

North Halton Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Public Information Centre #2

Introduction (Video 1) – Text Description

The following provides a text version of the audio that is included in the Introduction video.

Slide 1: North Halton Coordinated Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study – Public Information Centre #2

Hello and welcome to the second Public Information Centre (or “PIC” for short) for the North Halton Coordinated Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (or “MCEA” Study), which we will refer to as “the study” in this video!

This study will be considering a range of options for transportation corridor improvements on:

- James Snow Parkway from Britannia Road to south of Highway 401;
- Steeles Avenue from Regional Road 25 to Trafalgar Road; and
- Regional Road 25 from 5 Side Road to 10 Side Road.

Slide 2: About this Public Information Centre

This PIC includes a series of five videos that will:

- Introduce the study;
- Review the information presented through the first PIC;
- Present the preliminary preferred design for each corridor; and
- Outline the next steps in the study.

In this video, we discuss how to participate in the PIC, the study area, process and schedule, what we heard through PIC #1 and the process for developing the recommended alternative for each corridor in consideration of their unique character.

To learn about the James Snow Parkway corridor, please view Video #2. To learn about the Steeles Avenue corridor, please view Video #3. To learn about the Regional Road 25 corridor, please view Video #4. For next steps, please view Video #5.

Slide 3: About this Public Information Centre

Your input is very valuable and will help us shape the decision-making process for this project. To get involved, please take the time to review the presentation and complete the survey for the corridors that you are most interested in. The survey is available on **halton.ca**, where you will also be able to submit your comments or questions about the study.

In addition to this video, the presentation and video transcript are available on the study webpage. We encourage you to provide your input and feedback to our Project Team through the online survey on **halton.ca** by January 10th, 2025.

You may also visit this study's webpage on **halton.ca** to view study updates.

To join the study mailing list or provide feedback in an alternative manner, please contact Melissa Alexander at melissa.alexander@halton.ca.

Slide 4: Study Area

Halton Region is undertaking the North Halton Coordinated Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study to consider a range of options for corridor improvements on:

- James Snow Parkway from Britannia Road to south of Highway 401 (Urban corridor);
- Steeles Avenue from Regional Road 25 to Trafalgar Road (Urban corridor); and
- Regional Road 25 from 5 Side Road to 10 Side Road (Rural corridor).

Slide 5: Study Process and Schedule

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process is a planning and approval process for municipal infrastructure that follows Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

This study has been identified as a Schedule 'C' project and is following Phases 1 to 4 of the MCEA process.

Consultation is ongoing throughout the four phases of the MCEA process, and we welcome your comments and feedback at any time during the study. The four boxes at the bottom of this slide represent key consultation milestones that are planned throughout the study process. Project notices will be issued to agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous Communities and the public in advance of these milestones.

The study was initiated in April 2023, and we are currently approaching the end of Phase 3. At the end of the study, an Environmental Study Report, or "ESR", will be prepared to document the planning and decision-making process. The ESR will be made available for public review for a minimum of 30 days. A Notice of Completion will be issued to commence the review period. Study completion is targeted for later in 2025.

Slide 6: PIC #1 – What We Heard

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held from November 23 to December 21, 2023.

Over 100 comments were received at the first PIC, primarily from the public and stakeholders. The majority of comments received were related to active transportation, noise and quality impacts, property impacts, and overall traffic operations and safety.

Following the Public Information Centre, the project team:

- Reviewed comments and added answers to frequently asked questions to the study webpage on **halton.ca**;
- Analyzed and evaluated alternative designs for each corridor;
- Consulted with technical agencies and stakeholders; and
- Identified the preliminary preferred alternative design for each corridor for public input.

Slide 7: Process for Developing A Recommended Alternative

Having identified the design considerations, constraints and road cross-section elements in PIC #1, PIC #2 will present the road alignment, road design features and recommended alternative design for each corridor.

Thank you for taking the time to watch this presentation and learn more about the study. We encourage you to also watch the other videos prepared as part of this PIC and to share your input with the project team. Your feedback is valuable to us!

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