



Notice of Public Information Centre #3B and Opportunity to Weight Evaluation Criteria Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study G.W.P. 13-00-00

The public is invited to attend Public Information Centre (PIC) #3B to review and comment on the proposed Shakespeare-area highway route alternatives and refined evaluation criteria to be used for route selection. The study team is also inviting all interested persons to provide input on the weighting (level of importance) of the evaluation criteria to be used for the assessment and evaluation of widening / route alternatives for the entire study corridor. Public input on weightings can be submitted by mail or fax using the weighting sheets mailed to individuals on the study mailing list, via the study website or at PIC #3B.

This will be a drop-in style open house session to allow members of the public to review display material and discuss the study one-on-one with study team members. In addition, brief presentations will be made at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm to provide a study overview. PIC #3B will be held on:

Wednesday, July 21, 2010
Shakespeare and District Optimist Hall
3976 Galt Street, **Shakespeare**
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Information to be presented at PIC #3B will be on the study website, at local municipal offices and at local libraries beginning on July 21, 2010. Comments may be submitted at the PIC or via the study website at www.7and8corridorstudy.ca.

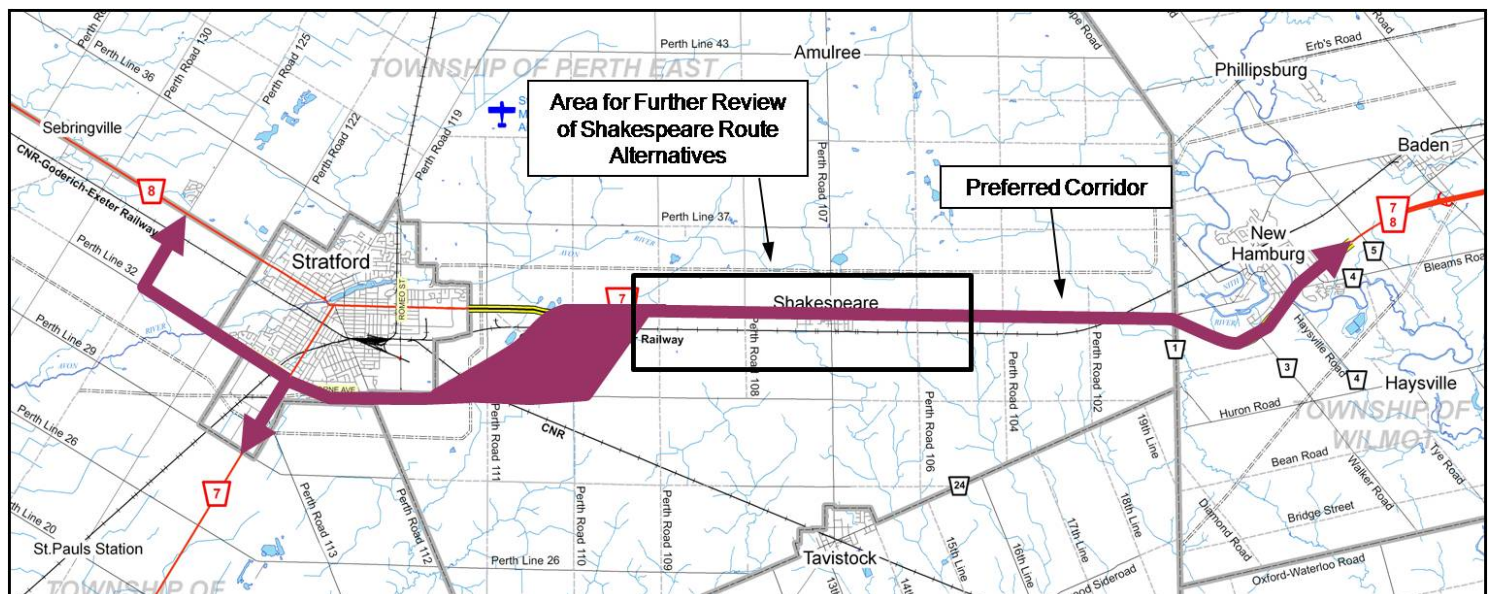
Your comments are requested by **September 3, 2010** so they can be considered as the study moves forward. Comments and information collected will be used to assist MTO with the study. This material will be maintained on file and may be included in study documentation to meet the requirements of the EA Act. Information collected will be used 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.

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.

To-date, five rounds of PICs have been held. At the last round of PICs (PIC #3) held in the summer of 2009, MTO presented a preferred corridor for Highway 7&8 within the study limits and widening / route alternatives within the preferred corridor. In response to comments received through the PIC #3 consultation process, the study team is conducting a more detailed review of route alternatives in the Shakespeare area. Shakespeare Community Workshops were held in March 2010 to support the development of a broader range of Shakespeare-area highway route alternatives and refined criteria for their evaluation.

ANALYSIS AREA



THE PROCESS

The study is subject to the *Ontario Environmental Assessment (EA) Act* and is being carried out as a Group 'A' project in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). The study will be documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report for public review at study completion.

For further information, or to be added to the mailing list for the study, please visit the study website or contact:

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