

# Notice of Public Information Centre #2C – Stratford Area Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study

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## THE STUDY

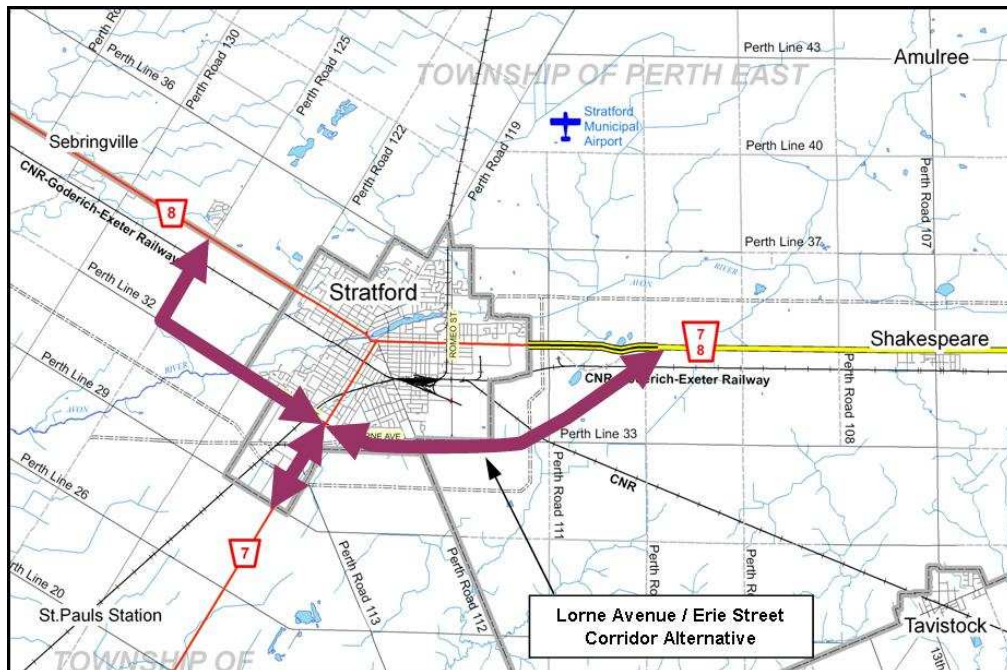
The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study, from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg Area. The purpose of the study is to identify and address the long-term transportation needs for the Analysis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

## THE PROCESS

The study is subject to the *Ontario Environmental Assessment (EA) Act* and is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000).

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public involvement and consultation are important aspects of an EA study, with Public Information Centres (PICs) scheduled at key points throughout the EA process to provide opportunities for public and stakeholder input. To date, three rounds of PICs have been held. At PIC #1, the study process and existing conditions for the Analysis Area were presented. At PIC #2, the transportation problems and opportunities were presented along with functionally different ways of addressing the transportation needs in the Analysis Area, including a "long list" of corridor alternatives. At PIC #2B, the study team presented: a revised long list of corridor alternatives; the process and criteria used to screen them; and the resulting "short list" of corridor alternatives to be carried forward for further assessment.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #2C

The stakeholder input received on information presented at PIC #2B has resulted in the addition of a corridor alternative in the Stratford area. The new corridor alternative utilizes Lorne Avenue and Erie Street through Stratford. An additional PIC has been added for the Stratford area to present and obtain input on this new corridor alternative before proceeding to the selection of a preferred corridor alternative. The date, time and location for PIC #2C is as follows:

**Wednesday April 22, 2009**  
Festival Inn – Shakespeare Room  
1144 Ontario Street, **Stratford**  
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The PIC will be conducted in an open house (drop-in) format, with display material, mapping and study documentation available for review. Members of the study team will be in attendance to discuss the study and to respond to questions or concerns. We encourage you to attend the upcoming PIC to view the information, to ask questions, and to provide your comments.

The following information will be presented at PIC #2C:

- Revised Long List of Corridor Alternatives (includes new alternatives) ;
- Screening process and criteria used to generate the Revised Short List of Corridor Alternatives;
- Revised Short List of Corridor Alternatives; and
- Process and criteria to be used for the assessment and evaluation of short-listed alternatives and selection of the preferred corridor.

Copies of the above noted information, including a larger scale version of the Revised Short-Listed Corridor Alternatives Plan, will also be available for review on the study website, at local municipal offices and at the local library in Stratford, beginning on **April 22, 2009**.

## COMMENTS

Your input and comments will assist us as we proceed with this Study. Your comments are requested by **May 22, 2009** so they can be considered as the study moves forward. Information is being collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

If you are unable to attend the PIC and wish to obtain further information, provide comments, or be added to the study mailing list, please contact one of the individuals listed below or visit our website at [www.7and8corridorstudy.ca](http://www.7and8corridorstudy.ca).

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