# 6<sup>th</sup> Line Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

County Road 27 to St John's Road *Town of Innisfil, ON* 

September 6, 2016

#### APPENDIX A: PUBLIC CONSULTATION



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#### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT / PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #1

The **Town of Innisfil (Town)** has retained **HDR Corporation (HDR)** to conduct a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA Study) for transportation improvements to the 6th Line from County Road 27 to St. John's Road. Improvements will consider opportunities to better serve motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and to help manage increasing traffic resulting from development growth in the Town. Specifically, the study will consider the need to widen the road from 2-lanes to 4-lanes and to support the Town's desire to develop a sustainable transportation system with a strong focus on active transportation and protection of future transit opportunities.



This Class EA Study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011). The Class EA Study process will include public and government agency consultation, identification and evaluation of alternative solutions, an assessment of the effects of the proposed improvements and identification of measures required to reduce potential impacts.

At the end of this Class EA Study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be produced to document the recommended solution, the Class EA study process, the identified effects and proposed mitigation measures. The ESR will be placed on the public record and be available for review by the public and review agencies for a period of at least 30 calendar days. A separate Notice of Completion for the ESR will be provided at the end of the Class EA Study.

Project updates and notices will be posted on the Town's website <u>www.innisfil.ca</u> to inform the public of the Class EA process.

Public consultation is important and will form each phase of the Class EA Study. Two Public Open Houses are planned for this study. The first Public Open House is scheduled for December 11, 2014; further details provided below. A separate notice will be issued prior to the second Public Open House.

#### Public Information Centre #1:

 Date:
 December 11, 2014
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 Time:
 5 p.m. to 8 p.m

Location: Town Hall Community Rooms B & C 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1

Please contact either of the following project team members if you have any questions or comments, wish to obtain more information on this Class EA Study, or if you would like to be added to the project mailing list to receive future study notifications:

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Comments and information regarding this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are being collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record.

This notice was first issued on November 28, 2014.



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Welcome to

# Public Open House #1

for the

# Town of Innisfil 6<sup>th</sup> Line Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

County Road 27 to St. John's Road

December 11, 2014



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## **Study Introduction**

The Town of Innisfil is conducting a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study (Schedule C) to assess future improvements to 6<sup>th</sup> Line between County Road 27 and St. John's Road (Study Area).

#### What is an EA Study?

- A decision making process undertaken for municipal infrastructure projects (including road construction) that seeks to identify and minimize negative effects on the environment
- Conducted in four phases as follows:
  - Phase 1: Problem and Opportunity
  - Phase 2: Alternative Solutions
  - Phase 3: Evaluation and Selection of Design Concept
  - Phase 4: Environmental Study Report

### Why is your input important?

- EAs are public processes which provide the general public an opportunity to provide feedback
- This is the first of two public open houses for this study





# Where are we now in the process?





Oct.-Nov. 2014

## **Notice of Study Commencement**

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# **Planning for Growth**



Provincial Growth Plan



Simcoe County Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan

> Innisfil Official Plan and Innisfil 2020 (2015/2016)





Innisfil Transportation Master Plan (TMP) - 2013

A Transportation Vision: Innisfil's transportation network connects people and communities, fosters healthy living, and operates efficiently across the Town as an environmentally and financially sustainable system.





## **2013 TMP Future Growth Areas**

The Town of Innisfil Transportation Master Plan was completed in 2013. The goal of the study was to prepare a longterm transportation strategy to accommodate anticipated growth in Innisfil.

### 70,000 Population and Employment Growth







## Current Official Plan Schedule C – Transportation Network

Last updated in 2010, the Town's Official Plan reflected growth and recommendations based on information current at that time. The Official Plan, and the transportation network recommendations, are planned to be updated by the Town in 2015.



The 2013 TMP recommended that 6<sup>th</sup>

## 2013 TMP Recommended Revisions to Official Plan Schedule C – Transportation Network

Phase 1: Problem and

Opportunity

Oct.-Nov. 2014

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Exhibit 8-30: Recommended Revisions to Official Plan Schedule C – Transportation Network 12/15/20 \* 8





## 2013 TMP Recommendations for 6<sup>th</sup> Line:

- 1. New interchange at Highway 400/6<sup>th</sup> Line
- 2. Upgrade  $6^{th}$  Line from Local Road to Town Arterial Road
- 3. Reconstruct 6<sup>th</sup> Line from County Road 27 to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad.
- 4. Urbanize 6<sup>th</sup> Line from 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to St. John's Road.





## **Phase 1 Needs Analysis**

As part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Line EA, a detailed Needs Analysis was performed to identify other deficiencies in the 6<sup>th</sup> Line corridor. The Needs Analysis involved the following activities:

- The TMP traffic model was updated to reflect new growth information and to determine the required number of lanes along the corridor;
- Intersection analysis determined which intersections need traffic signals and if/where turn lanes will be required;
- Existing roadway conditions were compared to the Town of Innisfil engineering roadway standards to identify roadway deficiencies (lane widths, shoulders, active transportation);
- Potential constraints that may impede improvements (historic properties, homes, swamps, etc.) were identified.

## **Phase 1 Problem & Opportunity Statement**

The Needs Analysis has concluded that the 6<sup>th</sup> Line corridor cannot sufficiently support the Town's Transportation Vision or the projected growth. The problems (or deficiencies) identified for the 6<sup>th</sup> Line Study Area are:

- Roadway infrastructure deficiencies (narrow lanes, narrow shoulders, poor riding surface, no lane markings, etc.);
- Potential constraints that could affect opportunities to widen;
- No cyclist or pedestrian accommodations (Active Transportation facilities);
- Regional need for a new interchange at Highway 400/6<sup>th</sup> Line to reduce the future stress on the Innisfil Beach Road interchange and to provide access to growing areas in the Town of Innisfil.





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# How did we analyze the corridor?

The study corridor was divided into segments based on the differing future needs and constraints emerging from the Needs Analysis:

- Segment 1 County Road 27 to 5th Sideroad
- Segment 2 5th Sideroad to 20th Sideroad
- Segment 3 20th Sideroad to East of Future Alcona Road South
- Segment 4 East of Future Alcona Road South to Barrie GO Train Line crossing
- Segment 5 Barrie GO Train Line crossing
- Segment 6 Barrie GO Train Line crossing to east of Future Street A (Sleeping Lion Development)
- Segment 7 East of Future Street A (Sleeping Lion Development) to east of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development)
- Segment 8 East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development) to St. John's Road





#### Phase 1 Recommendations

#### Segment 1 - County Road 27 to 5th Sideroad

• 2-lane Rural Arterial roadway with paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists and roadside ditches.

#### Segment 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

- 4-lane Rural Arterial roadway with paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists and roadside ditches;
- New Interchange at Highway 400.

#### Segment 3 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to East of Future Alcona South Road

• 5-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side and sidewalk on the south side.

# Segment 4 – East of Future Alcona Road to Barrie GO Train Line crossing

• 4-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side and sidewalk on the south side.

#### Segment 5 – Barrie GO Train Line crossing

• 4-lane bridge with multi-use path on the north side and sidewalk on the south side.

# Segment 6 – Barrie GO Train Line crossing to East of Future Street A (Sleeping Lion Development)

 5-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side.

# Segment 7 –East of Future Street A to East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development)

• Transition from 5-lane to 2-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side.

#### Segment 8 – East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development) to St. John's Road

• 2-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side.





# **Phase 2 Alternative Solutions**

Alternative Solutions (planning alternatives) are functionally different ways of approaching and dealing with a problem or opportunity. The Class Environmental assessment process requires documentation and examination of all reasonable alternatives to address the problem referred to as Alternative Solutions.

The following alternative solutions were considered to address the Problems and Opportunities identified in Phase 1:

- 1. **Do Nothing** Involves a continuation of existing conditions without changes or improvements to the corridor.
- Physical Improvements involving road rehabilitation or reconstruction, widening to accommodate additional vehicle lanes and/or improve shoulders, addition of sidewalks and/or multi-use trail (i.e. pedestrian and cyclist accommodation), and intersection improvements (signals/roundabouts).





Phase 2: Alternative Solutions November 2014

## **Evaluation Criteria**

The following criteria were used to evaluate alternatives in Phase 2 and to develop the recommendations to consider in Phase 3:

Criteria	Considerations
Transportation	<ul> <li>Ability to accommodate projected</li> </ul>
Service	traffic volumes to the 2031 horizon
	year
	<ul> <li>Ability to accommodate Active</li> </ul>
	Transportation goals
Natural	<ul> <li>Impact to environmentally significant</li> </ul>
Environment	areas.
	Vegetation
	• Wildlife
	Aquatic Habitat
Socio-	<ul> <li>Ability to accommodate planned</li> </ul>
Economic	development and growth
Environment	<ul> <li>Impacts to agricultural / farming</li> </ul>
	operations, business areas / access,
	and residential areas / access
	<ul> <li>Noise Impacts</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Archaeological Features</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Cultural Heritage Features</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Visual Aesthetics / Community</li> </ul>
	Character
Infrastructure	<ul> <li>Existing utilities impacts</li> </ul>
Design	<ul> <li>Driver expectation / speed limits /</li> </ul>
	Road character
	<ul> <li>Construction disruption</li> </ul>
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## Segment 1 – County Road 27 to 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (20m ROW)



Alt. #1-1: 2-Lane Rural with Paved Shoulders (30m ROW) – PREFERRED OPTION







## Segment 1 – County Road 27 to 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #1-1: 2-Lane Rural with Paved Shoulders (30m ROW)
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Infrastructure Design	×	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

- Provide paved shoulders for cyclists;
- Evaluate alignments that follow existing corridor to minimize impact to adjacent potentially significant areas;
- Acquire 10m new right of way, to accommodate wider platform, roadside ditches, and to be in more general conformance with County right of way standards.





## Segment 2-5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (20m ROW)



Alt. #2-1: 4-Lane Rural with Paved Shoulders (30m ROW) – PREFERRED OPTION







#### Segment 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #2-1: 4-Lane Rural with Paved Shoulders (30m ROW)
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	×	$\checkmark$
Infrastructure Design	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

- Provide paved shoulders for active transportation; 0
- Evaluate alignments that follow existing corridor to 0 minimize impact to adjacent potentially significant areas;
- Acquire 10 m of new right of way, to accommodate wider platform, roadside ditches and to be more in general conformance with County right of way standards.





## Segment 3 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to East of Future Alcona Road South

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (20m ROW)



# Alt. #3-1: 5-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk (32.5m ROW) – PREFERRED OPTION



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## Segment 3 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to East of Future Alcona Road South

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #3-1: 5-Lane Urban Road with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk (32.5m ROW)
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	×	$\checkmark$
Infrastructure Design	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

- Provide multi-use path on north side, sidewalk on south side;
- Shift alignment slightly north to minimize impact to home;
- Acquire 12.5m of new right of way, predominantly on north side of existing right of way.





## Segment 4 – East of Future Alcona Road South to Barrie GO Train Line crossing

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (20m ROW)



Alt. #4-1: 4-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk (27.5m ROW) – PREFERRED OPTION







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### Segment 4 – East of Future Alcona Road South to Barrie GO Train Line crossing

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #4-1: 4-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk (27.5m ROW)
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	×	$\checkmark$
Infrastructure Design	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

- Provide multi-use path on north side, sidewalk on south side;
- Acquire 7.5m of new right of way, predominantly on south side of existing right of way;
- Shift alignment slightly south to minimize impact to heritage designated site.





#### Segment 5 – Barrie GO Train Line crossing

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (Use Existing Structure)



Alt. #5-1: 4-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk – PREFERRED OPTION







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#### Segment 5 – Barrie GO Train Line crossing

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #5-1: 4-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	×	$\checkmark$
Infrastructure Design	×	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

- Provide multi-use path on north side, sidewalk on south side;
- Shift alignment slightly south to minimize impact to potentially significant area;
- Span GO right of way with increased vertical clearance to accommodate future electrification.





## Segment 6 – Barrie GO Train Line crossing to East of Future Street A (Sleeping Lion)

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (20m ROW)



#### Alt. #6-1: 5-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk (29m ROW) - PREFERRED OPTION







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## Segment 6 – Barrie GO Train Line crossing to East of Future Street A (Sleeping Lion)

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #6-1: 5-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path & Sidewalk (29m ROW)
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	×	$\checkmark$
Infrastructure Design	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

- End sidewalk on south side at Street A to minimize 0 impacts to Provincially Significant Wetland;
- Widen right of way 6m to the north, 3m to the south;
- Left turn lanes at Street A; 0
- Traffic signal at Street A. 0





## Segment 7 – East of Future Street A to East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion)

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (20m ROW)



# Alt. #7-1: 3-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path (26m ROW) – PREFERRED OPTION



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### Segment 7 – East of Future Street A to East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion)

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #7-1: 3-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path (26m ROW)
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	×	$\checkmark$
Infrastructure Design	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

- Eliminate sidewalk on south side to minimize impacts to Provincially Significant Wetland;
- Evaluate alignments that stay within the existing 20m existing right of way plus the 6m right of way (north side) negotiated with Sleeping Lion.





#### Segment 8 – East of Future Street C to St. John's Road

Alt. #DN: Do Nothing (20m ROW)



# Alt. #8-1: 2-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path only (20m ROW) – PREFERRED OPTION





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### Segment 8 – East of Future Street C to St. John's Road

Criteria	Alt. # Do Nothing	Alt. #8-1: 2-Lane Urban with Multi-Use Path only (20m ROW)
Transportation Service	×	$\checkmark$
Natural Environment	$\checkmark$	×
Socio-Economic Environment	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Infrastructure Design	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Recommended as Preferred	×	$\checkmark$
		Preferred

#### **Recommendations to consider in Phase 3:**

 Evaluate designs that keep constructed improvements inside existing right of way to minimize impacts to adjacent properties and potentially significant areas.





# Highway 400 Interchange

Phase 2 reconsidered the connection of 6<sup>th</sup> Line with Highway 400 to confirm the recommendation from the TMP. It considered the following alternative solutions:

- Alt. 1: Do Nothing (ie no connection to Hwy 400)
- Alt. 2: Build a Connection to Highway 400

**Recommendation:** An interchange is recommended at 6<sup>th</sup> Line in order to relieve congestion on Innisfil Beach Road and to provide access to developing areas in Innisfil.

The interchange design will be developed in Phase 3.





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## Phase 3 Preferred Design Concept (20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to St. John's Road)

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Due to the advanced schedule for the Sleeping Lion development , Phase 3 design work was accelerated for the section of 6<sup>th</sup> Line between 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to St. John's Road.

Using the results from Phases 1 and 2, a preferred design concept was prepared.

We invite you to view the preferred design concept for 6<sup>th</sup> Line from 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to St. John's Road and provide comments.

# Your comments on this Design Concept are valuable and will be considered.





# **Next Steps**



## Summary of PIC #1

6<sup>th</sup> Line Municipal Class Environmental Assessment From County Road 27 to St. John's Road

Town of Innisfil

February 3, 2015




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# Introduction

The Town of Innisfil, in conjunction with the HDR project team, is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for transportation improvements to 6<sup>th</sup> Line from St. John's Road to County Road 27. This Class EA Study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011). As such, public and stakeholder consultation are a key component of this study. This report presents a summary of the first public consultation event, the information presented to the public, and the comments received.

### **Project Background**

Currently 6<sup>th</sup> Line is a 2-lane road with a posted speed of 80 km/h. Based on predicted future uses, the segment of roadway between 20 Sideroad to St. John's Road (approximately 3 km in length, and including the planned Sleeping Lion Development) is anticipated to have future urbanized characteristics, while the segment from County Road 27 to 20 Sideroad (approximately 12 km in length, with mostly agricultural properties) will operate as a rural section.

Based on the recommendations from the 2013 Transportation Master Plan, the Town is proposing to widen 6th Line, 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to St. John's Road, from a 20 m 2-lane local rural road to a 26 m wide 4-lane *urban major collector road*, and proposing to widen 6<sup>th</sup> Line, County Road 27 to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, from a 20 m 2-lane local rural road to a 30 m wide 4-lane *rural arterial road*. These recommendations will be confirmed during the EA.

In addition to confirming the cross section of the roadway, the study will review the need for the following corridor features:

- Bike lanes or multi-use trails;
- Potential need for an interchange at Highway 400;
- New structure or structure widening over the existing GO rail line;
- Intersection improvements.

The location of the study area is illustrated in Figure 1.

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Figure 1: Key Plan of the Study Area

# Public Open House #1

The first Public Open House was held on December 11, 2014 at the Town of Innisfil Town Hall. Notice for this consultation event was provided through the following:

- Mailing of notices to property owners fronting onto the 6<sup>th</sup> Line corridor between County Road 27 to St. John's Road, and all others on the project contact list
- Project Study Web site
- Local newspaper advertisement:
  - Innisfil Examiner on November 28, 2014 and December 5, 2014.
  - Innisfil Community Bulletin on November 28, 2014

The meeting was organized as a drop-in Open House from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. During this time, community residents and stakeholders had an opportunity to view project background displays and preliminary design concepts for the roadway sections, and discuss their opinions and concerns with the project team. Attendees were also provided with a Comment Form for them to fill out and return to the project team by January 15, 2015. Approximately 30 people attended the December 11, 2014 Public Open House.

The project team returned on December 17, 2014 to speak with other members of the community who did not get a chance to attend the Open House on December 11, 2014 due to inclement weather. At this time, the same background displays were available for the public to view and discuss with the project team. One additional panel was added at this meeting that showed the current Official Plan, to supplement the panel that showed the 2013 TMP recommendations for revisions to the Official Plan. Approximately 10 people attended the December 17 re-run of the Public Open House.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of Public Open House #1 was to present the preliminary findings of Phases 1 and 2 (Problem & Opportunity and Alternative Solutions) for the entire study area and part of Phase

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3 (Development of Design Concepts for the Preferred Solution), for the urban segment of 6<sup>th</sup> Line between 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and St. John's Road, to the public and stakeholders.

Display boards included:

- Background on the Environmental Assessment process being followed for this study
- Background plans and policies, such as the Innisfil TMP, driving the study
- Summary of Needs Assessment
- Problem and Opportunity Statement
- Corridor segmentation
- Alternative planning solutions and evaluation criteria
- · Evaluation of cross-section options for each of the segments along the corridor
- Preliminary design concept for the urban segment of 6<sup>th</sup> Line between 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and St. John's Road

### **Key Messages Heard**

There is significant community interest in the 6<sup>th</sup> Line Environmental Assessment study. The residents and stakeholders who attended the Public Open House had many comments about the study scope and process, transportation review findings, and types of solutions that would be considered.

The following is a synthesis of comments and key messages heard.

- Concern for urbanization of the corridor and loss of farming
- Concern for widening of the roadway that will cause a loss of personal property
- Concern that the roadway would be constructed wider than needed
- Increased traffic that will affect residents' access to properties
- Requests for information concerning the interchange location at Hwy 400, and GO Station location on the Barrie Line
- Requests for information regarding the residential development, Sleeping Lion.
- Concern for changes in the Official Plan that affect 5<sup>th</sup> Line
- Concern for impacts to environment at Hwy 400 resulting from an interchange

# Next Steps

Based on the input received during the Public Open House, the project team will refine the study findings and preliminary design concept. The preferred design for 6<sup>th</sup> Line will be presented during Public Open House #2, scheduled for the Spring/Summer 2015.

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Scott MacKenzie, P.Eng Town of Innisfil 2101 Innisfil Beach Road Innisfil, ON L95 1A1

Tyrone Gan, P.Eng HDR Corporation 100 York Blvd., Suite 300 Richmond Hill, ON L48 138

Dear Mr. MacKenzie & Mr. Gan

As an ongoing stakeholder in this issue we are writing to acknowledge our attendance at the Public Open House #1 on December 17, 2014, and wish to make the following comments.

We are surprised to see that the 6<sup>th</sup> Line EA is moving forward, when Schedule C from the 2010 Official Plan has designated the 6<sup>th</sup> Line as a local road. This is concerning to Lormel considering that the 5<sup>th</sup> Line was designated in the 2010 OP as an arterial road with a "Potential Puture Interchange" at the Highway 400, end a "Potential GO Transit Station" directly East of our LSAMI P1 Lands.

We would like this letter to be seen as an expression of our concern and discontent with the recent change in vision that appears to have emanated from the 2013 TMP recommendations. As a major landowner and Builder In Innisfil, Lefroy, we respectfully request that we receive any future correspondence relative to this EA.

Yours very truly,

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Kim Taylor Lormel Homes/Bellaire Properties Inc

tc. Mayor Gord Wauchope & Members of Council

cc. Andy Campbell & Jason Reynar, Deputy CAO, Town of Innisfil

cc- Carolyn Ali, Manager of Development Engineering, Town of Innisfil



#### TOWN OF INNISFIL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 6th LINE FROM COUNTY ROAD 27 TO ST. JOHN'S ROAD

#### NOTICE OF STUDY UPDATE / PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2

The **Town of Innisfil (Town)** has retained **HDR Corporation (HDR)** to conduct a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA) for transportation improvements to the 6th Line from County Road 27 to St. John's Road. Improvements will consider opportunities to better serve motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and to help manage increasing traffic resulting from development growth in the Town. Specifically, the study will consider the need to widen the road from 2-lanes to 4-lanes and to support the Town's desire to develop a sustainable transportation system with a strong focus on active transportation and protection of future transit opportunities.



This Class EA Study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011). The Class EA Study process includes public and government agency consultation, identification of study area needs, development and evaluation of alternative solutions, an assessment of the effects of the proposed improvements and identification of measures required to reduce potential impacts.

Phase 1 (Problem or Opportunity) and Phase 2 (Alternative Solutions) were completed and presented at the first Public Open House in December 2014. Phase 3 (Alternative Design Concepts for the Preferred Solution) is currently underway, and a preliminary design will be presented at the second Public Open House (date, time and location noted below).

At the end this Class EA Study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be produced to document the recommended solution, the Class EA Study process, the identified effects and proposed mitigation measures. The ESR will be placed on the public record and be available for review by the public and review agencies for a period of at least 30 calendar days. A separate Notice of Completion for the ESR will be provided at the end of the Class EA Study.

Project updates and notices will continue to be posted on the Town's website <u>www.innisfil.ca</u> to inform the public of the Class EA Study process.

Public consultation is important and will inform each phase of the Class EA Studies. The Second Open House is scheduled for May 28, 2015, further details provided below.

#### Public Information Centre #2:

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Date:	May 28, 2015	Location:	Town Hall Community Rooms
Time:	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.		2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1

Please contact either of the following project team members if you have any questions or comments, wish to obtain more information on the study, or if you would like to be added to the project mailing list to receive future study notifications:

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#### This notice was first issued on May 8, 2015.



Welcome to

# Public Open House #2

for the

# Town of Innisfil 6<sup>th</sup> Line Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

County Road 27 to St. John's Road May 28, 2015







# **Study Purpose and Study Corridor**

The Town of Innisfil is undertaking a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to assess future improvements to 6<sup>th</sup> Line between County Road 27 and St. John's Road.



The study will recommend:

- Cross-section elements (number of lanes, cyclist/pedestrian facilities)
- Roadway geometry (horizontal alignment, vertical profile, intersection configuration)

- Stormwater/drainage design approach
- Areas for right of way protection



# Where are we now in the EA process?



# Why is your input important?

- EA's are public processes which provide the general public an opportunity to provide feedback
- This is the second of two public open houses for this study







# **Phase 1 Problem & Opportunity Statement**

The Needs Analysis conducted during Phase 1 of the EA has concluded that the 6<sup>th</sup> Line corridor cannot sufficiently support the Town's Transportation Vision or the projected growth. The problems (or deficiencies) identified for the 6<sup>th</sup> Line Study Area are:

- Roadway infrastructure deficiencies (narrow lanes, narrow shoulders, poor riding surface, no lane markings, etc.);
- Potential constraints that could affect opportunities to widen;
- No cyclist or pedestrian accommodations (Active Transportation facilities);





# **Recommended Changes Since Open House #1**

Previous recommendation for the segment between **5th Sideroad and 20th Sideroad** included a 4-lane cross-section with paved shoulders and an interchange at Highway 400, as recommended by the 2013 Transportation Master Plan



PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION

**Based on the input we received** at Open House #1 in December 2014, the study team revisited this segment and additional traffic analysis revealed that a 4-lane cross-section is not required until:

- Growth in the Town of Innisfil and Alcona area are achieved, plus the additional pressures resulting from increased traffic growth to the north,
- Significant traffic growth is achieved resulting from new development along 6<sup>th</sup> Line, AND
- An interchange at Highway 400 is built

Therefore, moving forward this EA will recommend a 2-lane Rural Arterial roadway with paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists and roadside ditches, with 30 metre right-of-way and protection for widening to 4 lanes.





# Summary of Phases 1 and 2 Recommendations

## County Road 27 to 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

• 2-lane Rural Arterial roadway with paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists and roadside ditches.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad (updated recommendation)

- 2-lane Rural Arterial roadway with paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists and roadside ditches (with 30 metre right-of-way protection);
- General land protection for potential future widening to 4-lanes.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to East of Future Alcona Road South

• 5-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side and sidewalk on the south side.

## East of Future Alcona Road South to Barrie GO Train Line Crossing

• 4-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side and sidewalk on the south side.

### **Barrie GO Train Line Crossing**

• 4-lane bridge with multi-use path on the north side and sidewalk on the south side.

# Barrie GO Train Line Crossing to East of Future Street A (Sleeping Lion Development)

• 5-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side and partial sidewalk on south side (ending at Street A).

# East of Future Street A to East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development)

• 3-lane (transition from 5-lane to 2-lane) Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side.

### East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development) to St. John's Road

• 2-lane Major Collector roadway with multi-use path on the north side.







# **Evaluation Criteria**

The following criteria were used to evaluate alternative cross-sections, horizontal alignment, and vertical profile options.

A Reasoned Argument method of evaluation was used to understand the advantages/disadvantages in order to identify the preliminary preferred alternative(s).

Please refer to the evaluation and design stations around the room to review the material for the segment(s) you are interested in.

Criteria	Considerations
Transportation Service	<ul> <li>Ability to accommodate projected traffic volumes to the 2031 horizon year</li> <li>Ability to accommodate active transportation goals</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ability to meet or exceed minimum geometric standards</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ability to address safety concerns</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ability to address pavement deficiencies</li> </ul>
Natural Environment	<ul> <li>Impact to environmentally significant areas.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Vegetation / natural heritage</li> </ul>
	• Wildlife
	Wetlands
	Fisheries and aquatic habitat
	Stormwater quality or quantity
Social and Cultural	<ul> <li>Ability to accommodate planned development and growth</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul> <li>Accommodation of or impacts to the proposed Sleeping Lion development</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Impacts to agricultural / farming operations, business areas / access, and residential areas / access</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Air, noise, and vibration impacts</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Impacts to archaeological/cultural heritage features</li> </ul>
Infrastructure Design	<ul> <li>Existing utilities impacts</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Driver expectation / speed limits / road character</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Construction disruption</li> </ul>





# **Phase 3 Preliminary Preferred Design Concept**



Open House #1 presented cross-sections for the entire corridor and preliminary designs for the segment between 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and St. John's Road.

Open House #2 presents the preliminary design concepts for the entire corridor, including changes based on your input and discussions with stakeholders.

We invite you to view the preliminary preferred design concept for the entire 6<sup>th</sup> Line corridor, from County Road 27 to St. John's Road, and provide comments.

# Your comments on this Preliminary Design Concept are valuable and will be

considered.



# **Next Steps**





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Recommendation

- Option 2 is preferred because: • Minimizes impacts to reside
- Minimizes impacts to residential property and Built Heritage Resource on the north side, west of Barrie GO Train Line crossing
  - Option 2 can accommodate construction staging




## 6<sup>th</sup> Line Environmental Assessment Study County Road 27 to St. John's Road





6<sup>th</sup> Line Environmental Assessment Study County Road 27 to St. John's Road



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## **Stormwater Management Concepts**



An evaluation of various Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) was carried out to determine the most appropriate strategy for the management of stormwater for each of the following road segments:

Segment 1: County Road 27 to 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad Segment 2: 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad Segment 3: 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to East of Future Alcona Road South Segment 4: East of Future Alcona Road South to Barrie GO Train Line Crossing Segment 5: Barrie GO Train Line Crossing Segment 6: Barrie GO Train Line Crossing to East of Future Street A (Sleeping Lion Development) Segment 7: East of Future Street A to East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development)

Segment 8: East of Future Street C (Sleeping Lion Development) to St. John's Road

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# Assessment of Stormwater Best Management Practice Options

вмр	Best Management	Drainage Segment- BMP Applicability							
Category	Practice Options	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Segment 4	Segment 5	Segment 6	Segment 7	Segment 8
Proposed Road Type		Rural	Rural	Urban	Urban	Urban	Urban	Urban	Urban
С	Road Side Ditches/ Grassed Swales	~	~	×	×	×	×	×	×
с	Curb & Gutter/ Catch Basins with storm sewer system	×	×	~	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	~
S	Oil Grit Separator	x	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
C/EOP	Underground Seepage Beds	×	×	~	~	×	~	~	~
с	Soil Trench System – Underground Modular Cells	×	×	~	~	×	~	~	~
EOP	SWM Ponds (Wet Ponds)	×	×	×	×	×	~	~	×

Note: The preliminary preferred option is to be confirmed with LSRCA and NVCA as part of this Study.

BMP Category		
S:	Source	
C:	Conveyance	
EOP:	End of Pipe	

BMP Applicability to the Road				
Segment				
$\checkmark$	Applicable			
×	Not Applicable			





# **Best Management Practice Options**

## Roadside Ditches/Swales



PROS	CONS
Treats stormwater close to source	Requires wider right of way
Allows for incremental swales/storage areas	Requires routine maintenance
Promotes infiltration on site	
Capacity to remove pollutants	
Preferred in rural areas	

## Curb & Gutter/Catch Basins



PROS	CONS
Captures water on roadway	Requires an outfall/ storage/treatment area
Does not require large footprint	Requires an underground pipe network, or outfall pipe
	Requires regular maintenance
	Higher capital cost
Preferred in urban areas & c	constrained rural areas

## **Oil Grit Separator**



PROS	CONS	
Captures water on roadway via storm sewer system	Requires routine maintenance	
Minimizes oils & sediment from entering sensitive environmental areas	Not preferred by conservation authorities as stand-alone practice	
Pollutants removal capability	Higher capital cost	
Does not require large footprint		
Preferred in urban areas & constrained rural areas		





## **Best Management Practice Options**

## **Underground Seepage Beds**



PROS	CONS
Not visible to the public	Requires periodic maintenance
Area above can be used for other purposes	Not suitable for high groundwater areas
Promotes infiltration on site	More difficult to remove sediment build up
	Requires larger footprint area
	Higher capital cost
Preferred in urban areas	

## Soil Trench System – Underground Modular Cell Matrix



PROS	CONS
Not visible to the pubic	Requires periodic maintenance
Area above can be used for landscaping/ trees	Not suitable for high groundwater areas
Reduces volume and rate of stormwater runoff	More difficult to remove sediment build up
Pollutants removal capability	Highest capital cost
Preferred in urban areas	

## **Stormwater Ponds**



PROS	CONS
Easy to construct & maintain	Requires larger footprint and additional property taking
Pollutants removal capability	Not effective for small drainage catchment
Provides stormwater storage by controlling peak flow	

Preferred in urban areas







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## 6th Line Constraints Mapping: 10 Sideroad to Yonge Street

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# Summary of Public Open House #2

# 6<sup>th</sup> Line Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

From County Road 27 to St. John's Road

Town of Innisfil

February 1, 2016





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# Introduction

The Town of Innisfil, in conjunction with the HDR project team, is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (EA Study) for transportation improvements to 6<sup>th</sup> Line from St. John's Road to County Road 27. This EA Study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011). As such, public and stakeholder consultation are a key component of this EA Study. The first Public Open House was held in December 2014, and the second in May 2015. This report presents a summary of the second public consultation event, the information presented to the public, and the comments received.

## **Project Background**

Currently 6<sup>th</sup> Line is a 2-lane road with a posted speed of 80 km/h. Based on predicted future uses, the segment of roadway between 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to St. John's Road (approximately 3 km in length, and including the planned Sleeping Lion Development) is anticipated to have future urbanized characteristics, while the segment from County Road 27 to 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad (approximately 12 km in length, with mostly agricultural properties) will operate as a rural section.

Based on the recommendations from the 2013 Transportation Master Plan, and additional assessment conducted through this EA Study, the Town is proposing to widen 6<sup>th</sup> Line, between 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and St. John's Road, from a 20 m 2-lane local rural road to a 26-30 m wide 4-lane *urban major collector road*, and proposing to reconstruct 6<sup>th</sup> Line, between County Road 27 and 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, from a 20 m 2-lane local rural road to a 2-lane *rural arterial road* with paved shoulders and 30 m right-of-way protection.

In addition to confirming the cross section and preliminary conceptual design of the roadway, the EA Study will review the need for the following corridor features:

- Bike lanes or multi-use trails;
- Potential need for a future interchange at Highway 400;
- New structure or structure widening over the existing GO rail line;
- Intersection improvements.

The location of the EA Study area is illustrated in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Key Plan of the Study Area

# Public Open House #2

The second Public Open House was held on May 28, 2015 at the Town of Innisfil Town Hall. Notice for this consultation event was provided through the following:

- Mailing of notices to property owners fronting onto the 6<sup>th</sup> Line corridor from County Road 27 to St. John's Road, and all others on the project contact list;
- Project EA Study Web site;
- Local newspaper advertisement:
  - Innisfil Examiner on May 15, 2015 and May 22, 2015
  - Innisfil Community Bulletin on May 15, 2015 and May 22, 2015

The meeting was organized as a drop-in Open House from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. During this time, community residents and stakeholders had an opportunity to view project background displays, updates since the first Public Open House, and preliminary design concepts for the roadway sections, and discuss their opinions and concerns with the project team. Attendees were encouraged to sign-in and were also provided with a Comment Form to fill out and return to the project team by June 25, 2015. Approximately 40 people signed in at the May 28, 2015 Public Open House.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of Public Open House #2 was to present the recommended changes since the first Public Open House, and the preliminary findings of Phase 3 of the EA Study (Development of Design Concepts for the Preferred Solution), to the public and stakeholders.

Display boards included:

- EA Study purpose and location;
- Background on the Environmental Assessment process being followed for this EA Study;
- Problem and Opportunity Statement;

- Recommended changes since Public Open House #1
  - Previous recommendation for the segment between 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad included a 4-lane cross-section with paved shoulders as recommended by the 2013 Transportation Master Plan. Based on the input received at Public Open House #1 in December 2014, the study team revisited this segment and additional traffic analysis revealed that a 4-lane cross-section is not required at this time. Therefore, moving forward this EA Study will recommend a 2-lane rural arterial roadway with paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists and roadside ditches, with 30 metre right-of-way and protection for widening to 4 lanes.
- Corridor segmentation and summary of EA Study Phases 1 and 2 recommendations;
- Evaluation criteria;
- Updated constraint maps incorporating input received at the first Public Open House;
- Evaluation of cross-section and horizontal alignment options at constrained segments along the corridor;
- Stormwater management concepts and assessment of stormwater best management practice options;
- Preliminary design concepts (plan and profile) for the entire EA Study area, along 6<sup>th</sup> Line between County Road 27 and St. John's Road;
- Coordination with Ministry of Transportation Ontario regarding a potential future interchange at Highway 400.

## **Key Messages Heard**

There is significant community interest in the 6<sup>th</sup> Line EA Study. The residents and stakeholders who attended the Public Open House had many comments about the EA Study scope and process, transportation review findings, and designs that are being considered.

The following is a synthesis of comments and key messages heard. Comment forms received are included in **Appendix A**.

- Concern for urbanization of the corridor and loss of farming;
- Concern for widening of the roadway that will cause a loss of personal property;
- Concern for impacts to personal property, including wells and vegetation;
- Concern for roadway footprint being too close to personal property and buildings;
- Concern for impacts to culturally significant buildings;
- Request for additional information regarding the Town's plans to extend servicing (water/sewer) to 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad potentially starting in 2017/2018;
- Relief that cross-section recommendations have been updated for the segment between 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, following input received at the first Public Open House in December 2014;
- Concern that increased traffic will affect residents' access to properties;
- Concern for impacts to environment and loss of personal property at Highway 400 resulting from a potential future interchange at this location;

 Request to review impacts under consideration at three locations – homes immediately west of 5<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, at 6<sup>th</sup> Line and Yonge Street, and midway between Yonge Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad.

# Additional Consultation with Landowners

Additional meetings were held with some individual landowners to understand their comments at the Public Open House regarding proximity of the reconstruction to the features on their property. Meetings were held as follows:

- June 5, 2015: Property owners at 3368 6<sup>th</sup> Line.
- June 10, 2015: Property owners at 2150 and 2232 6<sup>th</sup> Line.
- June 11, 2015: Property owners at 3653 and 3654 6<sup>th</sup> Line.
- June 17, 2015: Property owners at 1604, 1825, 1954, 1961, 1973, 1974, 2010, 2048, 2051, and 2062 6<sup>th</sup> Line.
- July 15, 2015: Property owners at 3654 6<sup>th</sup> Line.
- July 15, 2015: Property owners at 1961, 1973, 1974, 2010, 2048, 2051 and 2062 6<sup>th</sup> Line.
- July 21, 2015: Property owners at 1961 6<sup>th</sup> Line.
- July 21, 2015: Property owners at 1974 6<sup>th</sup> Line.

Additional evaluation may be completed to confirm if the solutions developed are providing a well balanced design or if additional mitigations in these areas is required.

# Next Steps

Based on the input received during the second Public Open House, the project team will refine the proposed preliminary design concept. The preferred design for 6<sup>th</sup> Line will be documented in the Environmental Study Report (ESR) that concludes the EA Study, documenting the rationale, planning, design, and consultation process of the project. The ESR will be placed on the public record for a minimum of 30 calendar days, allowing the public and interested agencies and stakeholders to review and provide further comments. At the time the report is filed, a Notice of Completion and ESR Filing will be advertised and sent to all those on the project mailing list, to advise the public and other stakeholders where the ESR may be seen and reviewed, and how to submit public comments. The Notice will also advise the public and other stakeholders of their right to request a Part II Order, and how and when such a request must be submitted.



#### TOWN OF INNISFIL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 5<sup>TH</sup> LINE FROM COUNTY ROAD 27 TO ST. JOHN'S ROAD PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2 May 28, 2015

#### **Comments / Ouestionnaire**

Thank you for attending foday's Open House for the 6<sup>th</sup> Line Clase Environmental Assessment Study. The information displayed at today's Open House will be available at the Town's website: <u>www.innistit.ca</u>

If you wish to be added to our mailing list or provide comments on this study please complete this form end drop it off in the Comment Box provided tonight or mail / email your comments to one of the following team members. Comments will be accepted until June 25, 2015.

Mr. Scott MacKenzle, P. Eng. Development Engineer, Town of Innisiil 2101 Innisiil Beach Road Innisiil, ON L9S 1A1 Phone: 705.436.3740 x3242 Emeil: <u>smackenzle@innisfil.ca</u>	Mr. Tyrone Gen, P.Eng. Consultent Project Manger, HDB 100 York Blvd., Sulle 300 Richmond Hill, ON L48 1J6 Phone: 289.695.4622 Emell: <u>tyrone.gan@hdrinc.com</u>	
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#### TOWN OF INNISFIL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 6<sup>TH</sup> LINE FROM COUNTY ROAD 27 TO ST. JOHN'S ROAD PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2 May 28, 2015

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## TOWN OF INNISFIL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 6th LINE FEOM COUNTY EOAD 27 TO ST. JOHN'S EOAD

## NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

The **Town of Innisfil (Town)** has completed a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for transportation improvements to 6th Line from County Road 27 to St. John's Road. Improvements will better serve motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and help manage increasing traffic resulting from development growth in the Town. The Class EA Study supports the Town's desire to develop a sustainable transportation system with a strong focus on active transportation and protection for future transit opportunities.



The Class EA Study was conducted in accordance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended). The Class EA Study identified the following recommended solutions for 6th Line:

- 2-lane rural road with paved shoulders between County Road 27 and 5 Sideroad;
- 2-lane rural road with paved shoulders and protection for a 4lanerural road, if required in the future, between 5 Sideroad and 20 Sideroad;
- 4-lane urban road with multi-use path and sidewalk, and centre left-turn lane where required, between 20 Sideroad and east of future Street A (Sleeping Lion development); and
- 2-lane urban road with multi-use path, and centre left-turn lane where required, between east of future Street A (Sleeping Lion development) and St. John's Road.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared to document the Class EA Study process, consultations and recommended solutions. This notice places the ESR on public record for a 30 calendar day public review at the following locations, beginning **September 6, 2016** and ending **October 6, 2016**.

### Town of Innisfil

Clerk's Office 2101 Innisfil Beach Road Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1 Mon-Fri – 8:30am to 4:30pm Innisfil Public Library Lakeshore Branch 967 Innisfil Beach Road Innisfil, ON L9S 1V3 Tue-Fri – 9:30am to 9:00pm Sat – 10:00am to 5:00pm Sun – 1:00pm to 5:00pm We invite you to read the report and direct written comments no later than October 6, 2016 to:

Mr. Scott MacKenzie, P.Eng. Development Engineer, Town of Innisfil 2101 Innisfil Beach Rd. Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1 Phone: 705.436.3740 x3242 Email: smackenzie@innisfil.ca

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If concerns cannot be resolved through discussions with the project team, a person or party may request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change order a change in the project status and require a higher level of assessment under an individual Environmental Assessment process (referred to as a Part II Order). Reasons must be provided for the request. A Part II Order request must be received by the Minister at the address below no later than **October 6, 2016**. If not request is sent to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and received by **October 6, 2016**, the Town may proceed with the detailed design and construction of the project as outlined in the ESR.

#### The Honourable Glen R. Murray

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change 77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Ferguson Block Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Copies of any Part II Order request must also be sent no later than October 6, 2016 to:

#### Mr. Scott MacKenzie, P.Eng.

Development Engineer, Town of Innisfil 2101 Innisfil Beach Rd. Innisfil, ON L9S 1A1 Phone: 705.436.3740 x3242 Email: smackenzie@innisfil.ca **Director, Environmental Approvals Branch** Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change 135 St. Clair Ave West, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

Accessible formats of materials are available upon request.

Personal information submitted (e.g., name, address and phone number) is collected, maintained and disclosed under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for transparency and consultation purposes. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public, unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

### This notice was first issued on August 26, 2016.

	Dato		
1	2014.12.30	Met with project team at POH #1 and provided written follow up comments to S. MacKenzie: - Did not appreciate survey crew being on his property.	Response letter mailed on 2015.03.27: - Project team apologizes regarding the surveyor advance of entering property to complete the topo
		- Does not support an interchange at 6th Line and Hwy 400 due to property impacts and environmental constraints (creek, topography into ravine)	contacted in writing prior to any additional needs in - Clarified intent of topographic survey as part of - Reiterated the need for the improvements being - Alternatives considered as part of the EA will be shared with the public as the Study progresses.
2	2014.12.29	Would like to receive updates on the study. Please add to mailing list.	Added to mailing list - 2015.01.05.
3	2015.01.13	Was not able to attend the PIC and would like to receive the material presented.	S. Mackenzie replied by email - 2015.01.13 with 1 2015.01.16
4	2014.12.21		Added to mailing list.
5	2014.12.17	Please keep informed of the status of the environmental progress and results of the 6th Line Study.	Added to mailing list
6	2014.12.10	Please add to mailing list.	Added to mailing list as per email from S. Macken
7	2014.12.01	<ul> <li>Please keep on contact list and informed of Study. Represents interested land owner in Innisfil. Would like to know why 6th Line is being considered for widening to 4 lanes when Schedule C of the Innisfil OP designates 6th Line as a Local Road with No interchange at the 400.</li> <li>5th Line is designated as an Arterial with an interchange with 400 in OP; has new major fire station under construction at 5th / 20th, and OP designates GO sta. at 5th Line - not 6th Line.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Response letter mailed on 2015.03.27:</li> <li>Reiterated the need for the improvements being Municipal Class EA Study.</li> <li>As part of this EA, the study team will evaluate a recommendations related to 6th Line, including an shared with the public at the next Open House.</li> <li>Scope of the study does not include determining changes to the Official Plan. Metrolinx and the To the study team.</li> </ul>
		Also, last OP review MTO commented that an I/C at 6th Line is too close to IBR which is why it is being placed at 5th Line.	these matters.
8	2014.12.02	Please add to project mailing list.	Confirmed he is on mailing list.
		Noted he has been informed of the Sleeping Lion development and associated	S. MacKenzie replied by email - 2014.12.04, notir

## SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE EA STUDY

**Comment / Request** 

	Noted he has been informed of the Sleeping Lion development and associated	S. MacKenzie replied by email - 2014.12.04, notin
	widening of 6th Line and roundabout / signal installation.	being coordinated together and that he is the Innis
		The 6th Line will be constructed to its ultimate wid
	Given that this Municipal Class Environment Assessment speaks to widening the	working west to 20th Sideroad over the next 10 ye
	"whole" of the 6th Line (save that portion between St. John and Lake Simcoe), are	will be determined on the developer's phasing of the
	these two separate projects being coordinated as one or is the time frame for both so	
	far apart that widening a portion of St. John to the underpass will be done first and	
	then followed by widening it to 4 lanes later?	

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## Response

- rding the surveyors being unable to contact property owner in complete the topographic survey. Property owner will be additional needs regarding this property. survey as part of Schedule C Municipal Class EA study. provements being considered as part of the EA Study.
- rt of the EA will be evaluated, and more information will be

2015.01.13 with link to material and requesting comments by

ail from S. Mackenzie 2014.12.10

- provements being considered and intent of Schedule C
- eam will evaluate and confirm the need for specific TMP Line, including an interchange at Highway 400. This will be
- nclude determining the location of a future GO station and etrolinx and the Town of Innisfil should be contacted regarding

ing yes that Sleeping Lion and 6th Line EA are isfil rep working closely with both consultants. dth in phases starting from St. John's Road and ears (approximate time frame). The phasing the Sleeping Lion development.

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9	2014.11.04	Thanked S. MacKenzie for response. But, clarified his point - the Sleepy Lion Development Agreement approved by Council speaks to somewhat widening the existing 2 lanes and not increasing those 2 lanes to 4 lanes. Hopes, town planners to develop one plan, be it over 10 years, rather than a myriad of unrelated plans. Looking forward to find out more at the Open House and hear what other members of the public have to say.	S. MacKenzie replied by email - 2014.12.04 noting where we can discuss more in detail. In brief, the 6th Line will likely be widened to 4 lane and 20th Sideroad to accommodate the traffic gene of Webster Boulevard. The Class EA study is curre from the Sleeping Lion development to St. John's F be presented next week at the Open House.
10	2015.05.26	Own property along 6th Line and would like to remain on the mailing list.	T. Gan replied - 2014.12.02 - we will be happy to p contact us if you have any questions. Confirmed that this property owner is on the mailing
11	2015.06.08	<ol> <li>We are the owners of a 31 acre parcel of land on 6th Line, just west of St. Johns Road at [] and are very interested in this study.</li> <li>We would appreciate a copy of any material distributed at this PIC. It may be sent to []</li> <li>We wish to be included on the mailing list for future mailings.</li> </ol>	Confirmed this property owner is on mailing list and
12	June 2015	Project team met with various land owners to discuss potential impacts and alternative of summary report and in the Town's files, and letters from TOI thanking residents for their	
13	2015.07.24	Is there any significance to the fact for the first time ever the sixth line gets a line painted down it, it is about 2 feet wider on one side?	<ul> <li>S. MacKenzie response (2015.07.28):</li> <li>When 6th Line is reconstructed, the line will be pair amounts of pavement on either side.</li> <li>The preliminary design presented at our recent meet vehicles and 3.0 m wide shoulders on both sides for However, the center of the newly reconstructed road m right-of-way, but will be in the center of the future Cheryl - can you please confirm this is the case? I</li> <li>C. Murray additional response (2015.07.28):</li> <li>Yes Scott, you have stated it correctly.</li> <li>The intent will be to provide both centreline and shour roadway. The lanes will be 3.75m wide, and the part in some areas, we've shifted the future centreline at impacts to heritage or environmental features if the</li> </ul>
			roadway. Also, we discovered that in some location the existing 20m right of way, so when the road is r the roadway centreline too.
14	2015.08.20	Appreciate Town meeting with them to discuss options at their property, still have some concerns about the pond and landscaping. Additional concerns about servicing logistics and cost. Would like to continue to be informed.	HDR confirmed that these property owners are on r TOI provided response: - Thank you for comments and field discussions. T of conceptual design.
			- Comments regarding servicing will be handled

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g he hope to see resident at the Open House

nes between the Sleeping Lion development nerated by the development and the extension rrently reviewing the need to widen the 6th Line Road to 4 lanes and the preferred solution will

put you on the mailing list and feel free to

ng list

nd sent link to POH material on TOI website.

ssions are documented as part of POH #2 e meetings.

ainted down the middle of the road with equal

- neeting has 3.75 m wide travel lanes for for all options.
- road may not be in the centre of the existing 20 re 30 m right-of-way.
- I believe it is correct.

houlder lane markings for the rebuilt section of aved shoulders 3.0m wide.

away from the existing centreline to minimize ney are located primarily on one side of the ons, the existing roadway wasn't centred inside rebuilt and centred, it may result in a shift of

n mailing list and will receive future updates.

They have been considered in the refinement

by others.

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15	2015.09.12	Hello to everyone. We have not heard from anyone in a while and were wondering if there was any news about which option the town had decided they were going with in regards to the Sixth Line. If there are any upcoming meetings, we would all appreciate knowing about them. I did try going online and did not see anything in town council agendas concerning our issue. If I have missed something I would appreciate any updates.	Councillor Lougheed responded on 2015.09.12 ask Scott's response on 2015.09.14: Good morning, Based on the meetings we had here at the Town at the final document based on the 2m widening on th side of 6th Line. This will cause the least amount of neighbourhood as a whole. The consultant is finali and should have a final copy of the "draft" report av for a 30-day public review period by late September a request for an updated schedule and will let you I As for upcoming public meetings, I do not expect th presented to Council after the public's 30-day revier the consultant's updated schedule as mentioned at I hope this helps. I will keep you updated with any Line EA.
16	2016.04.18	Left voicemail for Tyrone asking for a status update on the 6th Line EA.	<ul> <li>V. Restrepo followed up with a phone call on 2016. next steps, including ESR filing for public review.</li> <li>V. Restrepo added email address to the project ma owner to confirm he will receive the filing notice via this email.</li> </ul>

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sking Scott to provide an update.

- and then in the field on [...], we are preparing the south side and 8m widening on the north t of environmental impacts to your
- alizing the design and the final document now available online (and a hard copy at Town Hall) per - early October. I have sent the consultant I know if anything has changed in the timing. there to be any more until the final document is iew period. Again, this date will be based on above.
- y important correspondence related to the 6th

6.04.18 and discussed the project status and

nailing list and followed up with an email to land ia email. Land owner acknowledged receipt of