, and other details of the proposed works
 - Information on maintenance and monitoring commitments.
- Ontario Regulation 60/08 under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA) applies to the Lake Simcoe Basin, which encompasses Lake Simcoe and the lands from which surface water drains into Lake Simcoe. If a proposed sewage treatment plant is listed in Table 1 of the regulation, the report should describe how the proposed project and its mitigation measures are consistent with the requirements of this regulation and the OWRA.
- Any potential approval requirements for surface water taking or discharge should be identified in the report. A Permit to Take Water (PTTW) under the OWRA will be required for any water takings that exceed 50,000 L/day, except for certain water taking activities that have been prescribed by the Water Taking EASR Regulation – *O. Reg. 63/16*. These prescribed water-taking activities require registration in the EASR instead of a PTTW. Please review the [Water Taking User Guide for EASR](#) for more information. Additionally, an

Environmental Compliance Approval under the OWRA is required for municipal stormwater management works.

Groundwater

- The status of, and potential impacts to any well water supplies should be addressed. If the project involves groundwater takings or changes to drainage patterns, the quantity and quality of groundwater may be affected due to drawdown effects or the redirection of existing contamination flows. In addition, project activities may infringe on existing wells such that they must be reconstructed or sealed and abandoned. Appropriate information to define existing groundwater conditions should be included in the report.
- If the potential construction or decommissioning of water wells is identified as an issue, the report should refer to Ontario Regulation 903, Wells, under the OWRA.
- Potential impacts to groundwater-dependent natural features should be addressed. Any changes to groundwater flow or quality from groundwater taking may interfere with the ecological processes of streams, wetlands or other surficial features. In addition, discharging contaminated or high volumes of groundwater to these features may have direct impacts on their function. Any potential effects should be identified, and appropriate mitigation measures should be recommended. The level of detail required will be dependent on the significance of the potential impacts.
- Any potential approval requirements for groundwater taking or discharge should be identified in the report. A Permit to Take Water (PTTW) under the OWRA will be required for any water takings that exceed 50,000 L/day, with the exception of certain water taking activities that have been prescribed by the Water Taking EASR Regulation – *O. Reg. 63/16*. These prescribed water-taking activities require registration in the EASR instead of a PTTW. Please review the [Water Taking User Guide for EASR](#) for more information.
- Consultation with the railroad authorities is necessary wherever there is a plan to use construction dewatering in the vicinity of railroad lines or where the zone of influence of the construction dewatering potentially intercepts railroad lines.

Excess Materials Management

- In December 2019, MECP released a new regulation under the Environmental Protection Act, titled “On-Site and Excess Soil Management” (O. Reg. 406/19) to support improved management of excess construction soil. This regulation is a key step to support proper management of excess soils, ensuring valuable resources don’t go to waste and to provide clear rules on managing and reusing excess soil. New risk-based standards referenced by

this regulation help to facilitate local beneficial reuse which in turn will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from soil transportation, while ensuring strong protection of human health and the environment. The new regulation is being phased in over time, with the first phase in effect on January 1, 2021. For more information, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/handling-excess-soil>.

- The report should reference that activities involving the management of excess soil should be completed in accordance with O. Reg. 406/19 and the MECP's current guidance document titled "[Management of Excess Soil – A Guide for Best Management Practices](#)" (2014).
- All waste generated during construction must be disposed of in accordance with ministry requirements.

Contaminated Sites

- Any current or historical waste disposal sites should be identified in the report. The status of these sites should be determined to confirm whether approval pursuant to Section 46 of the EPA may be required for land uses on former disposal sites. We recommend referring to the [MECP's D-4 guideline](#) for land use considerations near landfills and dumps.
 - Resources available may include regional/local municipal official plans and data; provincial data on [large landfill sites](#) and [small landfill sites](#); Environmental Compliance Approval information for waste disposal sites on [Access Environment](#).
- Other known contaminated sites (local, provincial, federal) in the study area should also be identified in the report (Note – information on federal contaminated sites is found on the Government of Canada's [website](#)).
- The location of any underground storage tanks should be investigated in the report. Measures should be identified to ensure the integrity of these tanks and to ensure an appropriate response in the event of a spill. The ministry's Spills Action Centre must be contacted in such an event.
- Since the removal or movement of soils may be required, appropriate tests to determine contaminant levels from previous land uses or dumping should be undertaken. If the soils are contaminated, you must determine how and where they are to be disposed of, consistent with *Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act* (EPA) and Ontario Regulation 153/04, Records of Site Condition, which details the new requirements related to site assessment and clean up. Please contact the appropriate MECP District Office for further consultation if contaminated sites are present.

Servicing, Utilities and Facilities

- The report should identify any above or underground utilities in the study area such as transmission lines, telephone/internet, oil/gas etc. The owners should be consulted to discuss impacts to this infrastructure, including potential spills.
- The report should identify any servicing infrastructure in the study area such as wastewater, water, stormwater that may potentially be impacted by the project.
- Any facility that releases emissions to the atmosphere, discharges contaminants to ground or surface water, provides potable water supplies, or stores, transports or disposes of waste must have an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) before it can operate lawfully. Please consult with MECP's Environmental Permissions Branch to determine whether a new or amended ECA will be required for any proposed infrastructure.
- We recommend referring to the ministry's [environmental land use planning guides](#) to ensure that any potential land use conflicts are considered when planning for any infrastructure or facilities related to wastewater, pipelines, landfills or industrial uses.

Mitigation and Monitoring

- Contractors must be made aware of all environmental considerations so that all environmental standards and commitments for both construction and operation are met. Mitigation measures should be clearly referenced in the report and regularly monitored during the construction stage of the project. In addition, we encourage proponents to conduct post-construction monitoring to ensure all mitigation measures have been effective and are functioning properly.
- Design and construction reports and plans should be based on a best management approach that centres on the prevention of impacts, protection of the existing environment, and opportunities for rehabilitation and enhancement of any impacted areas.
- The proponent's construction and post-construction monitoring plans must be documented in the report, as outlined in Section A.2.5 and A.4.1 of the MEA Class EA parent document.

Consultation

- The report must demonstrate how the consultation provisions of the Class EA have been fulfilled, including documentation of all stakeholder consultation efforts undertaken during the planning process. This includes a discussion in the report that identifies concerns that were raised and **describes how they have been addressed by the proponent** throughout

the planning process. The report should also include copies of comments submitted on the project by interested stakeholders, and the proponent's responses to these comments (as directed by the Class EA to include full documentation).

- Please include the full stakeholder distribution/consultation list in the documentation.

Class EA Process

- If this project is a Master Plan: there are several different approaches that can be used to conduct a Master Plan, examples of which are outlined in Appendix 4 of the Class EA. **The Master Plan should clearly indicate the selected approach for conducting the plan**, by identifying whether the levels of assessment, consultation and documentation are sufficient to fulfill the requirements for Schedule B or C projects. Please note that any Schedule B or C projects identified in the plan would be subject to Section 16 Order Requests under the Environmental Assessment Act, although the plan itself would not be. **Please include a description of the approach being undertaken (use Appendix 4 as a reference).**
- If this project is a Master Plan: Any identified projects should also include information on the MCEA schedule associated with the project.
- The report should provide clear and complete documentation of the planning process in order to allow for transparency in decision-making.
- The Class EA requires the consideration of the effects of each alternative on all aspects of the environment (including planning, natural, social, cultural, economic, technical). The report should include a level of detail (e.g. hydrogeological investigations, terrestrial and aquatic assessments, cultural heritage assessments) such that all potential impacts can be identified, and appropriate mitigation measures can be developed. Any supporting studies conducted during the Class EA process should be referenced and included as part of the report.
- Please include in the report a list of all subsequent permits or approvals that may be required for the implementation of the preferred alternative, including but not limited to, MECP's PTTW, EASR Registrations and ECAs, conservation authority permits, species at risk permits, MTO permits and approvals under the *Impact Assessment Act*, 2019.
- Ministry guidelines and other information related to the issues above are available at <http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/environment-and-energy>. We encourage you to review all the available guides and to reference any relevant information in the report.

Notice of Completion

Once the EA Report is finalized, the proponent must issue a Notice of Completion providing a minimum 30-day period during which documentation may be reviewed and comment and input can be submitted to the proponent. The Notice of Completion must be sent to the appropriate MECP Regional Office email address.

The public can request a higher level of assessment on a project if they are concerned about potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. In addition, the Minister may issue an order on his or her own initiative within a specified time period. The Director (of the Environmental Assessment Branch) will issue a Notice of Proposed Order to the proponent if the Minister is considering an order for the project within 30 days after the conclusion of the comment period on the Notice of Completion. At this time, the Director may request additional information from the proponent. Once the requested information has been received, the Minister will have 30 days within which to make a decision or impose conditions on your project.

Therefore, the proponent cannot proceed with the project until at least 30 days after the end of the comment period provided for in the Notice of Completion. Further, the proponent may not proceed after this time if:

- a Section 16 Order request has been submitted to the ministry regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, or
- the Director has issued a Notice of Proposed order regarding the project.

Please ensure that the Notice of Completion advises that outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponent for a response, and that in the event there are outstanding concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, Section 16 Order requests on those matters should be addressed in writing to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
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A PROPONENT'S INTRODUCTION TO THE DELEGATION OF PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF CONSULTATION WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are specific to this document and may not apply in other contexts:

Aboriginal communities – the First Nation or Métis communities identified by the Crown for the purpose of consultation.

Consultation – the Crown's legal obligation to consult when the Crown has knowledge of an established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that might adversely impact that right. This is the type of consultation required pursuant to s. 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. Note that this definition does not include consultation with Aboriginal communities for other reasons, such as regulatory requirements.

Crown – the Ontario Crown, acting through a particular ministry or ministries.

Procedural aspects of consultation – those portions of consultation related to the process of consultation, such as notifying an Aboriginal community about a project, providing information about the potential impacts of a project, responding to concerns raised by an Aboriginal community and proposing changes to the project to avoid negative impacts.

Proponent – the person or entity that wants to undertake a project and requires an Ontario Crown decision or approval for the project.

I. PURPOSE

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge of an existing or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that may adversely impact that right. In outlining a framework for the duty to consult, the Supreme Court of Canada has stated that the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to third parties. This document provides general information about the Ontario Crown's approach to delegation of the procedural aspects of consultation to proponents.

This document is not intended to instruct a proponent about an individual project, and it does not constitute legal advice.

II. WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO CONSULT WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES?

The objective of the modern law of Aboriginal and treaty rights is the *reconciliation* of Aboriginal peoples and non-Aboriginal peoples and their respective rights, claims and interests. Consultation is an important component of the reconciliation process.

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge of an existing or asserted Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that might adversely impact that right. For example, the Crown's duty to consult is triggered when it considers issuing a permit, authorization or approval for a project which has the potential to adversely impact an Aboriginal right, such as the right to hunt, fish, or trap in a particular area.

The scope of consultation required in particular circumstances ranges across a spectrum depending on both the nature of the asserted or established right and the seriousness of the potential adverse impacts on that right.

Depending on the particular circumstances, the Crown may also need to take steps to accommodate the potentially impacted Aboriginal or treaty right. For example, the Crown may be required to avoid or minimize the potential adverse impacts of the project.

III. THE CROWN'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DELEGATED CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Crown has the responsibility for ensuring that the duty to consult, and accommodate where appropriate, is met. However, the Crown may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to a proponent.

There are different ways in which the Crown may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to a proponent, including through a letter, a memorandum of understanding, legislation, regulation, policy and codes of practice.

If the Crown decides to delegate procedural aspects of consultation, the Crown will generally:

- Ensure that the delegation of procedural aspects of consultation and the responsibilities of the proponent are clearly communicated to the proponent;
- Identify which Aboriginal communities must be consulted;
- Provide contact information for the Aboriginal communities;
- Revise, as necessary, the list of Aboriginal communities to be consulted as new information becomes available and is assessed by the Crown;
- Assess the scope of consultation owed to the Aboriginal communities;

- Maintain appropriate oversight of the actions taken by the proponent in fulfilling the procedural aspects of consultation;
- Assess the adequacy of consultation that is undertaken and any accommodation that may be required;
- Provide a contact within any responsible ministry in case issues arise that require direction from the Crown; and
- Participate in the consultation process as necessary and as determined by the Crown.

IV. THE PROPONENT'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE DELEGATED CONSULTATION PROCESS

Where aspects of the consultation process have been delegated to a proponent, the Crown, in meeting its duty to consult, will rely on the proponent's consultation activities and documentation of those activities. The consultation process informs the Crown's decision of whether or not to approve a proposed project or activity.

A proponent's role and responsibilities will vary depending on a variety of factors including the extent of consultation required in the circumstance and the procedural aspects of consultation the Crown has delegated to it. Proponents are often in a better position than the Crown to discuss a project and its potential impacts with Aboriginal communities and to determine ways to avoid or minimize the adverse impacts of a project.

A proponent can raise issues or questions with the Crown at any time during the consultation process. If issues or concerns arise during the consultation that cannot be addressed by the proponent, the proponent should contact the Crown.

a) What might a proponent be required to do in carrying out the procedural aspects of consultation?

Where the Crown delegates procedural aspects of consultation, it is often the proponent's responsibility to provide notice of the proposed project to the identified Aboriginal communities. The notice should indicate that the Crown has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to the proponent and should include the following information:

- a description of the proposed project or activity;
- mapping;
- proposed timelines;
- details regarding anticipated environmental and other impacts;
- details regarding opportunities to comment; and
- any changes to the proposed project that have been made for seasonal conditions or other factors, where relevant.

Proponents should provide enough information and time to allow Aboriginal communities to provide meaningful feedback regarding the potential impacts of the project. Depending on the nature of consultation required for a project, a proponent also may be required to:

- provide the Crown with copies of any consultation plans prepared and an opportunity to review and comment;
- ensure that any necessary follow-up discussions with Aboriginal communities take place in a timely manner, including to confirm receipt of information, share and update information and to address questions or concerns that may arise;
- as appropriate, discuss with Aboriginal communities potential mitigation measures and/or changes to the project in response to concerns raised by Aboriginal communities;
- use language that is accessible and not overly technical, and translate material into Aboriginal languages where requested or appropriate;
- bear the reasonable costs associated with the consultation process such as, but not limited to, meeting hall rental, meal costs, document translation(s), or to address technical & capacity issues;
- provide the Crown with all the details about potential impacts on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights, how these concerns have been considered and addressed by the proponent and the Aboriginal communities and any steps taken to mitigate the potential impacts;
- provide the Crown with complete and accurate documentation from these meetings and communications; and
- notify the Crown immediately if an Aboriginal community not identified by the Crown approaches the proponent seeking consultation opportunities.

b) What documentation and reporting does the Crown need from the proponent?

Proponents should keep records of all communications with the Aboriginal communities involved in the consultation process and any information provided to these Aboriginal communities.

As the Crown is required to assess the adequacy of consultation, it needs documentation to satisfy itself that the proponent has fulfilled the procedural aspects of consultation delegated to it. The documentation required would typically include:

- the date of meetings, the agendas, any materials distributed, those in attendance and copies of any minutes prepared;
- the description of the proposed project that was shared at the meeting;
- any and all concerns or other feedback provided by the communities;
- any information that was shared by a community in relation to its asserted or established Aboriginal or treaty rights and any potential adverse impacts of the proposed activity, approval or disposition on such rights;

- any proposed project changes or mitigation measures that were discussed, and feedback from Aboriginal communities about the proposed changes and measures;
- any commitments made by the proponent in response to any concerns raised, and feedback from Aboriginal communities on those commitments;
- copies of correspondence to or from Aboriginal communities, and any materials distributed electronically or by mail;
- information regarding any financial assistance provided by the proponent to enable participation by Aboriginal communities in the consultation;
- periodic consultation progress reports or copies of meeting notes if requested by the Crown;
- a summary of how the delegated aspects of consultation were carried out and the results; and
- a summary of issues raised by the Aboriginal communities, how the issues were addressed and any outstanding issues.

In certain circumstances, the Crown may share and discuss the proponent's consultation record with an Aboriginal community to ensure that it is an accurate reflection of the consultation process.

c) Will the Crown require a proponent to provide information about its commercial arrangements with Aboriginal communities?

The Crown may require a proponent to share information about aspects of commercial arrangements between the proponent and Aboriginal communities where the arrangements:

- include elements that are directed at mitigating or otherwise addressing impacts of the project;
- include securing an Aboriginal community's support for the project; or
- may potentially affect the obligations of the Crown to the Aboriginal communities.

The proponent should make every reasonable effort to exempt the Crown from confidentiality provisions in commercial arrangements with Aboriginal communities to the extent necessary to allow this information to be shared with the Crown.

The Crown cannot guarantee that information shared with the Crown will remain confidential. Confidential commercial information should not be provided to the Crown as part of the consultation record if it is not relevant to the duty to consult or otherwise required to be submitted to the Crown as part of the regulatory process.

V. WHAT ARE THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES' IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS?

Like the Crown, Aboriginal communities are expected to engage in consultation in good faith. This includes:

- responding to the consultation notice;
- engaging in the proposed consultation process;
- providing relevant information;
- clearly articulating the potential impacts of the proposed project on Aboriginal or treaty rights; and
- discussing ways to mitigate any adverse impacts.

Some Aboriginal communities have developed tools, such as consultation protocols, policies or processes that provide guidance on how they would prefer to be consulted. Although not legally binding, proponents are encouraged to respect these community processes where it is reasonable to do so. Please note that there is no obligation for a proponent to pay a fee to an Aboriginal community in order to enter into a consultation process.

To ensure that the Crown is aware of existing community consultation protocols, proponents should contact the relevant Crown ministry when presented with a consultation protocol by an Aboriginal community or anyone purporting to be a representative of an Aboriginal community.

VI. WHAT IF MORE THAN ONE PROVINCIAL CROWN MINISTRY IS INVOLVED IN APPROVING A PROPONENT'S PROJECT?

Depending on the project and the required permits or approvals, one or more ministries may delegate procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult to the proponent. The proponent may contact individual ministries for guidance related to the delegation of procedural aspects of consultation for ministry-specific permits/approvals required for the project in question. Proponents are encouraged to seek input from all involved Crown ministries sooner rather than later.

Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk

***Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Species at Risk Branch, Permissions and Compliance
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1.0 Purpose, Scope, Background and Context

1.1 Purpose of this Guide

This guide has been created to:

- help clients better understand their obligation to gather information and complete a preliminary screening for species at risk before contacting the ministry,
- outline guidance and advice clients can expect to receive from the ministry at the preliminary screening stage,
- help clients understand how they can gather information about species at risk by accessing publicly available information housed by the Government of Ontario, and
- provide a list of other potential sources of species at risk information that exist outside the Government of Ontario.

It remains the client's responsibility to:

- carry out a preliminary screening for their projects,
- obtain best available information from all applicable information sources,
- conduct any necessary field studies or inventories to identify and confirm the presence or absence of species at risk or their habitat,
- consider any potential impacts to species at risk that a proposed activity might cause, and
- comply with the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA).

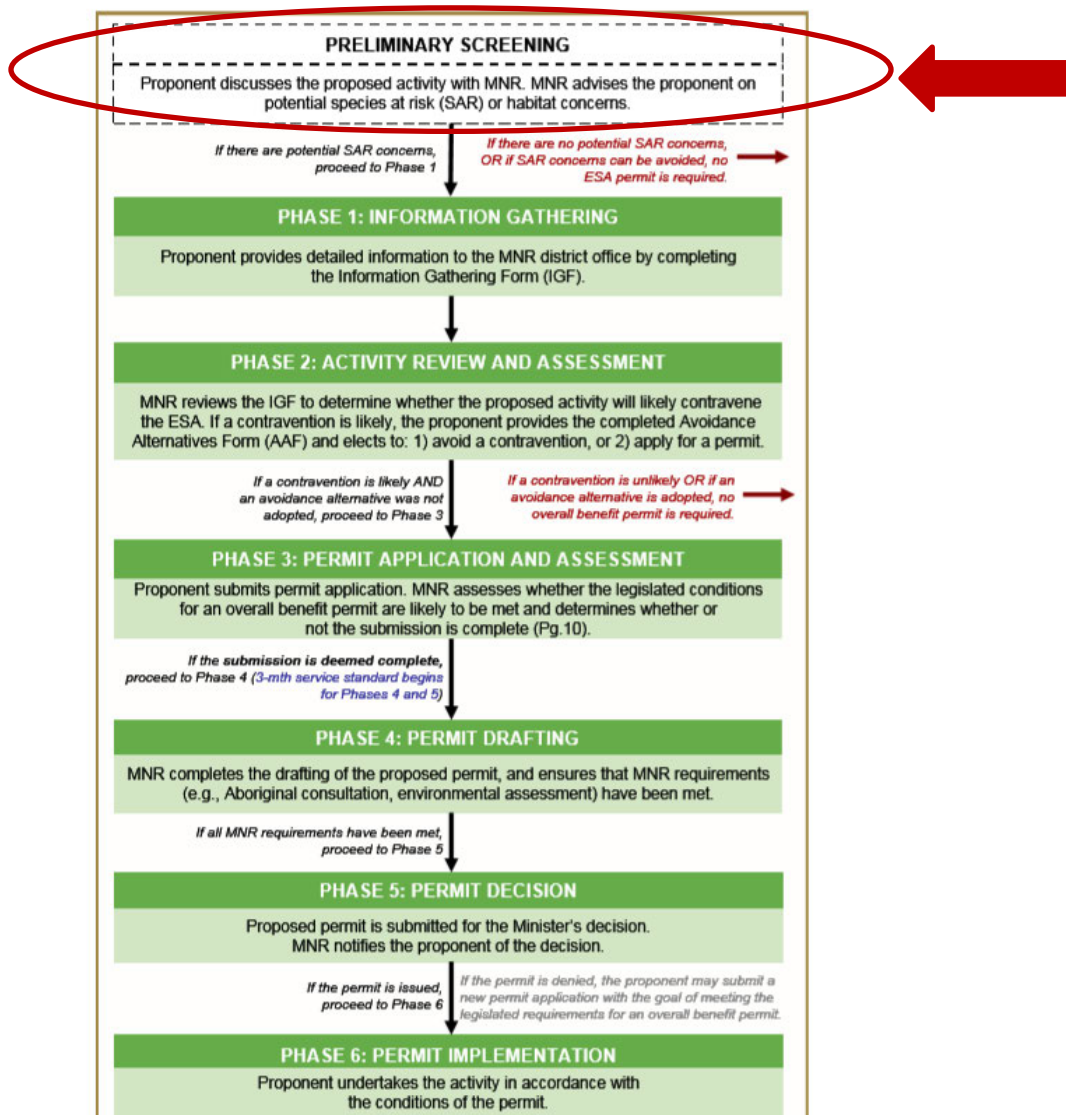
To provide the most efficient service, clients should initiate species at risk screenings and seek information from all applicable information sources identified in this guide, at a minimum, prior to contacting Government of Ontario ministry offices for further information or advice.

1.2 Scope

This guide is a resource for clients seeking to understand if their activity is likely to impact species at risk or if they are likely to trigger the need for an authorization under the ESA. It is not intended to circumvent any detailed site surveys that may be necessary to document species at risk or their habitat nor to circumvent the need to assess the impacts of a proposed activity on species at risk or their habitat. This guide is not an exhaustive list of available information sources for any given area as the availability of information on species at risk and their habitat varies across the province. This guide is intended to support projects and activities carried out on Crown and private land, by private landowners, businesses, other provincial ministries and agencies, or municipal government.

1.3 Background and Context

To receive advice on their proposed activity, clients must first determine whether any species at risk or their habitat exist or are likely to exist at or near their proposed activity, and whether their proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA. Once this step is complete, clients may contact the ministry at SAROntario@ontario.ca to discuss the main purpose, general methods, timing and location of their proposed activity as well as information obtained about species at risk and their habitat at, or near, the site. At this stage, the ministry can provide advice and guidance to the client about potential species at risk or habitat concerns, measures that the client is considering to avoid adverse effects on species at risk or their habitat and whether additional field surveys are advisable. This is referred to as the “Preliminary Screening” stage. For more information on additional phases in the diagram below, please refer to the *Endangered Species Act Submission Standards for Activity Review and 17(2)(c) Overall Benefit Permits* policy available online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-overall-benefit-permits>. Please note: any reference to MNR in the diagram is replaced by MECP.



2.0 Roles and Responsibilities

To provide the most efficient service, clients should initiate species at risk screenings and seek information from all applicable information sources identified in this guide prior to contacting Government of Ontario ministry offices for further information or advice.

Step 1: Client seeks information regarding species at risk or their habitat that exist, or are likely to exist, at or near their proposed activity by referring to all applicable information sources identified in this guide.

Step 2: Client reviews and consider guidance on whether their proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA (see section 3.4 of this guide for guidance on what to consider).

Step 3: Client gathers information identified in the checklist in section 4 of this guide.

Step 4: Client contacts the ministry at SAROntario@ontario.ca to discuss their preliminary screening. Ministry staff will ask the client questions about the main purpose, general methods, timing and location of their proposed activity as well as information obtained about species at risk and their habitat at, or near, the site. Ministry staff will also ask the client for their interpretation of the impacts of their activity on species at risk or their habitat as well as measures the client has considered to avoid any adverse impacts.

Step 5: Ministry staff will provide advice on next steps.

Option A: Ministry staff may advise the client they can proceed with their activity without an authorization under the ESA where the ministry is confident that:

- no protected species at risk or habitats are likely to be present at or near the proposed location of the activity; or
- protected species at risk or habitats are known to be present but the activity is not likely to contravene the ESA; or
- through the adoption of avoidance measures, the modified activity is not likely to contravene the ESA.

Option B: Ministry staff may advise the client to proceed to Phase 1 of the overall benefit permitting process (i.e. Information Gathering in the previous diagram), where:

- there is uncertainty as to whether any protected species at risk or habitats are present at or near the proposed location of the activity; or
- the potential impacts of the proposed activity are uncertain; or
- ministry staff anticipate the proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA.

3.0 Information Sources

Land Information Ontario (LIO) and the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) maintain and provide information about species at risk, as well as related information about fisheries, wildlife, crown lands, protected lands and more. This information is made available to organizations, private individuals, consultants, and developers through online sources and is often considered under various pieces of legislation or as part of regulatory approvals and planning processes.

The information available from LIO or NHIC and the sources listed in this guide should not be considered as a substitute for site visits and appropriate field surveys. Generally, this information can be regarded as a starting point from which to conduct further field surveys, if needed. While this data represents best available current information, it is important to note that a lack of information for a site does not mean that species at risk or their habitat are not present. There are many areas where the Government of Ontario does not currently have information, especially in more remote parts of the province. The absence of species at risk location data at or near your site does not necessarily mean no species at risk are present at that location. On-site assessments can better verify site conditions, identify and confirm presence of species at risk and/or their habitats.

Information on the location (i.e. observations and occurrences) of species at risk is considered sensitive and therefore publicly available only on a 1km square grid as opposed to as a detailed point on a map. This generalized information can help you understand which species at risk are in the general vicinity of your proposed activity and can help inform field level studies you may want to undertake to confirm the presence, or absence of species at risk at or near your site.

Should you require specific and detailed information pertaining to species at risk observations and occurrences at or near your site on a finer geographic scale; you will be required to demonstrate your need to access this information, to complete data sensitivity training and to obtain a Sensitive Data Use License from the NHIC. Information on how to obtain a license can be found online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-natural-heritage-information>.

Many organizations (e.g. other Ontario ministries, municipalities, conservation authorities) have ongoing licensing to access this data so be sure to check if your organization has this access and consult this data as part of your preliminary screening if your organization already has a license.

3.1 Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas

The Make a Natural Heritage Area Map (available online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/make-natural-heritage-area-map>) provides public access to natural heritage information, including species at risk, without the user needing to have Geographic Information System (GIS) capability. It allows users to view and identify generalized species at risk information, mark areas of interest, and create and print a custom map directly from the web application. The tool also shows topographic information such as roads, rivers, contours and municipal boundaries.

Users are advised that sensitive information has been removed from the natural areas dataset and the occurrences of species at risk has been generalized to a 1-kilometre grid to mitigate the risks to the species (e.g. illegal harvest, habitat disturbance, poaching).

The web-based mapping tool displays natural heritage data, including:

- Generalized Species at risk occurrence data (based on a 1-km square grid),
- Natural Heritage Information Centre data.

Data cannot be downloaded directly from this web map; however, information included in this application is available digitally through Land Information Ontario (LIO) at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/land-information-ontario>.

3.2 Land Information Ontario (LIO)

Most natural heritage data is publicly available. This data is managed in a large provincial corporate database called the LIO Warehouse and can be accessed online through the LIO Metadata Management Tool at <https://www.javacoeapp.lrc.gov.on.ca/geonetwork/srv/en/main.home>. This tool provides descriptive information about the characteristics, quality and context of the data. Publicly available geospatial data can be downloaded directly from this site.

While most data are publicly available, some data may be considered highly sensitive (i.e. nursery areas for fish, species at risk observations) and as such, access to some data maybe restricted.

3.3 Additional Species at Risk Information Sources

- The Breeding Bird Atlas can be accessed online at <http://www.birdsontario.org/atlas/index.jsp?lang=en>
- eBird can be accessed online at <https://ebird.org/home>
- iNaturalist can be accessed online at <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
- The Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas can be accessed online at <https://ontarionature.org/programs/citizen-science/reptile-amphibian-atlas>
- Your local Conservation Authority. Information to help you find your local Conservation Authority can be accessed online at <https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/find-a-conservation-authority/>

Local naturalist groups or other similar community-based organizations

- Local Indigenous communities
- Local land trusts or other similar Environmental Non-Government Organizations
- Field level studies to identify if species at risk, or their habitat, are likely present or absent at or near the site.
- When an activity is proposed within one of the continuous caribou ranges, please be sure to consider the caribou Range Management Policy. This policy includes figures and maps of the continuous caribou range, can be found online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/range-management-policy-support-woodland-caribou-conservation-and-recovery>

3.4 Information Sources to Support Impact Assessments

- Guidance to help you understand if your activity is likely to adversely impact species at risk or their habitat can be found online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/policy-guidance-harm-and-harass-under-endangered-species-act> and <https://www.ontario.ca/page/categorizing-and-protecting-habitat-under-endangered-species-act>
- A list of species at risk in Ontario is available online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario>. On this webpage, you can find out more about each species, including where it lives, what threatens it and any specific habitat protections that apply to it by clicking on the photo of the species.

4.0 Check-List

Please feel free to use the check list below to help you confirm you have explored all applicable information sources and to support your discussion with Ministry staff at the preliminary screening stage.

- ✓ Land Information Ontario (LIO)
- ✓ Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC)
- ✓ The Breeding Bird Atlas
- ✓ eBird
- ✓ iNaturalist
- ✓ Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas
- ✓ List Conservation Authorities you contacted: _____

- ✓ List local naturalist groups you contacted: _____

- ✓ List local Indigenous communities you contacted: _____

- ✓ List any other local land trusts or Environmental Non-Government Organizations you contacted: _____

- ✓ List and field studies that were conducted to identify species at risk, or their habitat, likely to be present or absent at or near the site: _____

- ✓ List what you think the likely impacts of your activity are on species at risk and their habitat (e.g. damage or destruction of habitat, killing, harming or harassing species at risk): _____

Ministry of Natural Resources

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From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 3:07 PM
To: Bale, Sarah (MNRF)
Cc: Joe de Koning
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

Thank you, Sarah,

We will work with our natural environment specialist to evaluate the natural heritage and ensure we are compliant with the requirements.

Have a nice weekend,

William Van Ruyven

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will become part of the public record.

From: Bale, Sarah (MNRF) <Sarah.Bale@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 1:56 PM
To: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Cc: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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Dear Joe/William:

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) received the Notice of Commencement for Wellington Rd 32, Blatchford Bridge No. B032085 on May 31, 2024. Thank you for circulating this to our office. Please note the ministry has not completed a screening of natural heritage, natural hazards, other natural resource values, or applicable ministry permits or approvals at this time.

This response provides information to guide you in identifying ministry interests and engaging the ministry for advice as needed. MNRF has prepared the attached document to provide proponents an overview of MNRF mandated interests and the ministry's commenting role in respect of external requests for comment for projects subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Please note it is the proponent's responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, all relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws and/or other agency approvals.

After reviewing the information provided, if you have identified that your project would not impact any MNRF interests there is no need to circulate any subsequent notices to our office. If you have identified MNRF interests and/or may require permit(s) or further technical advice, please direct your specific questions to the undersigned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Sarah Bale

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From: Hartman, Gillian (She/Her) (MNRF) <Gillian.Hartman@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 9:39 AM
To: Southern Region Planning Inbox (MNRF) <SR.Planning@ontario.ca>
Subject: FW: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

From: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Hartman, Gillian (She/Her) (MNRF) <Gillian.Hartman@ontario.ca>
Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Subject: FW: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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Good Morning Gillian,

I received an auto reply for the MNRF.Ayl.Planners@ontario.ca address indicating it is being decommissioned and redirecting this notice to you. Please see the email below and attached notice.

Kind regards,
William Van Ruyven

From: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 6:58 AM
To: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Cc: Joe de Koning <JoeDK@wellington.ca>
Subject: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

Good Morning,

This email is to inform you of the Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment Study for the Blatchford Bridge (No. B032085), per the attached notices, located on the boarder of Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, on Wellington Road 32.

Additional information can be found:

www.wellington.ca/blatchfordEA

Unless you indicate otherwise, the Project Team will continue to provide you with updates throughout the Study including notification of online public engagement events and Study completion.

Kind regards,

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May 31, 2024

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joedk@wellington.ca

SUBJECT: County of Wellington, Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge No. B032085; Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, Ontario | Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) received the Notice of Study Commencement on May 31, 2024. Thank you for circulating this to our office. Please note that we have not completed a screening of natural heritage or other resource values for the project at this time. This response, however, does provide information to guide you in identifying and assessing natural features and resources as required by applicable policies and legislation, as well as engaging with the Ministry for advice as needed.

Please also note that it is the proponent's responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, all relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals.

Natural Heritage

MNRF's natural heritage and natural resources GIS data layers can be obtained through the Ministry's [Land Information Ontario \(LIO\)](#) website. You may also view natural heritage information online (e.g., Provincially Significant Wetlands, ANSI's, woodlands, etc.) using the [Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas](#) tool.

We recommend that you use the above-noted sources of information during the review of your project proposal.

Natural Hazards

A series of natural hazard technical guides developed by MNRF are available to support municipalities and conservation authorities implement the natural hazard policies in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). For example, standards to address flood risks and the potential impacts and costs from riverine flooding are addressed in the *Technical Guide River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002)*. We recommend that you consider these technical guides as you assess specific improvement projects that can be undertaken to reduce the risk of flooding.

Petroleum Wells & Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act

There may be petroleum wells within the proposed project area. Please consult the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library website (www.ogsrlibrary.com) for the best-known data on any wells recorded by MNRF. Please reference the 'Definitions and Terminology Guide' listed in the publications on the library website to better understand the well information available. Any oil and gas wells in your project area are regulated by the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resource Act*, and the supporting regulations and operating standards. If any unanticipated wells are encountered during development of the project, or if the proponent has questions regarding petroleum operations, the proponent should contact the Petroleum Operations Section at POSRecords@ontario.ca or 519-873-4634.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

Please note, that should the project require:

- The relocation of fish outside of the work area, a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.
- The relocation of wildlife outside of the work area (including amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals), a Wildlife Collector's Authorization under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.

Public Lands Act & Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

Some Project may be subject to the provisions of the *Public Lands Act* or *Lakes and River Improvement Act*. Please review the information on MNRF's web pages provided below regarding when an approval is, or is not, required. Please note that many of the authorizations under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* are administered by the local Conservation Authority.

- For more information about the *Public Lands Act*: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits>
- For more information about the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/lakes-and-rivers-improvement-act-administrative-guide>

After reviewing the information provided, if you have not identified any of MNRF's interests stated above, there is no need to circulate any subsequent notices to our office. If you have identified any of MNRF's interests and/or may require permit(s) or further technical advice, please direct your specific questions to the undersigned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,



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Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

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Van Ruyven, William

From: Barboza, Karla (She/Her) (MCM) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca> on behalf of Registrar (MCM) <Registrar@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Becca Clark
Cc: Kirstyn Allam; Van Ruyven, William; Registrar (MCM); Harvey, Joseph (MCM)
Subject: MCM Response: Blatchford Bridge Inquiry, Wellington County
Attachments: 23CH105_Fig1.jpg

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MCM File 0021813 - Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge No. B032085

Hi Becca,

Hope this email finds you well!

As you may know, the Ministry developed screening checklists to assist property owners, developers, consultants and others to identify known and potential cultural heritage resources:

- [Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential](#)
- [Criteria for Evaluating Marine Archaeological Potential](#)
- [Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes](#)

I have used the document above (Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes) in order to respond to your question:

- Question 3a. i. Is the property (or project area) identified, designated or otherwise protected under the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value e.g. a property that is designated by order of the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as being of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance [s.34.5]?
MCM Response: To date, no properties have been designated by the Minister.
- Question 3a.v. Is the property (or project area) identified, designated or otherwise protected under the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value included in the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's list of provincial heritage properties?
MCM Response: At this time, we are not aware of any provincial heritage property within or adjacent to the study area.

Please note that if the subject lands or parts of the subject lands are owned or controlled by an Ontario Ministry or Prescribed Public Body (PPB) on behalf of the Crown (the list of PPBs is available as O. Reg. 157/10), a Ministry or PPB may have responsibilities under the [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#).

The Blatchford Bridge has potential cultural heritage value or interest. Please refer to pages 208-209 of the [Arch, Truss & Beam – The Grand River Watershed Heritage Bridge Inventory \(March 2013\)](#).

Regarding other protected heritage properties (e.g., designated under Part IV or V of the OHA; easement properties) and provincial plaques within or adjacent to the study area, you should contact the Ontario Heritage Trust, Provincial Heritage Registrar at registrar@heritagetrust.on.ca and the municipal planner.

MCM would appreciate if any technical cultural heritage studies (e.g., Cultural Heritage Report, Heritage Impact Assessment) be sent for our review as part of an environmental assessment process.

I hope this helps. Let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Karla

Karla Barboza, MCIP, RPP, CAHP (she/her)

Team Lead, Heritage | Heritage Branch | Citizenship, Inclusion and Heritage Division
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism | Ontario Public Service
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From: Becca Clark <bclark@asiheritage.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 10:23 AM
To: Registrar (MCM) <Registrar@ontario.ca>
Cc: Kirstyn Allam <kallam@asiheritage.ca>; wvanruyven@GFNET.com
Subject: Blatchford Bridge Inquiry, Wellington County

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Good morning Karla,

ASI has been retained by Gannett Fleming to conduct a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report as part of the Blatchford Bridge (Structure #B032085) project in the County of Wellington. I have attached a map that outlines the study area where we are conducting our assessment. Following a search of previously identified cultural heritage resources within the study area using local, municipal, and provincial heritage inventories and other previously completed cultural heritage reports, it has been determined that there are no properties of provincial significance within the study area.

I am reaching out today to confirm that we have not missed any known cultural heritage resources that have been recognized at the provincial level within the study area in our search. Can you confirm that the subject bridge is not a provincial heritage property or designated by the Minister, and that it is not adjacent to any such properties? We are currently targeting the end of June for the completion of our Cultural Heritage Report and would appreciate any feedback you may be able to provide by then.

Kind regards,
Becca Clark

Becca Clark, BA she/her

Technical Writer and Researcher | Project Administrator - Cultural Heritage Division



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From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Harvey, Joseph (MCM)
Cc: Joe de Koning; Mucsi, Greg
Subject: RE: File 0021813: Blatchford Bridge (B032085) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment -CHER Review

Hi Joseph,

Thank you for your review and input on the CHER. You're comments will be relayed to the author and incorporated in the final report.

Kind regards,

William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
Gannett Fleming
c 647.280.5895

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Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 1:34 PM
To: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Cc: Joe de Koning <jloedk@wellington.ca>; Mucsi, Greg <gmucsi@GFNET.com>
Subject: RE: File 0021813: Blatchford Bridge (B032085) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - CHER Review

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William Van Ruyven,

Please find attached our comments on the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report prepared in support of the above referenced undertaking.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Joseph Harvey
Heritage Planner | Heritage Branch | Citizenship Inclusion and Heritage Division



From: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 4, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Harvey, Joseph (MCM) <Joseph.Harvey@ontario.ca>
Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Mucci, Greg <gmucci@GFNET.com>
Subject: RE: File 0021813: Blatchford Bridge (B032085) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment -
CHER Review

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Hi Joseph,

See the attached CHER for your review and comment.

Kind regards,
William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
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From: Harvey, Joseph (MCM) <Joseph.Harvey@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 2:21 PM
To: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Subject: FW: File 0021813: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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William Van Ruyven,

Please find attached our initial advice on the above referenced undertaking.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Joseph Harvey

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Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism | Ontario Public Service
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From: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 6:58 AM
To: Barboza, Karla (She/Her) (MCM) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>; katherine.kirzati@ontario.ca; Harvey, Joseph (MCM) <Joseph.Harvey@ontario.ca>
Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Subject: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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This email is to inform you of the Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment Study for the Blatchford Bridge (No. B032085), per the attached notices, located on the boarder of Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, on Wellington Road 32.

Additional information can be found:
www.wellington.ca/blatchfordEA

Unless you indicate otherwise, the Project Team will continue to provide you with updates throughout the Study including notification of online public engagement events and Study completion.

Kind regards,

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June 18, 2024

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MCM File : 0021813
Proponent : County of Wellington
**Subject : Notice of Study Commencement – Schedule B – Municipal Class
Environmental Assessment**
Project : Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge No. B032085
Location : County of Wellington

Dear Joe de Koning:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the Notice of Study Commencement for the above-referenced project.

MCM's interest in this environmental assessment (EA) project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- archaeological resources (including land and marine);
- built heritage resources (including bridges and monuments); and
- cultural heritage landscapes.

Project Summary

The Blatchford Bridge (No. B032085) consists of a single span steel through truss structure with a concrete deck over the Speed River. The bridge was constructed circa 1949. The bridge is located on Wellington Road 32, approximately 600 m south of Wellington Road 124, bordering the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch. The study area extends approximately 0.5 km on either side of the bridge. As part of a bridge inspection conducted in 2023, the Blatchford Bridge, No. B032085 was found to be in poor condition with major elements showing signs of significant deterioration. In accordance with the requirements for Schedule B projects of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (as amended in 2015 & 2023). The study will confirm and document the existing structural deficiencies and identify alternative solutions, including rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge, and evaluate associated environmental impacts.

Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources

While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation.

Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to these communities.

Municipal Heritage Committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations may also have knowledge that contributes to the identification of cultural heritage resources.

Municipal Heritage Bridges: Cultural, Heritage & Archaeological Resources Assessment Checklist

Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on cultural heritage resources. The Municipal Engineers Association prepared a checklist in consultation with MCM to assist with undertaking cultural heritage due diligence as per the requirements of the Municipal Class EA. Further information can be found in their website:

- Municipal Bridges – Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Cultural Heritage Resources (revised July 7, 2023) – Checklist:
<https://municipalclassea.ca/files/Clarifications/2023/15%20-%20Municipal%20Bridge%20Checklist%20Accepted%20by%20MCM%20July%207%202023.pdf>
- Heritage Bridges presentation material:
<https://municipalclassea.ca/files/Clarifications/2023/14%20-%20Webinar%20-%20Heritage%20Bridge%20Checklist%20April%207%202023%20final%20for%20May%2016%202023%20webinar.pdf>

Part A – Municipal Class EA Activity Selection

Please use the checklist referenced above to determine the Municipal Class EA schedule (A, A+, B or C) for the project. Completing the remainder of this checklist determines what technical cultural heritage studies may be required.

Part B - Screening for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

If Part B of the checklist determines that the bridge or study area warrants the preparation of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER), and the undertaking of a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), please note that CHERs and HIAs are to be prepared by qualified heritage consultants. Please send CHERs and/or HIAs to MCM for review and comment and make copies available to local organizations or individuals who have expressed an interest in cultural heritage as early as possible during the planning phase and prior to the completion of the EA process.

If you are not sure how to answer one or more of the questions on the checklist, you may want to hire a qualified person to undertake technical cultural heritage studies as identified at the end of Part B.

Part C – Screening for Archaeological Resources

If Part C of the checklist determines that an archaeological assessment is required, you will need to hire an archaeologist licensed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

For more information on archaeological assessments and a list of licensed archaeologists in Ontario:

- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/archaeological-assessments> and
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/archaeologists-licensed-ontario>

If you are not sure how to answer one or more of the questions on the checklist, you may want to hire a licensed archaeologist to undertake an archaeological assessment.

Environmental Assessment Reporting

After completing the checklist, please update MCM on the project Class EA schedule and whether any technical cultural heritage studies will be completed for the project.

All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects. Please provide all technical cultural heritage studies to MCM as early as possible during the planning phase and prior to the issuance of a Notice of Completion or any ground disturbing activities.

If the screening has identified no known or potential cultural heritage resources, or no impacts to these resources, please include the completed checklists and supporting documentation in the EA report or file.

Please note that the responsibility for administration of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Please remove Katherine Kirzati as she has retired from the Ontario Public Service from circulation and send any notices, reports and/or documentation to both Karla Barboza and me.

- Karla Barboza, Team Lead - Heritage | Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) | 416-660-1027 | karla.barboza@ontario.ca
- Joseph Harvey, Heritage Planner | Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) | 613. 242. 3743 | joseph.harvey@ontario.ca

Thank you for consulting MCM on this project. Please continue to do so through the EA process and contact me for any questions or clarification.

Sincerely,

Joseph Harvey
Heritage Planner
Heritage Planning Unit
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Copied to: William Van Ruyven, Consultant Project Manager, Gannett Fleming Canada ULC

It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their EA report or file is accurate. The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the EA process, and in no way shall MCM be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33* requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 30/11* the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at archaeology@ontario.ca) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Enbridge

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From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 8:24 AM
To: Kevin Schimus
Cc: Joe de Koning
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

Thanks Kevin, appreciate the quick reply as always.

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
Gannett Fleming
c 647.280.5895

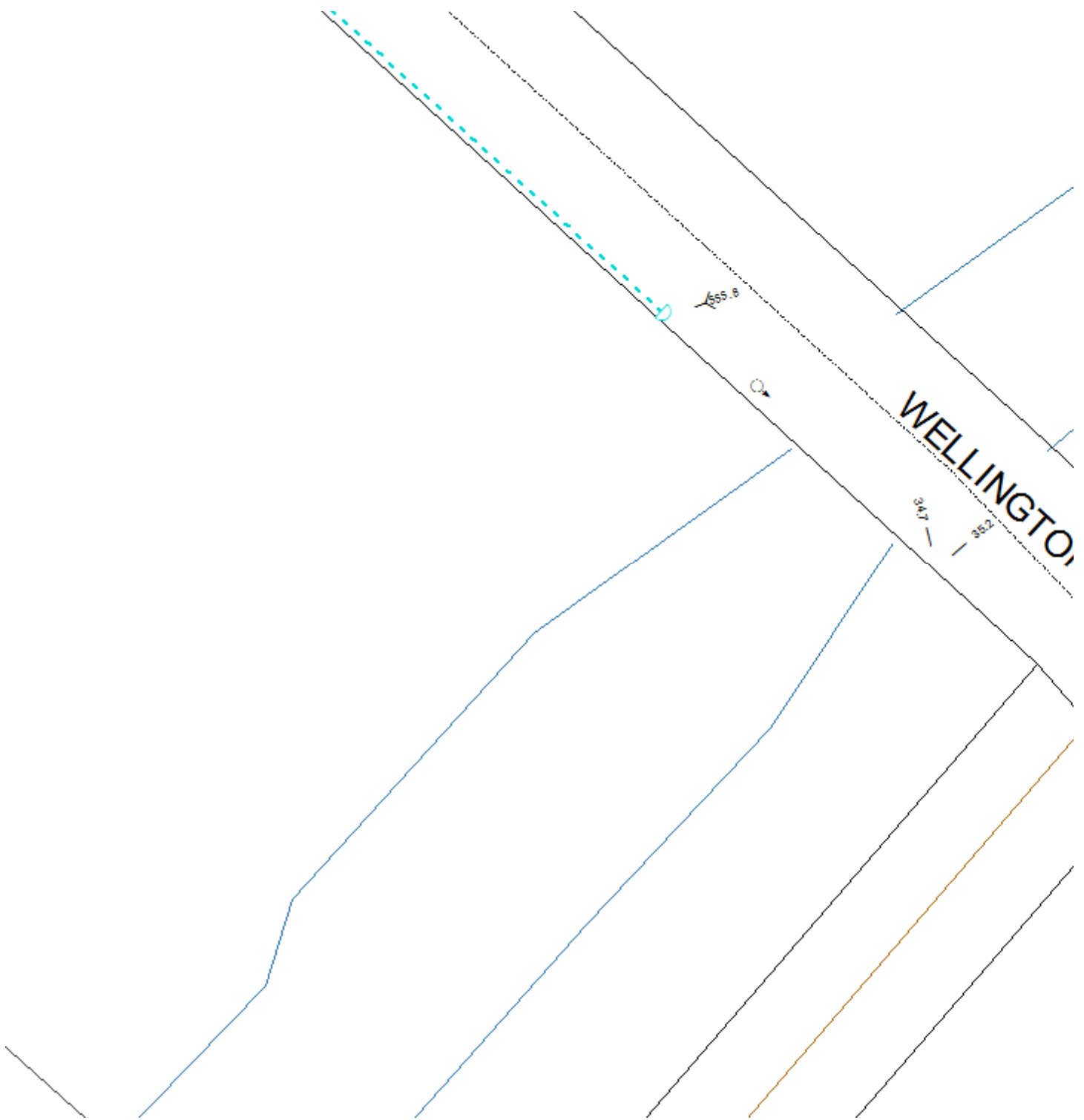
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Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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Hi William,

Enbridge Gas does not have any existing infrastructure on this bridge. The existing NPS 2 PE distribution gas main stops on either side. You can remove me from distribution list for this project.



Regards,

Kevin Schimus

Sr. Advisor, Construction and Project Management
Southeast Region Construction and Growth

Enbridge Gas Inc

Cell: 519-635-9488 | Kevin.Schimus@enbridge.com
603 Kumpf Drive, Waterloo, Ontario, N2V 1K3

From: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 6:58 AM

To: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>

Cc: Joe de Koning <josedk@wellington.ca>

Subject: [External] Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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Kind regards,

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP

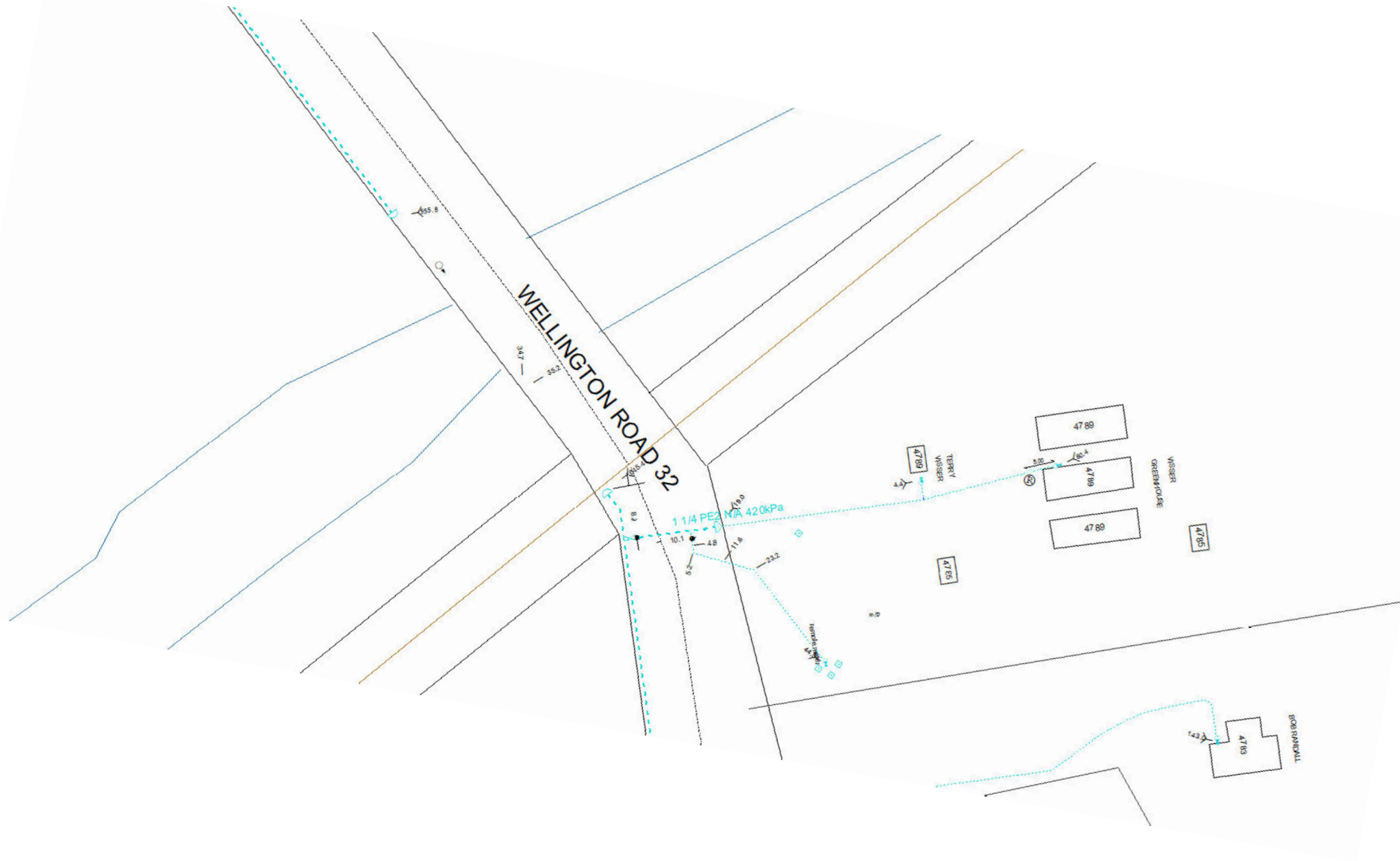
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RE: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Bell

From Creed, Katelyn <katelyn.creed@bell.ca>

Date Mon 3/2/2026 10:12 AM

To Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com>

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Good Morning Salvatore,

It looks like we have 100PR copper cable that runs through a duct on the east side of the current structure.

Let me know if you need any other details

Thank you



Katelyn Creed

Implementation Manager,

Network Provisioning

Flr 3,20 Cork St East

Guelph, N1H-2W7

M: 226-388-0180

katelyn.creed@bell.ca

From: Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com>
Sent: March-02-26 10:06 AM
To: Creed, Katelyn <katelyn.creed@bell.ca>
Subject: [EXT]RE: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Bell

Hi Katelyn,

Just wondering if you have availability to confirm this request this week?

Regards,

Salvatore Costanzo

Bridge Designer

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From: Salvatore Costanzo
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 3:14 PM

To: Creed, Katelyn <katelyn.creed@bell.ca>

Subject: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Bell

Hi Katelyn,

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From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 4:01 PM
To: Engineering Requests
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

Thank you for the prompt response. We will follow up with OneCall accordingly.
Kind regards,

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP

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From: alryan.pineda@telus.com <alryan.pineda@telus.com> **On Behalf Of** Engineering Requests
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 11:01 AM
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TELUS has no underground infrastructure in the area of your proposed work.

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Thank you.

On Fri, May 31, 2024 at 7:01 AM Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@gfnet.com> wrote:

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RE: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Hydro One

From SECONDARY LAND USE Department <Department.SecondaryLandUse@hydroone.com>**Date** Wed 10/16/2024 2:39 PM**To** Costanzo, Salvatore T. <scostanzo@GFNET.com>**Cc** SECONDARY LAND USE Department <Department.SecondaryLandUse@hydroone.com>

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached Hydro One Response on June 5, 2024, and map for your reference.

If you require further information, please let me know.

Thanks,

Susan

From: Costanzo, Salvatore T. <scostanzo@GFNET.com >**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:33 PM**To:** w.d.kloostra@hydroone.com**Cc:** SECONDARY LAND USE Department <Department.SecondaryLandUse@hydroone.com >**Subject:** County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Hydro One

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Thank you,

Salvatore Costanzo | Associate Designer, Bridge

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Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P5

HydroOne.com

June 05, 2024

Re: Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge

Attention:
Joe de Koning, P.Eng.
Manager of Roads
County of Wellington

Thank you for sending us notification regarding Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge. In our preliminary assessment, we have confirmed that Hydro One has existing distribution assets within your study area.

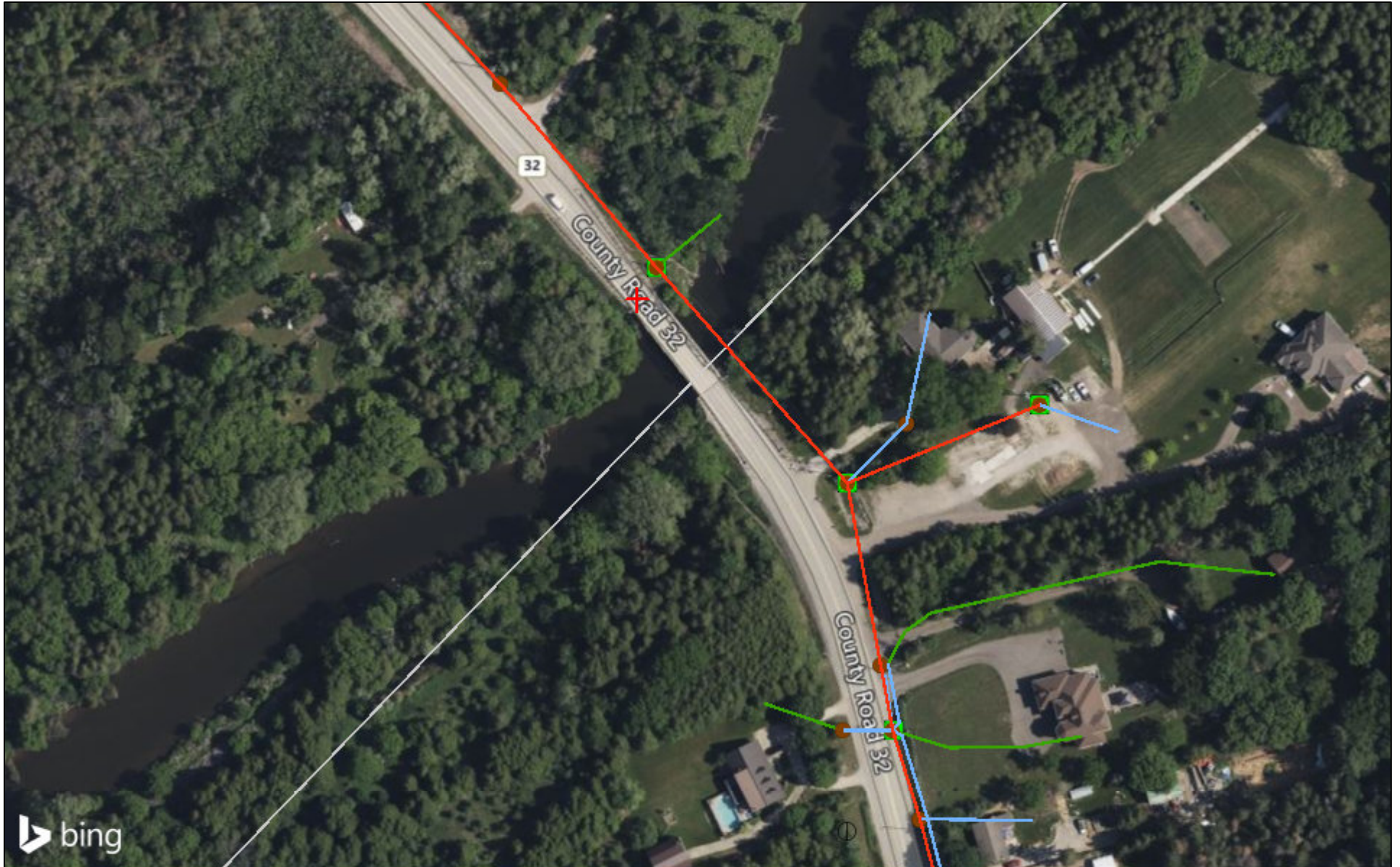
At this time, we do not have sufficient information to comment on the potential resulting impacts that your project may have on our infrastructure. As such, we must stay informed as more information becomes available so that we can advise if any of the alternative solutions present actual conflicts with our assets, and if so; what resulting measures and costs could be incurred by the proponent. Note that this response does not constitute approval for your plans and is being sent to you as a courtesy to inform you that we must continue to be consulted on your project.

Hydro One must be consulted during all stages of your project. Please ensure that all future communications about this and future project(s) are sent to us electronically to secondarylanduse@hydroone.com

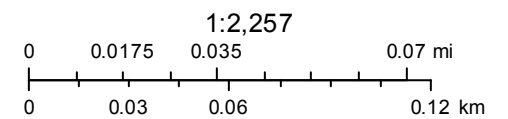
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From Brian A Murray <BrianA.Murray@rci.rogers.com>**Date** Wed 10/16/2024 8:57 AM**To** Costanzo, Salvatore T. <scostanzo@GFNET.com> 1 attachment (1 KB)

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Hey Salvatore:

We do not have any existing structure within 100m of the bridge, but we are planning to cross the bridge at a later date to be determined.

Thanks,

Brian Murray

System Planner, Outside Plant Engineering SWO

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From: Dan Mozzoni <Dan.Mozzoni@rci.rogers.com >

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:39 PM

To: Brendon Condon <Brendon.Condon@rci.rogers.com >; Brian A Murray <BrianA.Murray@rci.rogers.com >

Cc: steve.gionomo@rci.rogers.com; Costanzo, Salvatore T. <scostanzo@GFNET.com >

Subject: RE: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

Brendon/Brian,

Can one of you guys look at this request. Its in-between Guleph and Cambridge.

Thanks,

Dan Mozzoni

System Planner, Outside Plant Engineering

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141 Hester St, Hamilton

e dan.mozzoni@rci.rogers.com

m 289 237-2197



From: Costanzo, Salvatore T. <scostanzo@GFNET.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 12:55 PM

To: steve.gionomo@rci.rogers.com

Cc: Dan Mozzoni <Dan.Mozzoni@rci.rogers.com>; Brendon Condon <Brendon.Condon@rci.rogers.com>

Subject: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

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Thank you,

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Re: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

From Fadi Jacob <fjacob@wirecommca.com>

Date Fri 2/27/2026 12:24 PM

To Dan Mozzoni <Dan.Mozzoni@rci.rogers.com>

Cc Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com>

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Hello Salvatore,

Thank you for taking my phone call.

Please see existing rogers infrastructure in this area & let me know if you need anything else from us.

Thank you once again, and have a great weekend!



Fadi Jacob
FHA Partner

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Sent: February 27, 2026 9:52 AM

To: Fadi Jacob <fjacob@wirecommca.com >

Cc: Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com >

Subject: Re: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

Good morning, Jacob,

I would like to engage Wirecomm on this project in the County of Wellington regarding potential Rogers conflict(s) with county bridge works. If you can please review and identify if there are any conflicts that may require relocation. The County has provided the info below for your reference. I will provide you with a project and permit numbers if required.

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Thanks
Dan

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Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 9:38:09 AM

To: Dan Mozzoni <Dan.Mozzoni@rci.rogers.com >; Brendon Condon <Brendon.Condon@rci.rogers.com >

Subject: RE: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

Thank you, do you have an anticipated timeline to hear back from the consultant?

Regards,

Salvatore Costanzo

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Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 9:37 AM

To: Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com >; Brendon Condon <Brendon.Condon@rci.rogers.com >

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Hi Salvatore,

I will forward this request to my consultant to review the potential conflict(s). If we do identify areas of conflict, then we will proceed with a proposed engineering design to relocate Rogers existing infrastructure.

Thanks

Dan

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Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 9:33:09 AM

To: Dan Mozzoni <Dan.Mozzoni@rci.rogers.com>; Brendon Condon <Brendon.Condon@rci.rogers.com>

Subject: RE: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

Hi Dan,

Please let me know.

Brendon - thanks for the connection.

Regards,

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Cc: Dan Mozzoni <Dan.Mozzoni@rci.rogers.com>
Subject: RE: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

Hey Salvatore, Dan Mozzoni is the planner for the area. Hey Dan there is a Microduct fiber crossing this bridge

Thanks
BC

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Sent: February 26, 2026 3:16 PM
To: Brendon Condon <Brendon.Condon@rci.rogers.com>
Subject: County of Wellington_Rehabilitations/Replacement_Existing Utility Request_Rogers

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From: William Van Ruyven
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 7:04 AM
To: Brandon Henderson
Cc: Pasquale Costanzo; Joe de Koning; Shuyi Wang; David Jackson; Salvatore Costanzo; Evan May; Tony Zammit
Subject: RE: Wellington County_Blatchford Bridge over Speed River (B032085) - GRCA Meeting

Hi Brandon,

Thank you and your team for the input. We'll work to address these comments for the upcoming PIC and as the design is developed further.

Kind Regards,

William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
VP, Bridges & Structures Lead



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Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 4:16 PM
To: William Van Ruyven <wvanruyven@gtfinc.com>
Cc: Pasquale Costanzo <pasqualec@wellington.ca>; Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Shuyi Wang <swang@gtfinc.com>; David Jackson <dajackson@gtfinc.com>; Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gtfinc.com>; Evan May <emay@gtfinc.com>; Tony Zammit <tzammit@grandriver.ca>
Subject: RE: Wellington County_Blatchford Bridge over Speed River (B032085) - GRCA Meeting

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Hi William,

Thanks again for meeting with GRCA staff to discuss the application. Please see the below comments and answers to your questions:

1. GRCA staff have interest in the application and will looking forward to participating in the EA process. Further technical review will be undertaken once the appropriate studies have been completed and circulated to the GRCA for review. GRCA staff

will be reviewing the application to ensure that the applicable GRCA policies have been met ([Link to the GRCA Policy Document](#)).

2. A GRCA Permit will be required for the proposed bridge replacement. A copy of the GRCA fee schedule can be found on [our website here](#).
3. GRCA staff understand that the current bridge design does not meet the GRCA's current safe access standards. Given that the bridge already exists, GRCA staff will be reviewing the application to ensure that the final design results in an overall improvement to the safe access standards. Additionally, we will be reviewing the submission to ensure that there are no negative hydraulic/hydrologic impacts as a result of the replacement.
4. We will need to understand if the gauge station will be removed or only temporarily disconnected. We will also want to discuss temporary monitoring during construction, as well as temporary access. Any information you have regarding the potential impact to the gauge station would be appreciated. You can contact our flood team (Elizabeth Fisher efisher@grandriver.ca)
5. We can also provide the following comments regarding the Draft Natural Environment Assessment Report:
 - Section 6.1 (Biological Constraints) includes a reference to the Saugeen River, which should be changed to the Speed River.
 - The 2020 Provincial Policy Statement has been replaced by the Provincial Planning Statement, which was published in 2024
 - A full understanding of the direct impacts on the wetlands will be required at the detailed design/permitting stage. Wetland avoidance is preferred but if this is not practicable, areas of temporary and permanent encroachment related mitigation measures should be identified/outlined noted on the plans. We also request that the amount of permanent wetland loss be quantified.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Brandon

From: William Van Ruyven <wvanruyven@gftinc.com>

Sent: February 12, 2026 4:55 PM

To: Brandon Henderson <bhenderson@grandriver.ca>; Tony Zammit <tzammit@grandriver.ca>

Cc: Pasquale Costanzo <pasqualec@wellington.ca>; Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Shuyi Wang <swang@gftinc.com>; David Jackson <dajackson@gftinc.com>; Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com>; Evan May <emay@gftinc.com>

Subject: RE: Wellington County_Blatchford Bridge over Speed River (B032085) - GRCA Meeting

Hi Brandon & Tony,

Thank you for the discussion today. For your reference I've attached the slides. As noted:

- Project is currently in the EA phase, with an upcoming PIC and construction planned for 2028 / 2029
- We generally agree with the comments provided and will address them as part of the ultimate permit applications
- In addition to the comments, we understand that GRCA has safe access standards. While the proposed design (~0.44 m/s) does not meet the desired flow velocities (~0.4 m/s), it does provide an improvement on the existing conditions (~0.48 m/s) and therefore the GRCA is generally open to supporting. GRCA to provide confirmation of safe access standards.
- The design will look to minimize impacts on the existing gauge /pump house; however, to evaluate impacts, we would appreciate if you can connect us with correct contact (flood team?) to coordinate review of existing drawings (intake pipe etc) /information and any necessary requirements during construction.
- We understand there are some relatively minor comments on the draft NEA. Please share with us so we can update and incorporate any feedback into the PIC slides.
- As part of the ultimate permit we will confirm the wetland impacts, including loss of wetland if applicable.
- The trail located to the southwest of the bridge is no owned by GRCA. Any impacts should be coordinated with others.

Kind regards,

William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
VP, Bridges & Structures Lead

GFT

c 647.280.5895

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: William Van Ruyven

Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 4:10 PM

To: William Van Ruyven; Evan May; Brandon Henderson

Cc: Pasquale Costanzo; Joe de Koning; Tony Zammit; Shuyi Wang; David Jackson; Salvatore Costanzo

Subject: Wellington County_Blatchford Bridge over Speed River (B032085) - GRCA Meeting

When: Thursday, February 12, 2026 2:30 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hello,

As part of the environmental assessment/ preliminary design / engineering review, this meeting is to discuss the proposed Blatchford Bridge replacement, located on Wellington Road 32 over the Speed River, south of Wellington Road 124:

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We look forward to discussing any potential comments or concerns with you.

Kind regards,

William

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Indigenous Community Correspondence

Haudenosaunee Development Institute

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Salvatore Costanzo

From: Salvatore Costanzo
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 4:35 PM
To: info@hdi.land; suejacobs@hdi.land; lindafroman@hdi.land
Cc: William Van Ruyven; Joe de Koning; Pasquale Costanzo
Subject: Wellington Road 32 Blatchford Bridge EA - Public Information Centre (PIC) Online
Attachments: Blatchford Bridge HDI_Notice of PIC Letter.pdf

Hello,

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www.wellington.ca/BlatchfordEA

All relevant study information is posted on the County's website for your consideration and we invite you to provide any comments or concerns your organization may have at this time. A Stage 1 Archaeological Report is available upon request.

We hope this information will assist your organization in identifying any potential interests or concerns in the project. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting with the project team, you can reach the County and GFT Project Managers listed in the notice attached.

Thank you,

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
Consultant Project Manager

GFT



January 2026

Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council
16 Sunrise Court
P.O. Box 714
Ohsweken ON N0A 1M0

**RE: County of Wellington
Blatchford Bridge, No. B032085, Wellington Road 32
Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Notice of Online Public Information Centre**

Dear Chief:

Wellington County is carrying out an Online Public Information Centre (PIC) regarding the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Blatchford Bridge, No. B032085, located on Wellington Road 32, approximately 600 m south of Wellington Road 124, bordering the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch.

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This notice is being provided to you so you are aware of the PIC and can provide input to the Project Team if interested. Your comments are welcome and we encourage you to provide us with your views.

The Project Team would be pleased to meet with you at any time. To request a meeting or to discuss the Study, please contact:

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joe de Koning', written in a cursive style.

Joe de Koning, P.Eng.
Wellington County

encl. Notice of Online Public Information Centre

cc: info@hdi.land; suejacobs@hdi.land; lindafroman@hdi.land



NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

County of Wellington

Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge No. B032085

Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, Ontario

Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Study

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The Process

In accordance with the requirements for Schedule B projects of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (as amended in 2015 & 2023). The study will confirm and document the existing structural deficiencies and identify alternative solutions, including rehabilitation or replacement of the bridge, and evaluate associated environmental impacts.

Public Engagement and Consultation

An online Public Information Centre (PIC) has been arranged to allow local residents and interested members of the public an opportunity to review and comment on the alternative planning solutions under consideration, the evaluation process, and the next steps in the study. Display boards will be made available to the public on the County website beginning **March 12, 2026**. They can be viewed any time after this date by visiting:

<https://www.wellington.ca/BlatchfordEA>

Residents are encouraged to submit comments by **April 24, 2026**. Comment sheets are available on the County's website and can be submitted via an online form or by email.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time during the study, or wish to be placed on the study mailing list to receive study notices directly, please contact either of the project team members below:

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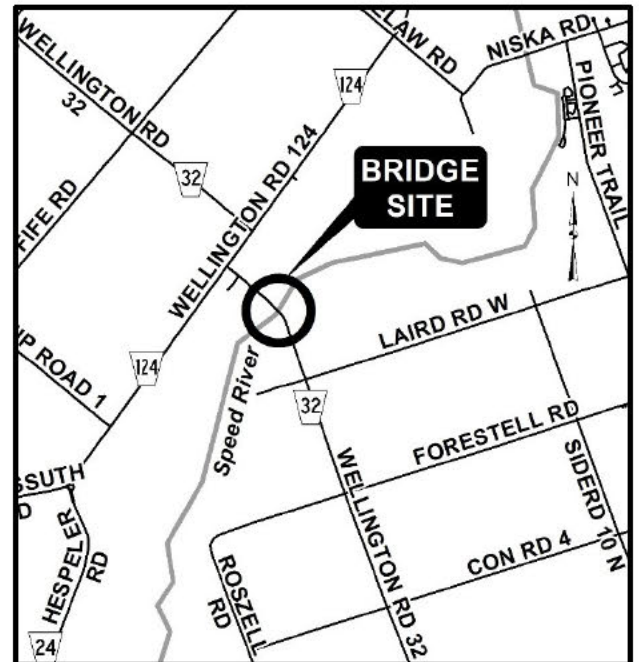
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This notice first issued on **March 12, 2026**.



Van Ruyven, William

From: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 10:26 AM
To: Joe de Koning
Cc: Aaron Detlor; Aaron Detlor; Emma Kameka; Rae Lumsdon; Brian Doolittle; Don Kudo; Van Ruyven, William
Subject: Re: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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Good morning Mr. de Koning,

Thank you for the reply.

We are available **Tuesday, July 23rd** all day. We are happy to come to you in your office, or host in our office in downtown Toronto.

Please let me know what works best on your end and I will circulate an invite.

Rae Lumsdon

VP, Business Development and Client Relationships
416.839.5307
rae@hdito.com



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From: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 2:40 PM
To: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>
Cc: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>; Aaron Detlor <aaron@detlorlaw.com>; Emma Kameka <emma@hdito.com>; Rae Lumsdon <rae@hdito.com>; Brian Doolittle <ganowa@me.com>; Don Kudo <donk@wellington.ca>; Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

Good afternoon Rae,

Let's set up a time and place for us to meet.

Could share some dates and times that your group can meet during the week of July 22nd ?

Kind regards,

Joe de Koning, P.Eng.
Manager of Roads
County of Wellington
Phone (519) 837-2601 X-2270

From: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 1:30 PM
To: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Cc: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>; Aaron Detlor <aaron@detlorlaw.com>; Emma Kameka <emma@hdito.com>; Rae Lumsdon <rae@hdito.com>; Brian Doolittle <ganowa@me.com>
Subject: Re: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement
Importance: High

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Good afternoon Mr. de Koning,

We trust this email finds you well and in good spirits.

We are writing to confirm that we have received the Notice of Commencement regarding the Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge - B032085(attached).

In our initial review of the linked webpage and supporting sources, it is clear that the Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge project will impair, infringe and interfere with Haudenosaunee rights and interests.

We would like to know how and when engagement with respect to Haudenosaunee Treaty rights will occur. We require, at a minimum, engagement, consent and in upholding established Haudenosaunee treaty rights, which exist over the entirety of Wellington County.

We look forward to sitting down with you and discuss how and when the obligation to uphold the honor of the crown as well as the specific engagements required for a comprehensive process. This will obviously include our engagement in developing the terms of reference, with which we presently have significant concerns.

At the same time, we need to consider the following projects, where engagement has not occurred. We would also like to sit down and discuss the County of Wellington Roads Master Action Plan (link below) as the projects herein are all proceeding without engagement despite the fact that the Wellington County is aware of their obligations to engage.

<https://www.wellington.ca/en/resident-services/resources/Roads/RMAP/RMAPFinal/Wellington-RMAP-Final-Report-2022-01-31-AODA.pdf>

Rae Lumsdon
VP, Business Development and Client Relationships
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From: Aaron Detlor <aarondetlor@gmail.com>
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To: Rae Lumsdon <rae@lumsdon.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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From: Tracey General <traceyghdi@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 31, 2024, 12:26 p.m.
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From: "Van Ruyven, William" <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Subject: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement
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Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>

Good Morning,

This email is to inform you of the Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment Study for the Blatchford Bridge (No. B032085), per the attached notices, located on the boarder of Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, on Wellington Road 32.

Additional information can be found:
www.wellington.ca/blatchfordEA

Kind regards,

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP

Consultant Project Manager
Gannett Fleming Canada ULC
Royal Bank Plaza, Suite 1600, South Tower,
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From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 6:58 AM
To: info@hdi.land; toddwilliams@hdi.land; sharannmartin@hdi.land; owengreene@hdi.land
Cc: Joe de Koning
Subject: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement
Attachments: Blatchford Bridge_HDI FN_Notice of Study Commencement Letter.pdf

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May 31, 2024

Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council
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P.O. Box 714
Ohsweken ON N0A 1M0

**RE: County of Wellington
Blatchford Bridge, No. B032085, Wellington Road 32
Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Notice of Study Commencement**

Dear Madam/Sir:

Wellington County is carrying out a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Blatchford Bridge, No. B032085, located on Wellington Road 32, approximately 600 m south of Wellington Road 124, bordering the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch.

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A Stage 1 and 2 Archeological Assessment and Natural Heritage Assessment will be undertaken as part of this study. Once complete, these reports will be provided to you for review and acceptance.

A key component of the study will be consultation with interested stakeholders including public, agencies and Indigenous communities. We want to ensure that anyone with an interest in this study has the opportunity to provide input and feedback.

This notice is being provided to you in hope that you can assist the Project Team in determining if your community has an interest in this project. Your comments are welcome and we encourage you to provide us with your views.

Unless you indicate otherwise, the Project Team will continue to provide you with updates throughout the Study including notification of online public engagement events and Study completion.

The Project Team would be pleased to meet with you at any time during the Study. To request a meeting or to discuss the Study, please contact:

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County of Wellington
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Guelph ON N1H 3T9
Phone: (519) 837-2601 x 2270
Email: joedk@wellington.ca

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Yours truly,

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Joe de Koning, P.Eng.
Wellington County

encl. Notice of Study Commencement

cc: toddwilliams@hdi.land; sharanmartin@hdi.land;
owengreene@hdi.land



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

County of Wellington

Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge No. B032085

Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, Ontario

Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Study

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Comment Invited

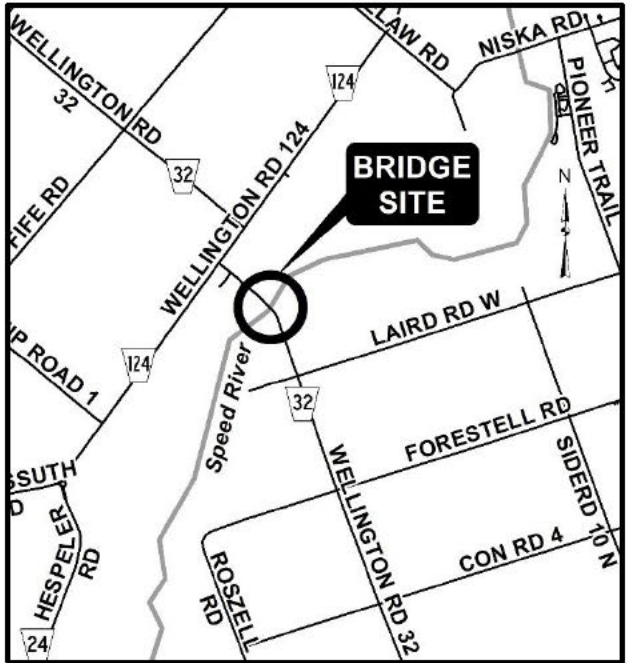
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If you have any questions or concerns at any time during the study, or wish to be placed on the study mailing list to receive study notices directly, please contact either of the project team members below:

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This notice first issued on May 30, 2024.

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

GFT

Salvatore Costanzo

From: Salvatore Costanzo
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 4:35 PM
To: 'MargaretS@mncfn.ca'; 'Communications@mncfn.ca'; 'LarryS@mncfn.ca'
Cc: William Van Ruyven; Joe de Koning; Pasquale Costanzo
Subject: Wellington Road 32 Blatchford Bridge EA - Public Information Centre (PIC) Online
Attachments: Blatchford Bridge MCFN_Notice of PIC Letter.pdf

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Thank you,

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
Consultant Project Manager

GFT



January 2026

Chief Margaret Sault
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road
R.R. #6
Hagersville ON N0A 1H0
MargaretS@mncfn.ca

**RE: County of Wellington
Blatchford Bridge, No. B032085, Wellington Road 32
Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Notice of Online Public Information Centre**

Dear Chief Sault:

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Joe de Koning, P.Eng.
Wellington County

encl. Notice of Online Public Information Centre

cc: Communications@mncfn.ca; LarryS@mncfn.ca



NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

County of Wellington

Wellington Road 32, Blatchford Bridge No. B032085

Township of Guelph/Eramosa and Township of Puslinch, Ontario

Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

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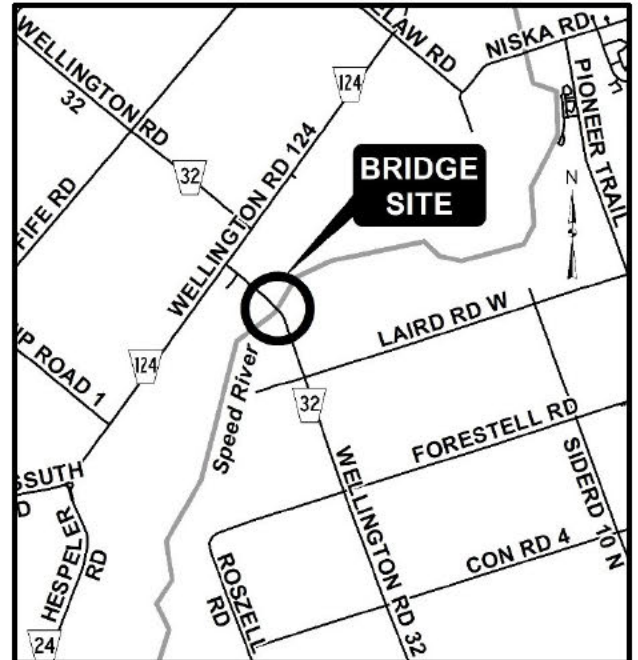
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Van Ruyven, William

From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 6:58 AM
To: Communications@mncfn.ca; Adam.laforme@mncfn.ca; Field.coordinator@mncfn.ca; Claire@mncfn.ca
Cc: Joe de Koning
Subject: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement
Attachments: Blatchford Bridge_MNCFN_Notice of Study Commencement Letter.pdf

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May 31, 2024

Chief Claire Sault
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road (R.R. #6)
Hagersville ON N0A 1H0
Claire@mncfn.ca

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Six Nations of the Grand River

GFT

Salvatore Costanzo

From: Salvatore Costanzo
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 4:35 PM
To: 'snggr.chief@sixnations.ca'
Cc: William Van Ruyven; Joe de Koning; Pasquale Costanzo
Subject: Wellington Road 32 Blatchford Bridge EA - Public Information Centre (PIC) Online
Attachments: Blatchford Bridge SN_Notice of PIC Letter.pdf

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All relevant study information is posted on the County's website for your consideration and we invite you to provide any comments or concerns your organization may have at this time. A Stage 1 Archaeological Report is available upon request.

We hope this information will assist your organization in identifying any potential interests or concerns in the project. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting with the project team, you can reach the County and GFT Project Managers listed in the notice attached.

Thank you,

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
Consultant Project Manager

GFT



January 2026

Chief Sheri-Lyn Hill
Six Nations of the Grand River
1695 Chiefswood Rd
P.O. Box 5000
Ohsweken ON N0A 1M0
sngr.chief@sixnations.ca

**RE: County of Wellington
Blatchford Bridge, No. B032085, Wellington Road 32
Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
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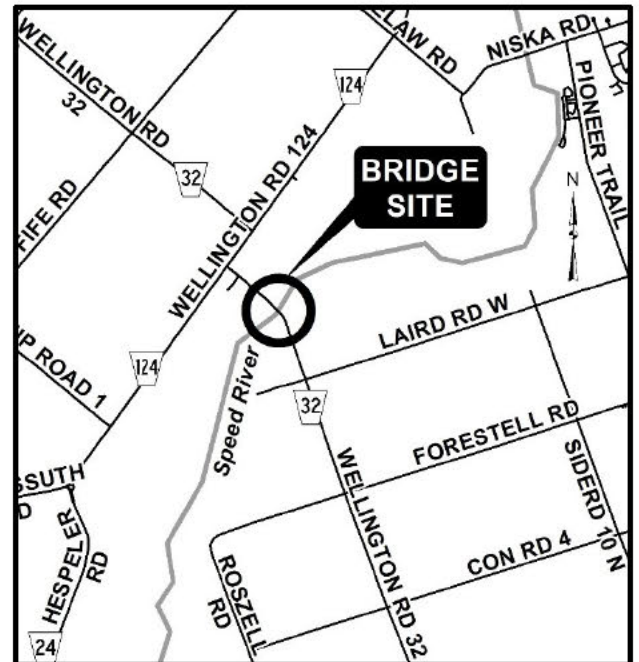
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From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:19 AM
To: Tanya Hill-Montour
Cc: Caitlin Lacy; Joe de Koning; specialassistant@sixnations.ca; Dlaforme@sixnations.ca; Lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca; sngr.chief@sixnations.ca
Subject: Re: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

Good morning Tanya,

Thanks for the interest in the study. Yes, we're working with ASI on the archaeological work. I believe they are targeting the end of June for the stage 2 investigation.

Kind regards,

William

From: Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 6:30 AM
To: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Subject: RE: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

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Hi William

Hope you had a good weekend. Certainly we have interest in the Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental / Archaeological Assessment. Has there a company been retained?

Nia':wen ko:wa (thankyou)

Tanya Hill-Montour

Six Nations of the Grand River Archaeological Supervisor
226.388.0665

From: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 10:55 AM
To: Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>
Subject: [External] FW: Blatchford Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Notice of Commencement

Hello Tanya,

Apologies on the delay for this notice, I see there was a typo on the initial email to you.

Kind regards,

William

From: Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2024 6:58 AM

To: specialassistant@sixnations.ca; Dlaforme@sixnations.ca; Tanyahill-montour@sixnation.ca; Lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca; sngr.chief@sixnations.ca

Cc: Joe de Koning <JoeDK@wellington.ca>

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Public Correspondence

GFT

From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 3:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Joe de Koning
Subject: RE: Wellington road 32 bridge No. B032085_Blatchford Bridge

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your input and interest in this project. We will take your comment into consideration in the evaluation of the study alternatives.

Kind regards,
William

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Subject: Wellington road 32 bridge No. B032085.

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Hello,

I just like to share that bridge No.B032085 needs to be expanded in order to accommodate current and future growth. In its current state i find it unsafe due to its narrow condition. Pedestrians walk back and forth over the bridge regularly to access the river and trail and in its current condition it's unsafe and dangerous for them to walk on.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

William Van Ruyven

From: Wellington County <no-reply@countyofwellington.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 3:13 PM
To: Joe de Koning; William Van Ruyven
Subject: Webform submission from: Blatchford Bridge EA – Online Public Information Centre - Comment Sheet

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Submitted on Fri, 03/13/2026 - 3:12pm

Submitted values are:

Comments

The replacement option makes the most sense based on the options presented.

Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Van Ruyven, William
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 4:44 PM
To: [REDACTED] Joe de Koning
Subject: Re: Blanchford Bridge (No. B032085)

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your input and interest in this project. We will take your comment into consideration in the evaluation of the study alternatives.

Kind regards,
William

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 11:10:09 AM
To: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Van Ruyven, William <wvanruyven@GFNET.com>
Subject: Blanchford Bridge (No. B032085)

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Hi Joe and William,

I would like to request that a safe pedestrian sidewalk be added to the bridge if possible. As of right now, there is no safe way to pass over the bridge and walkers, and bikers are taking a big risk to get from one side to the other. There are many cyclists and walkers from spring to fall. Some walkers belong to the Guelph Hiking Club and they are older in age. The way cars whip around that corner makes it very dangerous if you are not a fast walker.

Thank you for taking my input.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



William Van Ruyven

From: William Van Ruyven
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 7:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Joe de Koning; Salvatore Costanzo
Subject: RE: Hiking Trail at WR 32 and Speed River - Blatchford Bridge Replacement

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your call yesterday. As promised, here is a quick summary of some of the key points, please feel free to reply all back to supplement anything I may have missed:

- The Speed River Trail is 91 km long, with 48 landowners currently permitting access on private land, extending from Grand River to Guelph.
- Near the Blatchford Bridge, the network exits a private property on the west side of WR 32, south of the Speed River and continues on the west side of WR 32 northbound to WR 124. Therefore, the trail crosses the Blatchford bridge and this location has been identified as a potential safety concern given the existing narrow shoulders and obstructed sight lines.
- There is typically an annual/biennial hike organized with 15-20 participants, scheduled around early May.
- This stretch of trail doesn't generally cater to cyclists due to the high truck traffic/unsafe conditions.
- There is an existing flight of stairs in the embankment just past the limit of the southwest guide rail.
- The primary request to the County is to consider the inclusion of a sidewalk on the west side of the bridge to provide safe passage for the trail users. We understand this is considered "utterly vital".
- In addition, the Speed River and trail at this site are accessed by hunters/canoers/kayakers/fishing as well as trail users. As a result, there can be up to 5 or 6 vehicles parked on the shoulder at one time, often at the southwest quadrant of the bridge. It has been observed that cars travelling southbound often drive over the solid white line painting – using the shoulder. This presents another potential safety concern with cars parking in this area.
 - Further, a couple years ago, a hiker accidentally fell while getting out of her car and broke her arm at this site. There could be some consideration to reducing the steepness of the slope on the southwest embankment.
 - Therefore, the second request is to consider providing accommodation for parking at this site, possibly on the east side of the road where the shoulder appears to be wider.

- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kind regards,

William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
VP, Bridges & Structures Lead

GFT

c 647.280.5895

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From: William Van Ruyven
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 1:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Pasquale Costanzo <pasqualec@wellington.ca>; Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com>
Subject: Hiking Trail at WR 32 and Speed River - Blatchford Bridge Replacement

Hi [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

I'm reaching out to enquire about the Speed River Trail (Guelph to Cambridge), located southwest of the Wellington County Blatchford Bridge (on Wellington Road 32 over the Speed River):

https://www.google.com/maps/@43.4844185,-80.2819612,18.48z?authuser=0&entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDIyMi4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D

Speed River Trail: Wellington

1 of 2

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Speed River Trail: Wellington Road 32 to Townline/Blackbridge/Roszell Road

Difficulty: Moderate

Hazards: Natural surface

Surface: Natural surface

Cost: No cost

Length: 5 km

Contact: Guelph Hiking Trail Club

www.guelphhiking.com

Box 1 Guelph, ON N1H 6J6



The Speed River Trail has been made possible through the generosity of private landowners who have granted the Guelph Hiking Trail Club permission to establish the trail in 1973 and for their members and the public to use it. The trail as a whole provides a link between Guelph and Cambridge following the Speed River, southwest from Guelph. This map highlights two areas of the trail following the river, mainly in the Township of Puslinch. The trail is marked by single orange blazes.

[View Additional Details](#)

We're working on the design for the replacement of the Blatchford Bridge and would like to understand current access and use patterns for this trail. I'd appreciate any information you're able to share and welcome a call to discuss if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
William

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From: William Van Ruyven
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 1:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hiking Trail at WR 32 and Speed River - Blatchford Bridge Replacement

Thanks [REDACTED] – will do.

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
VP, Bridges & Structures Lead



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:50 PM
To: William Van Ruyven <wvanruyven@gftinc.com>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Pasquale Costanzo <pasqualec@wellington.ca>; Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com>
Subject: Re: Hiking Trail at WR 32 and Speed River - Blatchford Bridge Replacement

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Hi William,

Please remove me from correspondents as I'm no longer President. I'm sure [REDACTED] would be happy to assist here.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: William Van Ruyven <wvanruyven@gftinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 1:57:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: Pasquale Costanzo <pasqualec@wellington.ca>; Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; Salvatore Costanzo <scostanzo@gftinc.com>
Subject: Hiking Trail at WR 32 and Speed River - Blatchford Bridge Replacement

Hi [REDACTED]

From: William Van Ruyven
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2026 3:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Joe de Koning; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: EA Process: Blatchford Bridge Comments

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for the interest in this project and clear feedback, which will be included in the consultation records for the bridge study.

Kind regards,

William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
VP, Bridges & Structures Lead



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2026 1:48 PM
To: William Van Ruyven <wvanruyven@gftinc.com>
Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; [REDACTED]
Subject: EA Process: Blatchford Bridge Comments

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Hi William, thanks for recently taking the time to talk with me at length over our interests in this project. The following are our comments on behalf of [REDACTED]

We opened the Speed River Trail in 1973. It is a 16 km footpath that connects Guelph to the edge of Cambridge. It is open to all members of the public and we publicize it and insure it as such. It crosses the lands of 22 landowners, mainly private, but including Wellington County. For the latter, we rely on the bridge, and the shoulders of both Roads 32 and 124 to link two off-road sections of the trail. Specifically, the relevant section of the trail runs from the SW side of the bridge north along 32 to its intersection of 124 and then along the south side of 124 to the Enbridge gas compressor station at the foot of the northerly extension of 32.

The most dangerous part of our 92 km trail system is the Blatchford bridge, as it lacks any provision for pedestrians. The heavy, high speed traffic on that bridge endangers anyone who walks across it, and especially since sight lines to the south are poor. That being the case, we caution trail users to that effect in our guidebook to the trail.

It is absolutely essential that some form of basic, but protected walkway be provided on the west side of any replacement bridge for pedestrians.

It is not only hikers from the [REDACTED] who are at risk. Many hikers from other hiking clubs ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the general public make it a goal to hike all of the other trails in their region, without any knowledge of [REDACTED]. As do any other members of the general public who take on the challenge of hiking the length of our several trails. We also note that fishermen frequently walk over and back on the bridge to access the other side of the river adjacent to the bridge.

Secondly, we wish to make the County aware of the popularity of the access to the Speed River Trail at the point where it reaches the SW side of the bridge. ([REDACTED] has a small staircase and set of 3 signs at this trailhead, which we would ask be either preserved or restored after construction.) A semi-wilderness trail then runs nearly 5 km over 6 private properties toward Cambridge. The trail is not only used by hikers. It is also used by fishermen, deer, waterfowl and upland game bird hunters, geocachers, runners, a few cyclists and canoeists. All manner of these trail and trailhead users park at the roadside, where the paved shoulder allows for perhaps 5-6 vehicles at most.

The canoeists and kayakers make frequent use of the road allowance on the SW side of the bridge to put in and take out as it offers less steep and difficult access to the river than the other three sides of the bridge. Also, the river itself is attractive and reasonably navigable for considerable distances in all 4 seasons both upstream and down from this point. The navigable river is therefore a public recreational resource and as such is unrelated to the hiking trail, but all the same relying on the County's access on the Road 32 road allowance, and its related parking.

That parking, while both most useful and appreciated as such, is insufficient on two levels. First, ever since the County paved the shoulder perhaps 8 years ago, we, and yourself, have noticed that the southbound vehicles taking the curve to the right tend to cut the curve, infringing on the parking spots, and this is particularly so by 18 wheelers. This is dangerous for the parked vehicles and those getting in and out of them. A widening of the shoulder appears to be desirable. And the capacity of a half dozen vehicles is occasionally insufficient.

Secondly, we suggest that an off road parking option be examined on the opposite side of the road, i.e the SE side of the bridge, within the ROW, but atop the approaches to the old abutments (we note that there is also a public but unopened Puslinch/Guelph-Eramosa

townline road allowance extending to the NE that may be marginally useful) is a level area that could be created as *an alternative, or a supplemental*, albeit small, off road parking area for the many kinds of users of the trailhead.

We would ask that we be informed hereonin as far as construction, demolition and site preparation timing is concerned. Our 550 members and our even more widely accessed website can be kept up to date on the periods when either the trailhead parking and the bridge itself may be closed. A bit of lead time might allow us to arrange for an alternative trailhead away from the area of the bridge, so as to divert users and so that we do not have to close the whole trail. For this however, we would need cooperation of one or more private landowners who may not have any awareness of or association with the trail to date.

In any event, we welcome the opportunity to help with solutions to the issues at hand with regard to trail access.

We look forward to collaborating further with you, William, or Joe, as design solutions progress.

Feel free to contact me further should you wish to engage in informal discussions or as a sounding board for constructive ideas, or other informal feedback that you or Joe may have.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: William Van Ruyven
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 9:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Joe de Koning
Subject: RE: Webform submission from: Blatchford Bridge EA – Online Public Information Centre - Comment Sheet

Great question. The timing of these projects is typically subject to external factors such as funding, coordinating with adjacent projects (like the work on WR 124) as well as design and permitting. The tentatively anticipated schedule would have the study completed this year (2026), detailed design should be completed in 2027 and then construction could be scheduled for 2028 / 2029 depending on approvals.

Kind Regards,

William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
Consulting Project Manager



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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 9:30 PM
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Cc: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>
Subject: Re: Webform submission from: Blatchford Bridge EA – Online Public Information Centre - Comment Sheet

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Thanks very much - this will be a great improvement and safer for all.
Do you have any idea of timing?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Apr 7, 2026, at 4:37 PM, William Van Ruyven <wvanruyven@gftinc.com> wrote:

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your interest in this study and feedback. I can confirm that your understanding of the proposed design appears correct. The width of **deck between** the barriers will be increased from less than 8 m (~25.3 ft) to 12 m (~39.4 ft).

We've added you to the mailing list for future notices.

Kind regards,

William

William Van Ruyven, P.Eng., PMP
Consulting Project Manager

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From: Wellington County <no-reply@countyofwellington.ca>

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 10:16 PM

To: Joe de Koning <joedk@wellington.ca>; William Van Ruyven
<wvanruyven@gftinc.com>

Subject: Webform submission from: Blatchford Bridge EA – Online Public Information
Centre - Comment Sheet

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Submitted on Mon, 04/06/2026 - 10:16pm

Submitted values are:

Comments

Please add us to your mailing list:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

We farm on either side of this bridge and it is challenging and can be dangerous to move farm equipment across the current bridge.

From the slides, it looks like the inside railing width is 40' - are our calculations and interpretation correct?

If yes, this would be a great improvement and much appreciated

Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]