Indigenous Consultation Record

Individual Environmental Assessment for Transportation Improvements in the Teston Road Area

August 25, 2026

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1 Introduction

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) has completed a Comprehensive (previously Individual) Environmental Assessment (EA) study for transportation improvements in the Teston Road (Regional Road 49) area. The study area covers Highway 400 to Bathurst Street (Regional Road 38) and Kirby Road to Major MacKenzie Drive (Regional Road 25), within the City of Vaughan (see **Figure 1**).

In December 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements EA study. The EA study has examined solutions that will improve transportation throughout the study area through a comprehensive EA process. Consultation with Indigenous Communities is an essential part of this planning process and provides a mechanism for York Region to identify and respond to issues before decisions are made and documentation is filed with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Figure 1 Project Study Area



2 Consultation Review

Indigenous Communities, as identified during the ToR were advised of the project status at all significant milestones (i.e. commencement, Open Houses, and Submission) via letters sent from the Region, as outlined in **Appendix A**. Additionally, the MECP and the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs were contacted to ensure appropriate community outreach. Meetings with Indigenous Communities were held at the request of those communities wishing to meet with the Region to discuss the study. To-date no requests have been received.

Indigenous Communities were invited to participate in the field work for a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment in July 2023. To-date, Indigenous Communities have not expressed concern with the project.

The list of Indigenous Communities contacted at each milestone of the EA study is provided below:

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Huron – Wendat Nation Council
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation (added prior to Notice of Submission)
- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- MNO Credit River Metis Council
- MNO Toronto & York Region Metis Council
- Williams Treaty First Nations

3 Indigenous Consultation

Table 1 summarizes the communication with Indigenous Communities held during the EA study. Records of Indigenous Consultation, including emails, letters, and presentations can be found in **Appendix A-C**.

Table 1 Summary of Consultation with Indigenous Communities

Milestone	Date	Indigenous Community	Purpose
Notice of Study Commencement	August 2020	All	To introduce the study, gauge whether or not the Indigenous community has any interest in the study and request any preliminary comments.
		August 24, 2020	Huron -Wendat First Nation
Open House No. 1	August 16, 2021	All	To notify the community about progress to date and future milestones. Open House #1 presentation materials were attached.
	August 17, 2021	Huron-Wendat First Nation	Noted the Chief has changed and asked if this project is related to the Teston Road EA from 250m west of Pine Valley Drive. Requested participation in all archaeological work and access to draft reports.

Milestone	Date	Indigenous Community	Purpose
Open House No. 2 & No. 3	May 19, 2022 – June 1, 2022	All	To update communities on the archaeological assessment and the preferred alternative to the undertaking and inform them of the available information on the project website.
	May 19, 2022	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Noted that the main contact has moved on from their role and provided new contacts.
	May 24, 2022	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Asked to be kept updated on the archaeological studies and requested to participate.
Stage 2 Test Pit Survey	December 13-14, 2022	Huron-Wendat First Nation, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation	On-Site Indigenous Field Liaisons from Huron-Wendat and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation were on site. Curve Lake First Nation was provided ongoing updates on the survey via email. No concerns expressed during pit survey.
	April 13, 2023	Curve Lake First Nation	No On-Site Indigenous Field Liaison on this day. Curve Lake First Nation was provided ongoing updates on the survey via email.
	May 23, 2023	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation	On-Site Indigenous Field Liaison from Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation was on site. Curve Lake First Nation was provided ongoing updates on the survey via email. No concerns expressed during test pit survey.
	May 24-26, 2023	Curve Lake First Nation	No On-Site Indigenous Field Liaison on this day. Curve Lake First Nation was provided ongoing updates on the survey via email.

Milestone	Date	Indigenous Community	Purpose
Open House No. 4	November 29, 2023	All	To update communities on the stage 2 archaeological assessment and the preferred design alternative for the corridor and to inform them of the available information on the project website.
	December 1, 2023	Hiawatha First Nation	Responded that they have no questions or concerns.
Distribution of Stage 2 Report	December 1, 2023	All	York Region circulated a copy of the Stage 2 report to all interested parties and provided an update on the status of the overall project. No concerns/comments were received on the Stage 2 report.
Review of Stage 2 Report	December 15, 2023	Huron-Wendat First Nation	Confirming the Stage 2 report was reviewed and requesting participation in any future archaeological work, including provision of field liaisons.
	January 17, 2024	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Confirming the Stage 2 report was reviewed and requesting participation in future archaeological monitoring in support of Recommendation 3 – ossuary monitoring buffer.
MECP Correspondence	October 4, 2024	N/A (letter issued to proponent and consultant)	MECP confirmed the list of Indigenous Communities to be consulted and delegation of procedural aspects of consultation to York Region. MECP directed the Region to maintain records of consultation with Indigenous communities.

Milestone	Date	Indigenous Community	Purpose
	October 7/8, 2024	All	MECP provided a study update, confirmed the list of Indigenous Communities being consulted, and advised that MECP had delegated some procedural aspects of consultation to York Region.
Response to MECP Email	October 25, 2024	Huron-Wendat First Nation	Confirmed receipt of letter and requested participation in all stages of archaeological assessment.
	November 13, 2024	Alderville First Nation	Alderville First Nation letter to York Region in response to MECP's correspondence of October 8, 2025, provided details of their Consultation Protocol, general comments, request to participate in any additional archaeological Stage 2-4 assessments, and interest in being kept apprised as project proceeds.
Distribution of Draft EA Report	November 22, 2024	All	Notification of availability of Draft EA Report for review and comment.
Response to Alderville First Nation	September 4, 2025	Alderville First Nation	York Region provided a response letter to Alderville First Nation to clarify project status and a request for clarification regarding current consultation requirements.
	December 12, 2025	Alderville First Nation	York Region provided a Project Synopsis and update regarding the anticipated timing for the Notice of Submission in response to the November 13, 2024 letter.
	January 1, 2026	Alderville First Nation	Identified archaeological concerns within the area and expectation to be engaged in future archaeological work. Identified concerns regarding potential effects on

Milestone	Date	Indigenous Community	Purpose
			waterways and wetlands and requested further information about impacts and mitigative measures.
	January 27, 2026	Alderville First Nation	York Region provided the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and Natural Environment Report for review. A summary of key mitigation measures was provided.
	January 28, 2026	Alderville First Nation	Highlighted recommendations from the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and requested information about when additional Stage 2 work would be scheduled. Requested participation in development of monitoring strategies and noted they were not engaged on Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment.
	February 19, 2026	Alderville First Nation	York Region confirmed further Stage 2 assessment would be done during detail design. York Region confirmed there is an opportunity to comment during the final report review period and reiterated commitment to engage Alderville First Nation.
	March 1, 2026	Alderville First Nation	Requested to be kept apprised of future work and reiterated expectation to be engaged and participate in field work.
Outreach to Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	January 16, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	York Region provided information about the study and provided information about the anticipated upcoming Notice of Submission.

Milestone	Date	Indigenous Community	Purpose
Notice of Submission – Distribution of Final EA Report	January 16, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Requested a meeting to discuss the project.
	March 10, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	York Region confirmed meeting and agenda.
	March 12, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Virtual meeting held between Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, York Region and consultant.
	February 25, 2026	All	York Region circulated the Notice of Submission, notifying all communities of the availability of the Final EA Report for review until April 17, 2026.
	March 11, 2026	Hiawatha First Nation	Expressed concerns about whether consultation was initiated early enough with all Michi Saagiig Nations. Noted concerns about waterways, hydrology and cumulative environmental impacts. Noted plant harvesting, medicines and transitional land use concerns. Noted the archaeological potential of the area. Noted concerns about air quality, noise and health. Noted safety concerns associated with at-grade crossings. Stated Michi Saagiig Nations must be involved in monitoring, design, mitigation, and decision making.
	March 18, 2026	Hiawatha First Nation	York Region responded outlining the Indigenous consultation carried out, as well as key impacts and mitigation measures identified for the natural environment, archaeology, air quality, noise and vibration, property and

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			climate change impacts. Noted interest in Hiawatha First Nation participation in field work, environmental monitoring and post-construction monitoring, for further discussion during detail design.
	March 26, 2026	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Provided comments on the EA report. Requested information about the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Request for Review (RfR), whether monitoring for redside dace would occur, and whether all culverts would provide wildlife passage. Noted they are happy to see amount of compensation proposed.
	March 29, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Provided detailed comments on the Natural Environment Report.
	March 31, 2026	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Confirmed that they do not intend to provide comments on the EA report.
	April 1, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Provided detailed comments on the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report.
	April 7, 2026	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	York Region responded to questions received confirming RfR will be done during detail design, as well as confirming any impacts and monitoring required for Redside Dace. Confirmed one new wildlife culvert is proposed.
	April 21, 2026	Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Confirmed contact information and that they have no comments at this time.

Milestone	Date	Indigenous Community	Purpose
	June 17, 2026	Huron-Wendat First Nation	Requested to be notified in advance of all archaeological assessments and fieldwork planned as part of this project, as well as any other projects related to Teston Road in Vaughan. Requested opportunity to review any available documentation related to archaeological work associated with the project.
	July 7, 2026	Huron-Wendat First Nation	York Region provided the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report and confirmed Huron Wendat Nation would be invited to participate in future Stage 2 work.
	July 7, 2026	Huron-Wendat First Nation	Confirmed no further questions.
	July 30, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	York Region responded to detailed comments on the Natural Environment Report.
	August 17, 2026	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	York Region responded to detailed comments on the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report.

Appendices

Appendix A Letters

From:	TestonRoadAreaIEA
To:	roads.ea@york.ca
Cc:	Andrew Harkness
Subject:	Notice of Commencement: Teston Road Area Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment Study
Date:	Thursday, August 13, 2020 1:14:31 PM
Attachments:	TestonRd_NoticeCommencement.pdf

Hello,

Please find attached the Notice of Commencement for the Teston Road Area Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment Study.

To submit a comment, question or request to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

York Region
Transportation Services
Communications and Community Engagement Specialist
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1
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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT
Individual Environmental Assessment Study

Teston Road Area Improvements
Highway 400 to Bathurst Street
in the City of Vaughan

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is conducting an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) Study to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area in the City of Vaughan between Highway 400 to Bathurst Street and between Major Mackenzie Drive and Kirby Road.

Public consultation is an important part of the IEA Study and York Region welcomes resident and stakeholder feedback throughout the study. Information about the study will be posted on **york.ca/testonroad** and on York Region's Facebook and Twitter channels.

In December 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks approved the Terms of Reference for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements study. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference is available at y**ork.ca/testonroad**



To submit a comment, question or request to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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This study will be carried out according to the approved Terms of Reference and the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Personal information submitted (e.g. name, address and phone number) is collected, maintained and disclosed under the authority of the *Ontario 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 the public record that is available to the general public, unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

An accessible version of this notice is available upon request.
This notice was issued on August 13, 2020.

York Region

August 13, 2021

OH#1 Sample Letter

Ms. Froh
MNO President
Metis Nation of Ontario
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Ottawa, ON K1P 5H1

The Regional Municipality of York is completing an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) in the Teston Road area of the City of Vaughan. The purpose of this IEA is to address transportation problems and opportunities. A Terms of Reference (ToR) was completed for this project and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) in 2018. The ToR can be viewed on the Region's website (York.ca/TestonRoad).

In an effort to provide your community with study information, we have attached the Open House presentation materials which were posted on the Region's website (York.ca/TestonRoad) in July 2021 for a three-week virtual open house. The above website also contains a video presentation of the attached materials if you would like to hear additional information on the project.

To date, no archaeology work has been completed for this project. Based on the study progress to date, we do not expect archaeology investigations to be undertaken until the spring of 2022. If you have an interest in participating in the archaeological investigations, please let us know.

We hope this information will assist your community in identifying any potential interests or concerns in the project.

The IEA report is expected to be filed in Spring 2023; you will receive notice of the filing. At the time of filing the report will be available digitally from the Region's project website. Hard copies of the report are available upon request.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, please contact either of the following project team members:

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Praveen John, P.Eng
Senior Project Manager

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Attachments: Open House Displays

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York Region

Capital Planning and Delivery
Transportation Operations
Public Works

May 19, 2022

OH#2&3 Sample Letter

Metis Nation of Ontario
66 Slater Street
Suite 1100
Ottawa, ON K1P 5H1

Attention: Ms. Margaret Froh, MNO President

RE: Teston Road Area Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA)
Our File: T02 99816 EA Corr

Further to our correspondence from August 2021, the Regional Municipality of York is completing an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) in the Teston Road area of the City of Vaughan. The purpose of this IEA is to address transportation problems and opportunities. A Terms of Reference (ToR) was completed for this project and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) in 2018. The ToR can be viewed on the Region's project website (http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad).

Since our last communication, we confirmed our Preferred Alternative to the Undertaking which was to extend Teston Road between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a new roadway connection. The details of the recommended alignment for this connection can be found on the project website under the Open House 2 heading.

Additionally, the project team reviewed alternatives for various components of the proposed roadway connection between Keele Street and Dufferin Street, as well as widening of Teston Road from Dufferin Street to Bathurst Street to support the proposed new connection. Road alignments, cross-sections elements, and structure details were reviewed. This information is available on the project website under the Open House 3 heading.

To date, no archaeology field work has been completed for this project; however, we are planning archaeology investigations to be undertaken in the summer of 2022. If you have an interest in participating in the archaeological investigations, please let us know.

We hope this information will assist your community in identifying any potential interests in or concerns with the project.

The Draft IEA report is expected to be filed for review in Spring 2023; you will receive notice of the filing. At the time of filing the report will be available digitally from the Region's project website and hard copies of the report will be available upon request.

Please let us know if a meeting to review the project details and our upcoming work is desired, and we will work with you to arrange it. At the same time, should you have any questions or comments regarding the study, please do reach out to us:

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,



Praveen John, P.Eng
Senior Project Manager

PJ/dl

November 29, 2023

OH#4 Sample Letter

Ms. Margaret Froh
MNO President
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Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5H1

Further to our correspondence from May 2023, the Regional Municipality of York is completing an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) in the Teston Road area of the City of Vaughan. The purpose of this IEA is to address transportation problems and opportunities. A Terms of Reference (ToR) was completed for this project and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) in 2018. The ToR can be viewed on the Region's project website (http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad).

Since our last communication, we have confirmed the preferred design alternative for the Teston Road corridor and conducted several field investigations and studies to support the development of the preliminary design. The preliminary design includes the extension of Teston Road between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a new roadway connection, and the widening of Teston Road from two to four lanes between Dufferin Street and Bathurst Street. Details of the preliminary design, including cross-section elements and structure details, as well as impact assessments and proposed mitigation measures can be found on the project website under the Open House 4 heading.

A Stage 2 archaeological assessment was completed in the July 2023. The draft report is currently under review. If you have an interest in reviewing the report, please let us know and a copy will be provided.

We hope this information will assist your community in identifying any potential interests in or concerns with the project.

The Draft IEA report is expected to be filed for review in Spring 2024; you will receive notice of the filing. At the time of filing the report will be available digitally from the Region's project website and hard copies of the report will be available upon request.

Please let us know if a meeting to review the project details and our upcoming work is desired, and we will work with you to arrange it. At the same time, if you have any questions or comments regarding the study, please do reach out to us:

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Teston Road Area Improvements, Highway 400 to Bathurst Street
City of Vaughan

Notice of Submission of Environmental Assessment

The Regional Municipality of York completed a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to identify road improvements near Teston Road. The study area is bounded by Kirby Road, Bathurst Street, Major Mackenzie Drive West and Highway 400.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region has submitted its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

THE STUDY

The Teston Road Area EA Study aims to generate solutions for transportation challenges and opportunities. The project considered improvements for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and transit in the study area.

Recommended improvements

- Widening Teston Road from two to four lanes west of Keele Street to Rodinea Road and from Dufferin Street to Bathurst Street
- Extending Teston Road as a new four-lane roadway from Rodinea Road to Dufferin Street; a modified short-term solution is proposed along Teston Road (Keele to Dufferin) with a multi-use path
- Constructing an at-grade GO Rail crossing on Teston Road east of Keele Street with property protection to separate the road and tracks in the future, if needed



As required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the EA Report will be available for public review and comment from Friday, February 27 to Friday, April 17, 2026.

You may review the environmental assessment during normal business hours at the following location:

1. Vaughan Public Library - Maple Library
   10190 Keele Street
   Maple, Ontario L6A 1G3
   Monday to Thursday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
   Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
   Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
2. Online at **york.ca/TestonRoad**

Comments on the EA must be submitted in writing and/or by email to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by April 17, 2026.

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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent for consideration.

All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in section 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. 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.

February 27, 2026

Eric Jolliffe
York Region Chairman and CEO

Questions or need further information?
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February 24, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indigenous Communities
Distribution List

FROM: Abdulrahim Mohamed
Project Officer
Environmental Assessment Branch

RE: Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements Project Environmental Assessment
EAIMS No: 17011

The above noted environmental assessment (EA) has been submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA). The EA is available for review online at: www.york.ca/TestonRoad. We are interested in knowing whether you have any specific interests or issues related to the EA or the proposed undertaking.

Background

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) has undertaken an EA for the proposed transportation related improvements in the Teston Road area, in the City of Vaughan (the project). The Teston Road area is bounded by Highway 400 to Bathurst Street and Major Mackenzie Drive to north of Kirby Road. If the EA is approved, the project will extend and widen Teston Road from Bathurst Street to Keele Street.

Timing

To facilitate the ministry's review, please complete and return the attached Acknowledgement of Receipt Form. If you are not the appropriate contact person, please forward to the appropriate contact person.

In order to ensure your interests and comments in the proposed project are considered in the ministry's review of the EA, please provide any comments to the undersigned by April 17, 2026. Please note that your comments will form part of the public record for the proposed project. Any outstanding comments and concerns will be sent to York Region (the proponent), for a response.

The review of the EA is subject to legislative timelines under the EAA. At the end of the comment period and prior to making a recommendation on the EA, the ministry prepares a ministry Review and places it on the public record for a five-week comment period. The purpose of the Review is to evaluate the EA with respect to the requirements of the EAA and to identify any issues and concerns identified during the public and agency comment period, including the proponent's response to the comments submitted. Please ensure your comments are submitted to the ministry by April 17, 2026 in order that they can be included in our review.

Should you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance in your review of the EA, please contact me at 437-335-6352 or toll free at 1-800-461-6290 or by e-mail at abdulrahim.mohamed@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your participation.

abdulrahim

Abdulrahim Mohamed
Project Officer

Attachments:
Notice of Submission
Acknowledgement of Receipt Form

c: Solange Desautels, Supervisor, Project Coordination Unit 1

Appendix B Indigenous Communities Presentation

TESTON ROAD AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Individual Environmental Assessment

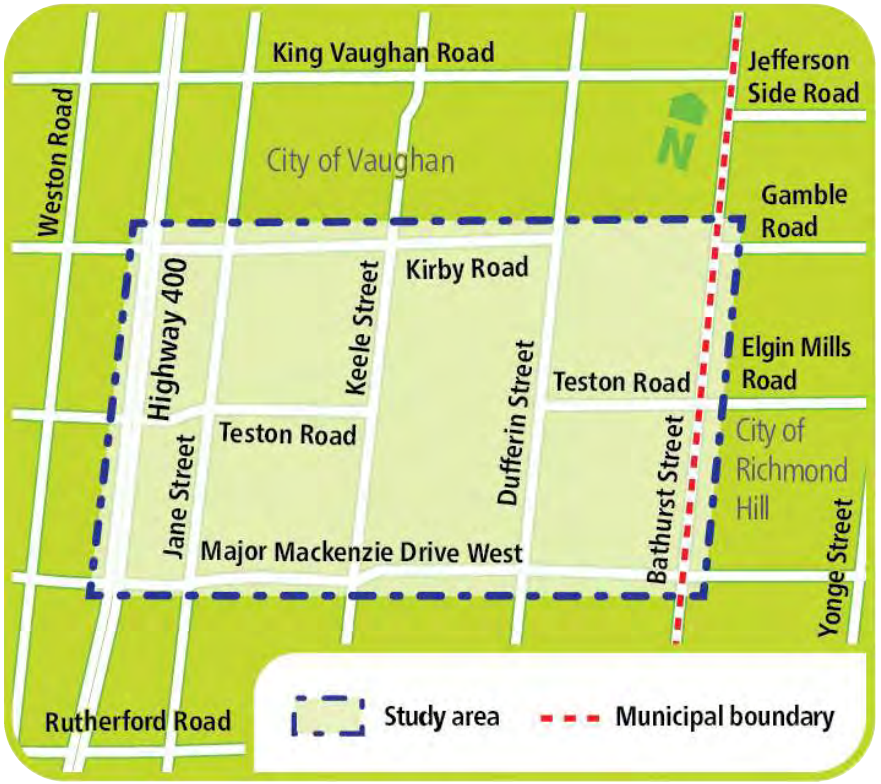
Indigenous Communities Presentation

Summer 2023

York Region

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Project Overview/ Schedule Update
- Review of Recommended Alternative Design
- Preliminary Impact Assessment and Proposed Mitigation Measures
- Next Steps



STUDY SCHEDULE

IEA KEY MILESTONES	COMPLETION DATE
Identification of Problems and Opportunities	Spring to Fall 2020
Generation of Alternatives to the Undertaking	Winter to Spring 2021
Open House #1	June 2021
Confirm Preferred Alternative to the Undertaking	Summer 2021
Generation of Alternative Methods	Summer/Fall 2021
Open House #2	Fall 2021
Select Preferred Alternative Method	Fall 2021
Open House #3	Spring 2022
Preliminary Design – WE ARE HERE	Spring 2023
Open House #4	Summer/Fall 2023
Draft IEA Report (Public and Government Review)	Winter 2024
Final IEA Report MECP	Spring 2024

DESIGN ALTERNATIVES ROADWAY SECTIONS



SECTION 1 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- GO Rail Crossing – proximity to the intersection and at-grade vs. grade separation
- Planned Block 27 residential development within the northwest quadrant of Keele/Teston
- City of Vaughan pumping station in the northeast quadrant
- Industrial developments and accesses west of Keele Street
- City owned lands, natural areas, and existing residential in the southwest

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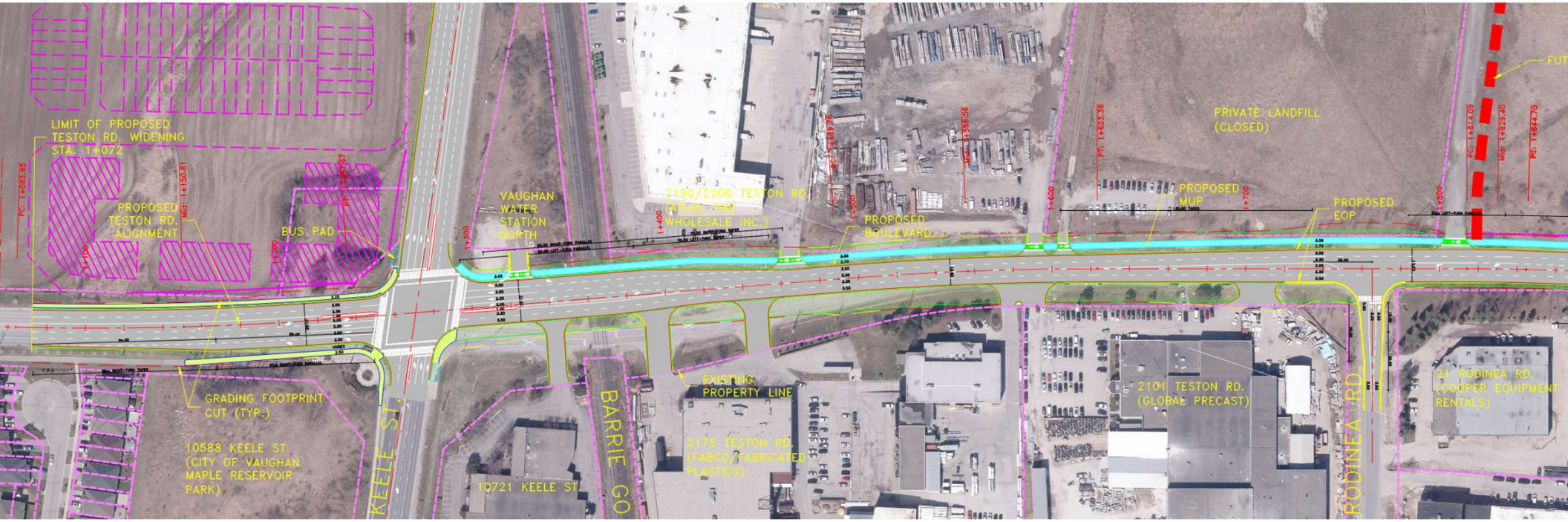

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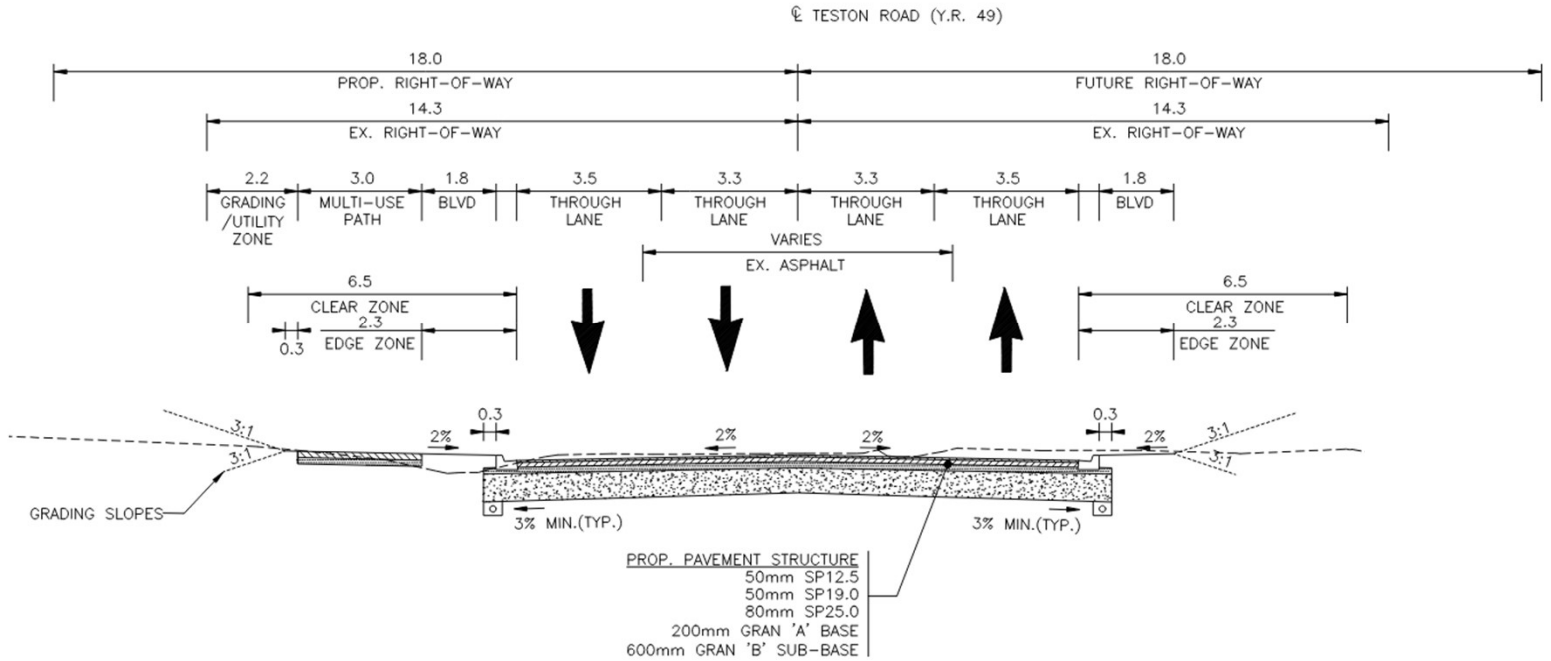

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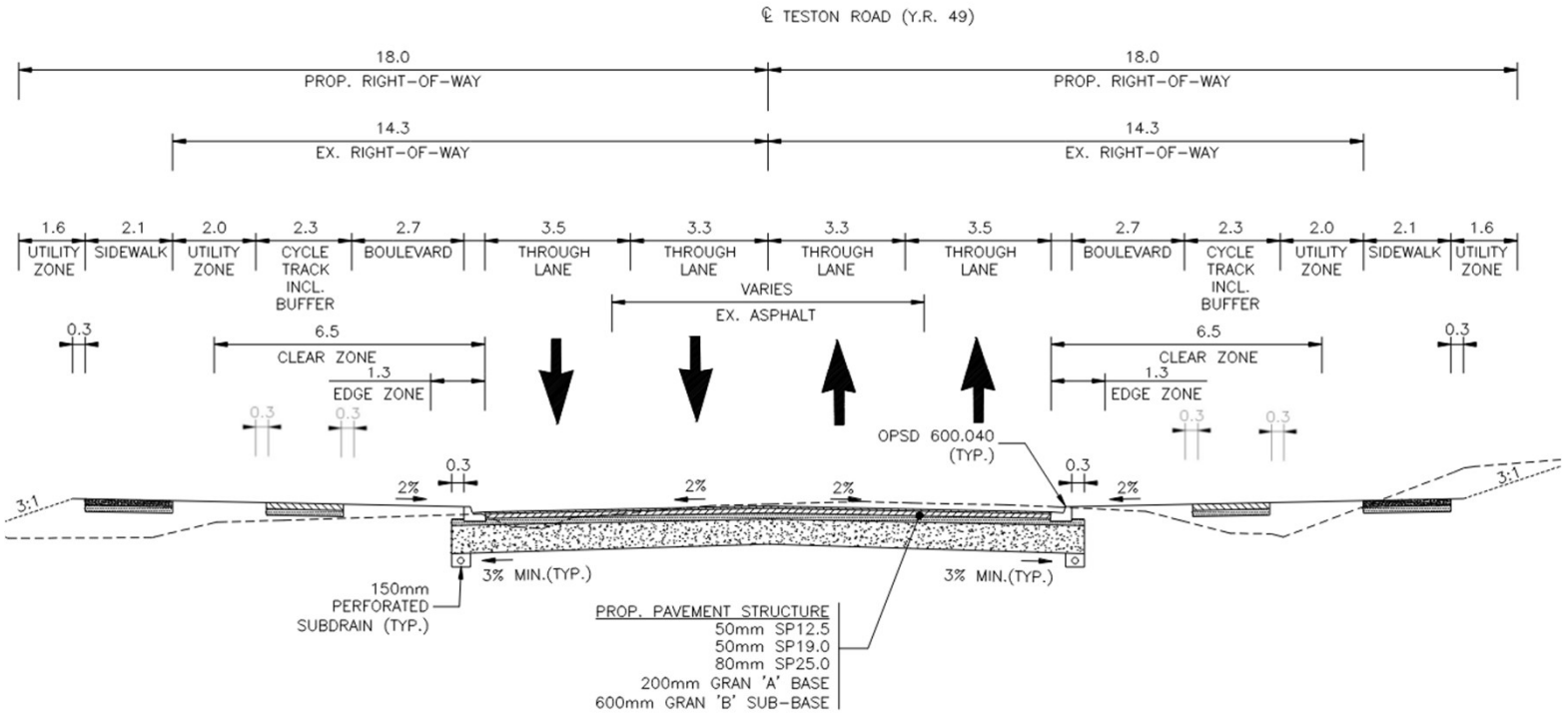

SECTION 1 POTENTIAL IMPACTS & MITIGATION MEASURES

- Limited natural environment impacts associated with footprint increases and new stormwater management pond in the southwest quadrant.
- Stormwater flows directed to the new pond in southwest quadrant of Teston/Keele via ditching/culverts.
- At-grade GO rail crossing fits within existing right-of-way, future grade separation requires easements/property for grading.
- Some property accesses impacted by grade separation but can be accommodated in alternative ways.
- Future GO rail grade separation may require additional noise mitigation to residential properties in the southwest quadrant of Teston/Keele.

SECTION 2 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS/POTENTIAL IMPACTS & MITIGATION MEASURES

Preliminary Design Considerations

- Due to the landfill constraints in this section, a constrained cross-section is being recommended with long term protection for a full-width cross-section
- Need for continued access to north and south side landfills
- Coordination with City of Vaughan on integration with North Maple Regional Park

Potential Impacts & Mitigation Measures

- Natural environment impacts associated with new roadway footprint, however, use of the existing access road reduces overall impacts
    - Parklands/landfills are species at risk grassland bird habitat
- Constrained cross section fits within existing York Region right-of-way, however, protection for future 36m RoW required
- Stormwater management split between flowing westerly to Section 1 facilities and easterly to Section 3 facilities
- Consideration to be given to existing landfill groundwater plumes and isolation from impacts resulting from road salt application

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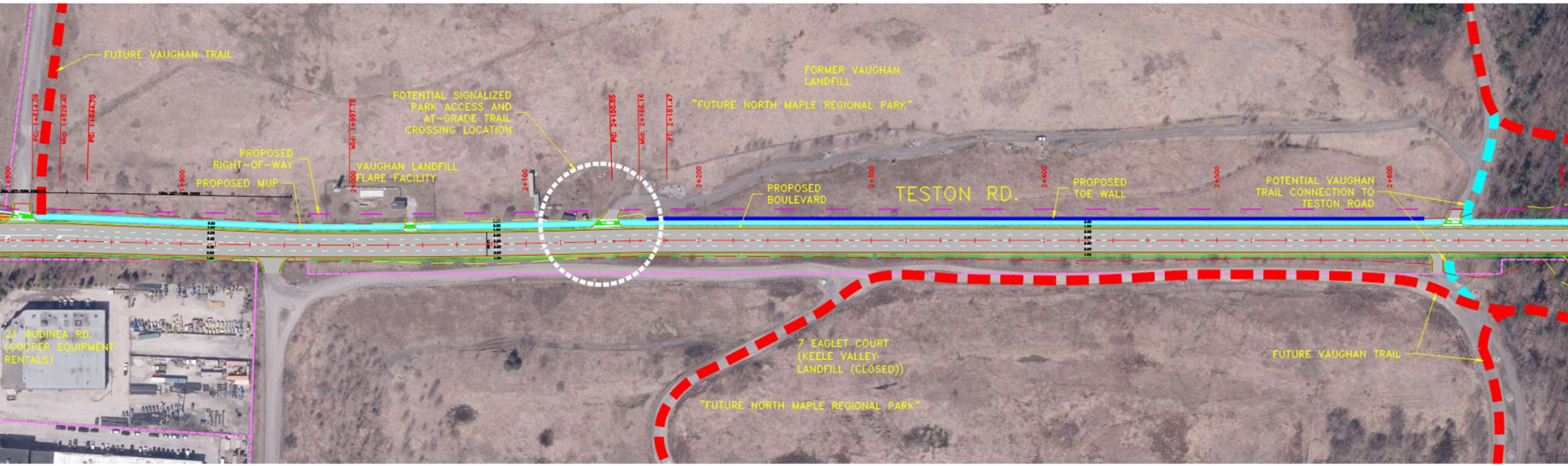

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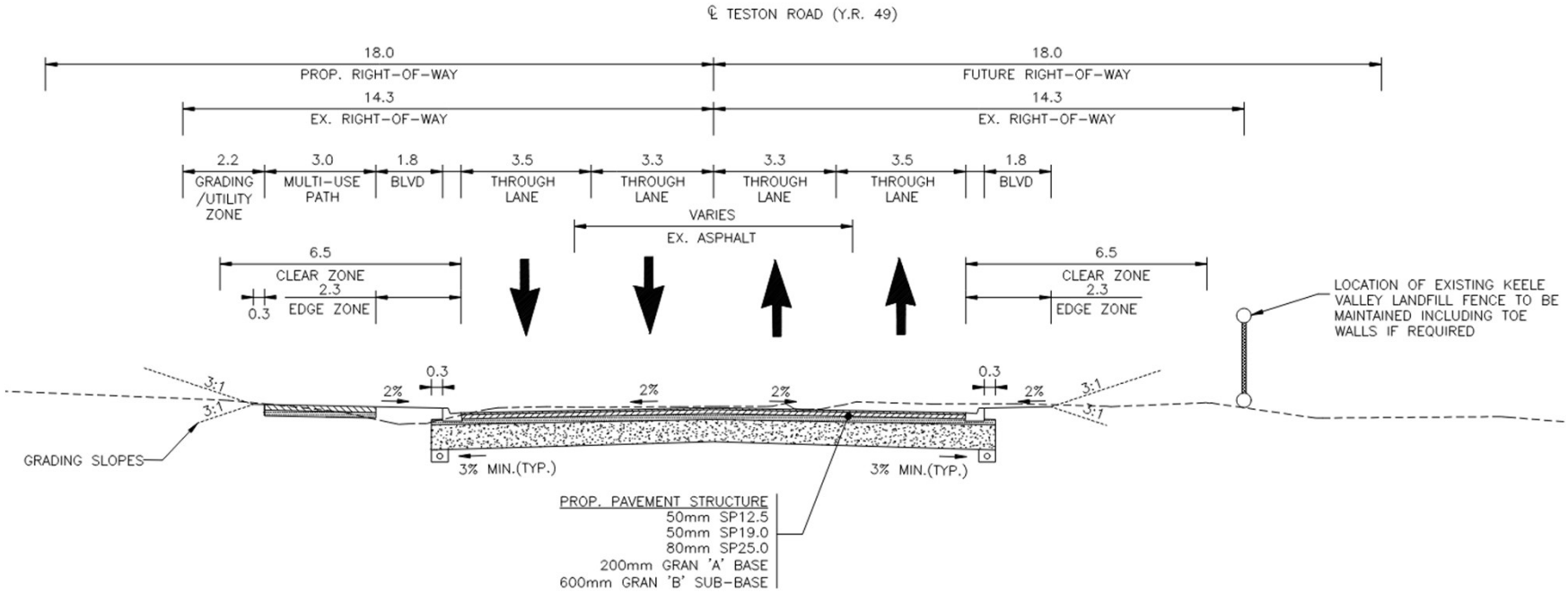

TESTON ROAD – SECTION 2 – RODINEA ROAD TO DON RIVER VALLEY
STA. 1+800 TO 2+300
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SECTION 3 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Constrained cross section (3m MUP north side, south side boulevard) on west and east bridge approaches with property protection for future full width (36m) cross section (sidewalks and cycle tracks – both sides)
- A short span structure was recommended during previous phase
  - Evaluation completed to determine exact length and bridge type
  - Recommended Option: 40m Concrete bridge with retaining/wing walls
- Evaluation determined that 2:1 benched and planted embankments were preferred over full-length retaining walls for bridge approaches due to opportunities to revegetate, similar construction footprint, maintenance, and costs
- Access to existing and future developments

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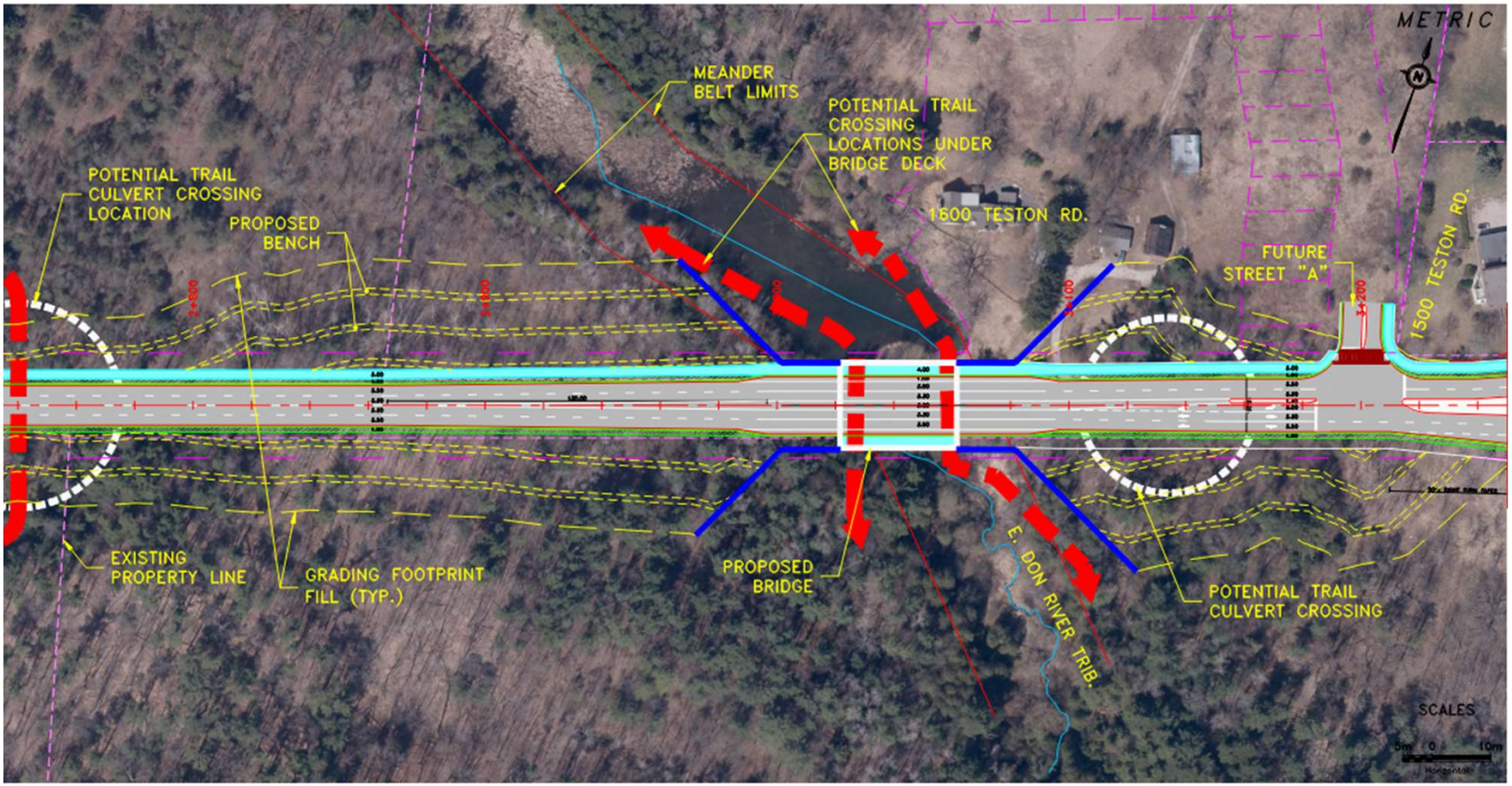

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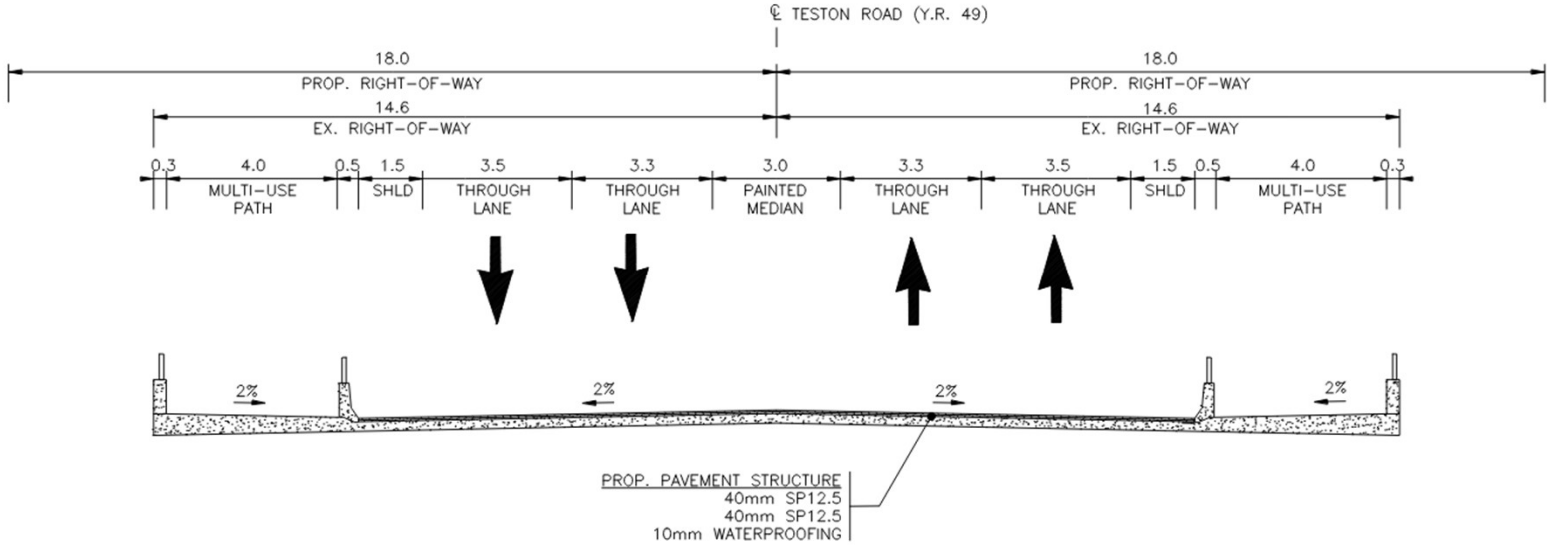

SECTION 3 POTENTIAL IMPACTS & MITIGATION MEASURES

Natural Environment

- Permanent (footprint) and temporary (construction) Natural Environment impacts will need to be addressed.
- Vegetation Restoration Plan will include planting of native species and compensation will be calculated in accordance with the TRCA's *Guideline for Determining Ecosystem Compensation*
- Wildlife fencing and wildlife passage under the structure to be considered to address habitat connectivity and to prevent roadway crossings
- The valley likely contains Species at Risk Bat habitat (suitable habitat is present, acoustic surveys not completed). Offsetting plans typically include installation of artificial habitat structures (e.g., bat boxes), planting plans, monitoring and reporting
- Restoration and planting plans within and adjacent to wetlands and along the tributary can focus on improving riparian conditions and functions to improve habitat quality and water quality at the bridge as well as downstream
- Invasive species removal/management

- Stormwater management being addressed by storage/treatment facilities under the roadway and outlets to stream
- Property easements will be required to construct embankments outside the existing ROW
- Potential additional archaeological (Stage 3) investigations required
- Acoustic fencing to be installed by developers during construction of properties in the 1600 Teston Road (Teston Sands) development north of Teston Road

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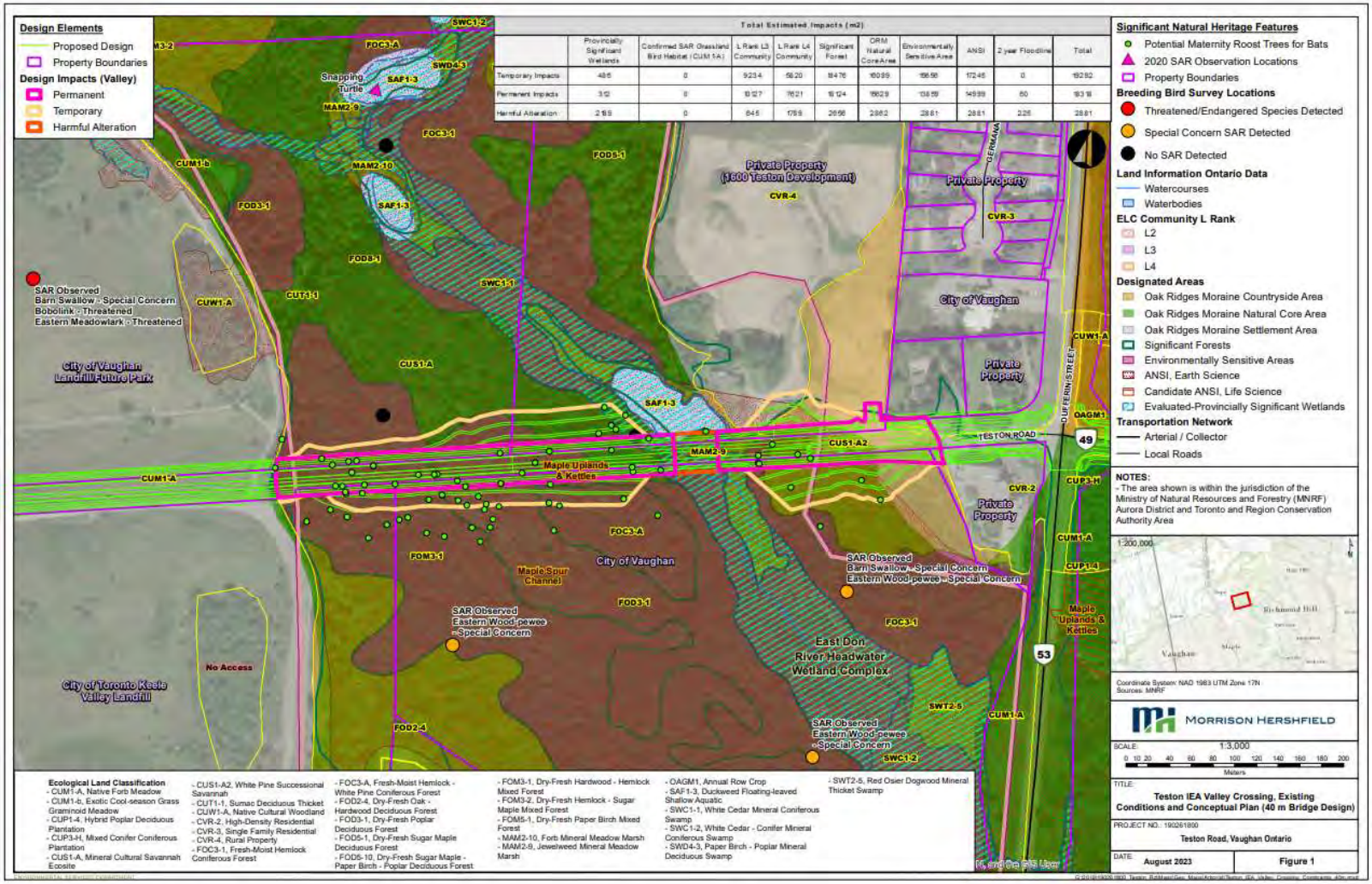
Natural Environment



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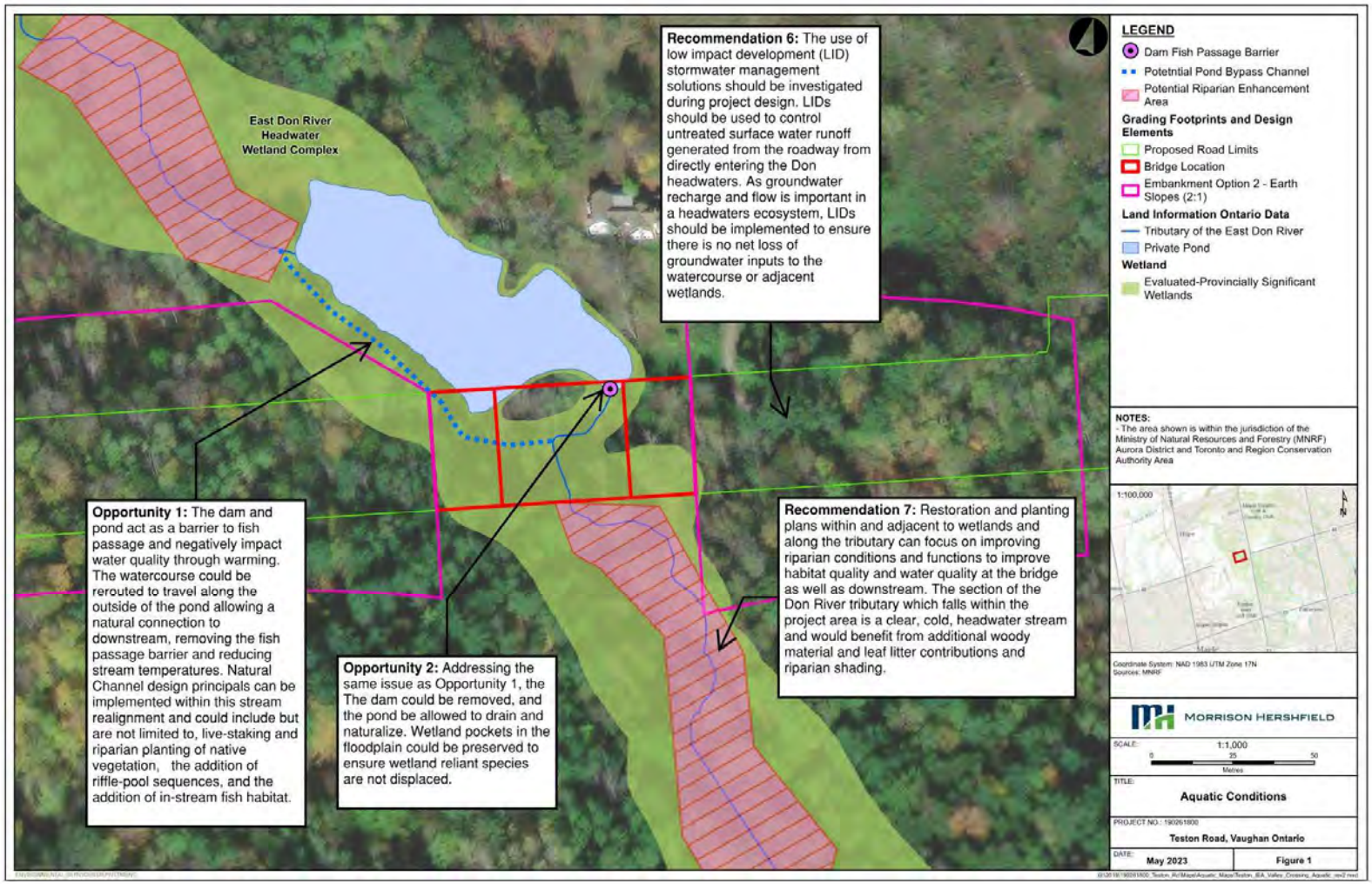

SECTION 4 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS/POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Preliminary Design Considerations

- Recommended widening on both sides
- 4-lanes, sidewalks, cycle tracks, planted boulevards, 36m RoW
- Reduce impacts to property
- Existing culvert is of sufficient length to accommodate widening
- Transition AT infrastructure at Bathurst to match infrastructure to the east

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- Limited natural environmental impacts due to footprint increases occurring within the existing right-of-way
- Limited grading requirements outside of ROW along north side of Teston from Dufferin to Fennyrose Ave
- Stormwater proposed to be managed through upgrades to existing facilities along this section
    - Need confirmation of capacity for sewer at Torah Gate and associated downstream pond
- Noise abatement not required

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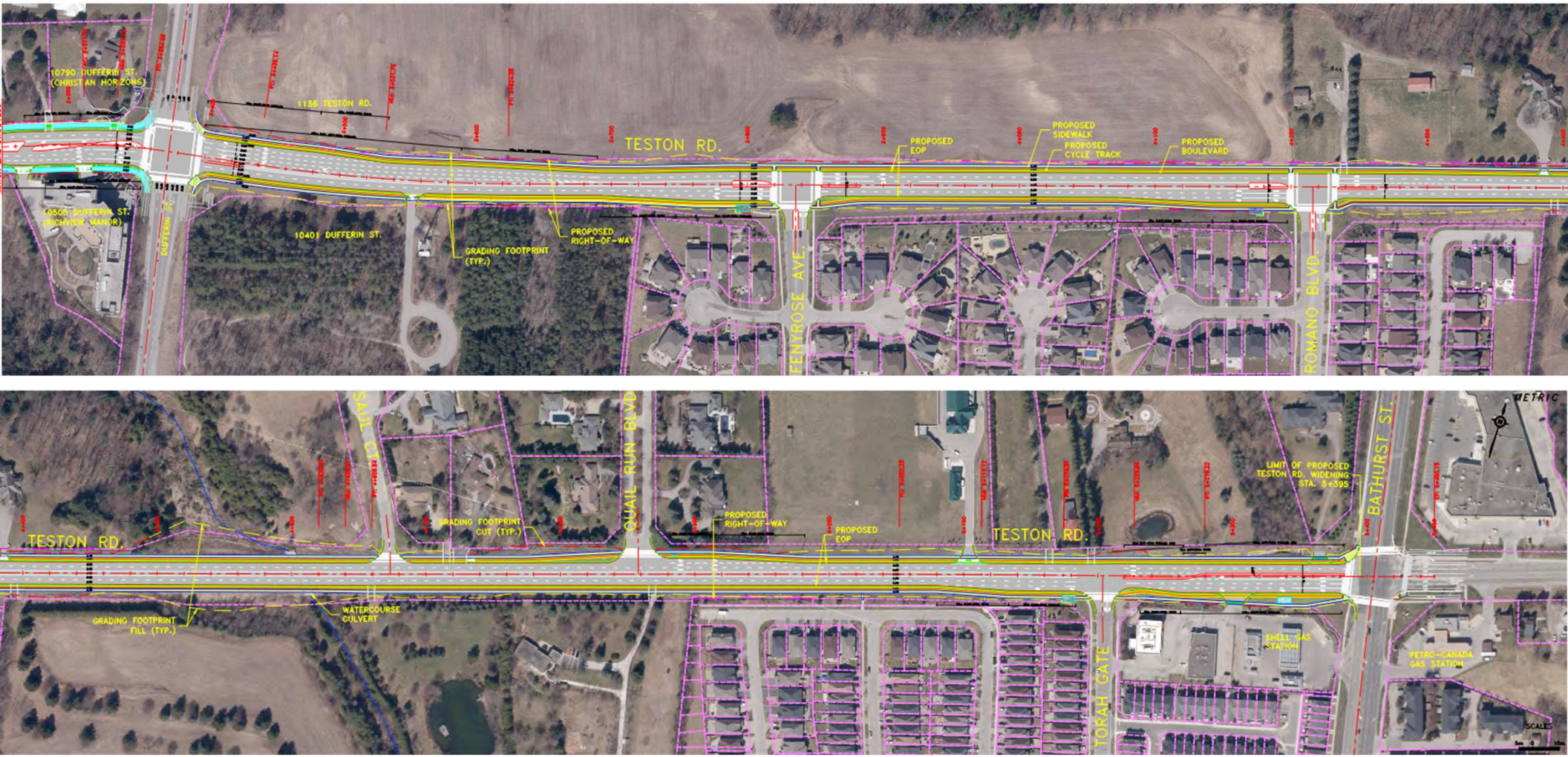

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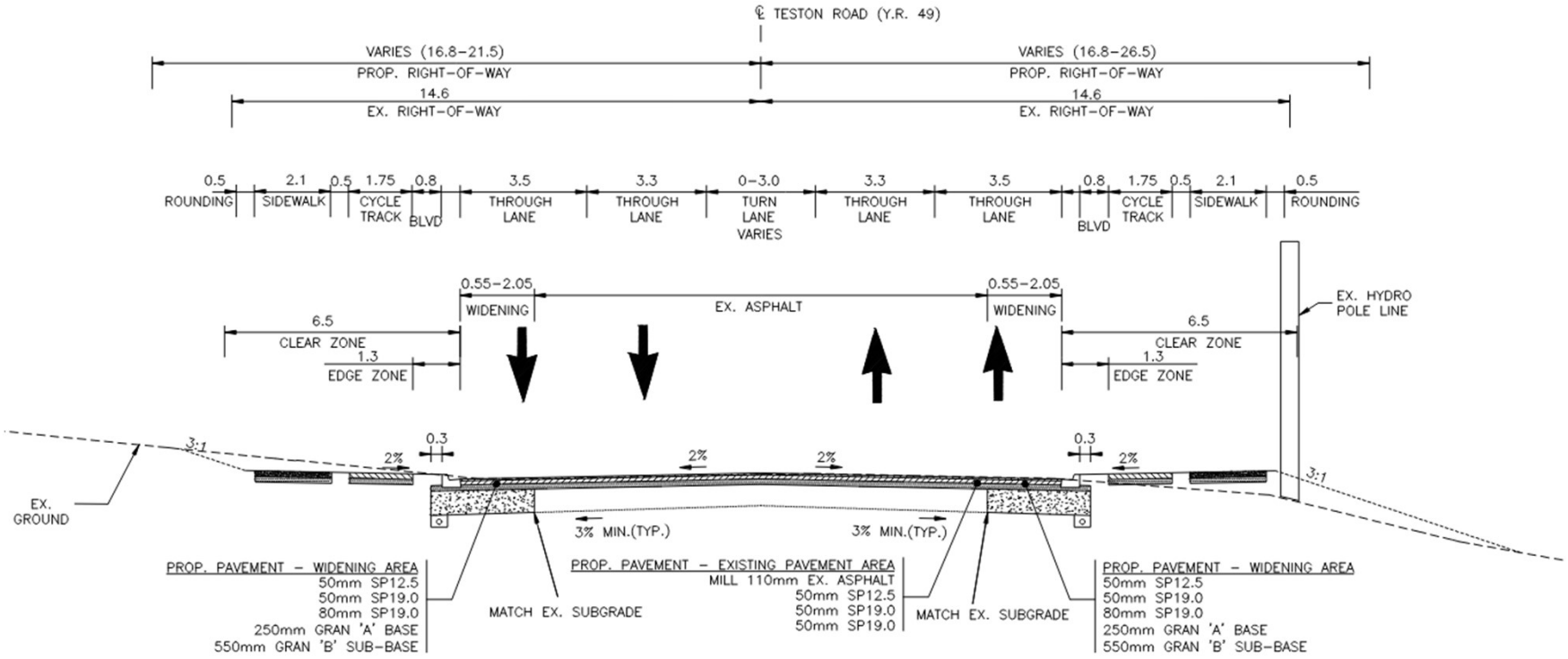


CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR QUALITY

Air Quality

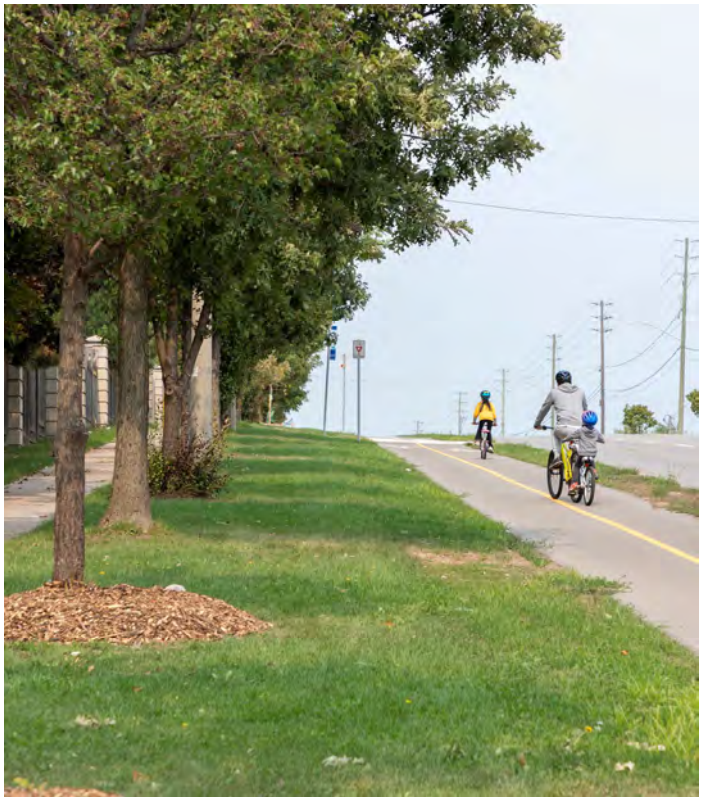
- Maximum combined concentrations below guidelines, except where background concentrations exceeded the guideline.
- Overall contribution from the roadway emissions to the combined concentrations was small. Mitigation measures are not warranted.

Climate Change

- Recommendations divided into design and policy categories (i.e., monitoring and inspection) measures.
- Potential greenhouse (GHG) mitigations from embodied carbon in materials (with consideration of construction and maintenance equipment GHGs).

NEXT STEPS

- Review feedback received from various meetings
- Refine Preliminary Design and prepare OH#4 Materials
- Provide opportunity for review of OH#4 materials by Stakeholders
- Further refinements/discussion based on OH#4 public feedback.
- Develop the IEA report, review and seek approval from the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP)



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Appendix C Correspondence

C.1 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

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October 4, 2024

Nick Crockford
Environmental Planner
Morrison Hershfield (now Stantec)

By email only: NCrockford@morrisonhershfield.com

Re: Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street– Identifying Indigenous Communities

Dear Nick Crockford:

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) would like to take this opportunity to reconfirm the ministry expectations regarding Indigenous consultation and the consultation record for the above noted comprehensive environmental assessment (EA).

The ministry previously provided the list of identified Indigenous communities for consultation to the Regional Municipality of York (the Region), in March 2017.

Although the Crown remains responsible for ensuring the adequacy of consultation with Indigenous communities to whom the duty to consult is owed, it may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to project proponents and may rely on existing regulatory processes as a vehicle for fulfilling its constitutional duty. In this case, the ministry will be relying on the *Environmental Assessment Act* process, including the mandatory public consultation requirements, as a means of ensuring relevant information is shared and that identified Indigenous communities have an opportunity to participate by asking questions and bringing forward their concerns.

On August 15, 2024, the ministry received the draft EA report for the project. The ministry is undertaking a fulsome review of the draft EA and has provided some comments to the Region already.

As part of its comprehensive EA process, the Region should be consulting with the following Indigenous communities:

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Williams Treaties First Nations

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

- Kawartha Nishnawbe

- Huron-Wendat (should the project impact archaeological resources)

Nothing in this advice should prevent the proponent from reaching out to Indigenous communities with whom they have an established relationship or with whom they are seeking to develop a relationship to get their input/ideas associated with the projects.

Unless otherwise directed, contact should be through the elected Chief and Council of each First Nation and other identified confirmed contacts.

The ministry reviews consultation conducted by proponents when it assesses the Crown's obligations and provides consultation-related direction to proponents during the environmental assessment process. The Region's responsibilities for procedural aspects of consultation include:

- Implementing the consultation plan for the comprehensive EA, as described in the approved terms of reference, which may include seeking input from Indigenous communities on how to collect and incorporate Indigenous knowledge into the comprehensive EA.
- Providing the identified Indigenous communities with information about the proposed project/activity including anticipated impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and information on timelines.
- Following up with Indigenous communities (for example, through registered mail, email and phone calls) to ensure they received project information and that they are aware of the opportunity to express comments and concerns about the project.
- Gathering any information, the Indigenous communities may wish to share about their Indigenous knowledge and land uses associated with the project area and incorporating this information into the comprehensive EA.

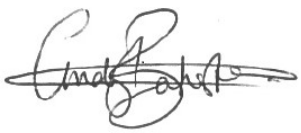
- Gathering information from the Indigenous communities about how the project may adversely impact hunting, fishing and harvesting or sites of cultural significance (for example, burial grounds, archaeological sites).
- Providing or discussing with an Indigenous community the information provided to or from the Indigenous community and any questions or concerns the Indigenous community may have, including through virtual or in person meetings, phone calls, email or in writing).
- Considering the comments and concerns provided by Indigenous communities and providing direct responses to the communities.
- Where appropriate, discussing potential mitigation strategies with Indigenous communities.
- Where appropriate, bearing the reasonable costs associated with these procedural aspects of consultation.
- Notifying the ministry of information about potential adverse impacts to hunting, fishing or harvesting or sites of cultural significance, or if consultation stalls.

The Region should maintain an accurate and up to date record of consultation for each individual Indigenous community that contains all related communications including letters/emails/phone calls (outgoing & incoming), public notices, meetings (agendas, meeting minutes), issues raised and how they have been addressed, evidence of follow up responses, and documentation of any follow up responses or comments from the Indigenous communities. This information will be a vital component for the Crown's consideration prior to issuing any notices about your proposed project.

It should be noted that although the record of consultation becomes part of the public record for the comprehensive EA, the 'Relations with Aboriginal Communities" exemption under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* may allow the ministry and the Region to exempt sensitive or confidential information provided by Indigenous communities. Please let us know if you are aware or made aware that such information should be protected from public disclosure.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the above, feel free to contact Cindy Batista at 437-248-0058 or by email at cindy.batista@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Cindy Batista
Special Project Officer
Environmental Assessment Branch

C.2a Correspondence from Alderville First Nation

From:	John, Praveen
To:	"consultation@alderville.ca"
Subject:	Teston Rd Area Improvements - Hwy 400 to Bathurst St, City of Vaughan
Date:	Monday, August 16, 2021 9:16:08 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.jpg image003.png Teston OH1-Presentation.pdf 2021-08-13-Alderville FN-OH1 Letter.pdf

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Hello Chief Mowat

Please find attached the presentation for the first online open house The Regional Municipality of York is undertaking as part of the Teston Rd Area Improvement IEA, between Hwy 400 and Bathurst Street, in the City of Vaughan.
Please let us know if any of the 2 attachments are missing and we can arrange an alternate file transfer. We have also provided links to our online OH1 on the York Region website for your review. Should you have questions or clarifications regarding the study, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

Praveen John

Praveen John, **P. Eng, PMP**| Sr. Project Manager, Engineering
Capital Planning and Delivery Branch, Transportation Services Department

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Further to our correspondence from August 2021, the Regional Municipality of York is completing an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) in the Teston Road area of the City of Vaughan. The purpose of this IEA is to address transportation problems and opportunities. A Terms of Reference (ToR) was completed for this project and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) in 2018. The ToR can be viewed on the Region's website (York.ca/TestonRoad).

In an effort to provide your community with study information, we have attached the Open House presentation materials from our second Open House which were posted on the Region's website (York.ca/TestonRoad) in November for a three-week virtual open house. The above website also contains a video presentation of the attached materials if you would like additional information on the project.

Following Open House #1, we confirmed our Preferred Alternative to the Undertaking which was to extend Teston Road between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a new roadway connection. Open House #2 provides information on the recommendation for an alignment for this connection.

To date, no archaeology work has been completed for this project. Based on the study progress to date, we do not expect archaeology investigations to be undertaken until the spring of 2022. If you have an interest in participating in the archaeological investigations, please let us know.

We hope this information will assist your community in identifying any potential interests in or concerns with the project.

The Draft IEA report is expected to be filed for review in Spring 2023; you will receive notice of the filing. At the time of filing the report will be available digitally from the Region's project website. Hard copies of the report are available upon request.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, please contact either of the following project team members:

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Praveen John, P.Eng
Senior Project Manager

Attachments: Open House Displays

Copy to: Skye Anderson, Alderville First Nation, Lands and Resources Liaison

From:	Lilley, Dawn
To:	consultation@alderville.ca
Cc:	John, Praveen; Brandon, Philip
Subject:	99816 Teston Road IEA correspondence update
Date:	Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:43:39 PM
Attachments:	Alderville First Nation 19MAY2022.pdf
Importance:	High

Good afternoon:

The attached letter is for your information / action.

Should you have any questions / concerns regarding the attached document; please contact praveen.john@york.ca or philip.brandon@york.ca

Regards and have a great day.

Dawn

Dawn Lilley | Administrative Clerk Secretary | Capital Planning and Delivery
Transportation Operations, Public Works

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Councillor: Jason Marsden

July 25, 2023

Official Notice of Leadership
Alderville First Nation

This is to inform all affiliated persons, organizations, and government officials of the recent Chief and Council changes for the Alderville First Nation effective the date of election, July 7, 2023:

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	Jason Marsden	jmarsden@alderville.ca

Legal Quorum to sign an agreement: 3 (three)

Alderville Administration Contact Information:

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Executive Assistant to Council, Carrie Wilson		cwilsonca2alderville.ca (905) 352-2011 exJ.231

If you have any questions please contact Joanne Smoke, First Nation Manager at 905-352-2929 or jsmoke(@alderville.ca.

Thankyou

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First Nation Manager

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From: Brandon, Philip
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 4:29 PM
To: Julie Kapyrka
Cc: John, Praveen; Andrew Harkness
Subject: RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

Hi Julie,

Thank you for the information – I have updated my contact list.

Please see link below to download the draft Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report.
Click here to begin exchanging files.

Link expiration: 19/12/2023 12:00:00 AM

Kind Regards,

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Subject: RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

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Aaniin Philip,

Please find attached information – please update your contacts and share with your team.

Please send us a copy of the draft Stage 2 AA.

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All the best,

Dr. Julie Kapyrka
Consultation Coordinator

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Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

Chief Dave Mowat,

Please see attached letter to update you on York Region's Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project, in the City of Vaughan.

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:58 AM
To: consultation@alderville.ca
Cc: John, Praveen; Andrew Harkness
Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
Attachments: Chief Dave Mowat.pdf

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Harkness, Andrew

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Subject:	Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Attachments:	Delegation Letter to Region_Communities_4Oct2024.pdf

Dear Chief:

RE: **Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street– Comprehensive Environmental Assessment**

I am writing to you about the comprehensive environmental assessment process for the proposed Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street Project (the project).

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Sincerely,

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Thank you for your e-mail. Can you please provide the main contact for the proponent?

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All the best,

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VIA E-MAIL

November 13, 2024

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Dear Nick Crawford and Billy Cheung,

RE: Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence, which was received October 8th, 2024, regarding the above noted project.

As you may be aware, the area in which this project is proposed is situated within the Traditional Territory of Alderville First Nation. Our First Nation's Territory is incorporated within the Williams Treaties Territory and was the subject of a claim under Canada's Specific Claims Policy, which has now been settled. All 7 First Nations within the Williams Treaties have had their harvesting rights legally re-affirmed and recognized through this settlement (2018).

In addition to Aboriginal title, Alderville First Nation rights in its Reserve and Traditional Territory and/or Treaty Territory include rights to hunt, fish and trap, to harvest plants for food and medicine, to protect and honour burial sites and other significant sites, to sustain and strengthen its spiritual and cultural connection to the land, to protect the Environment that supports its survival, to govern itself, sustain itself and prosper including deriving revenues from its lands and resources, and to participate in all governance and operational decisions about how the land and resources will be managed, used and protected.

Alderville First Nation is requiring a File Fee for this project in the amount of $300.00. This Fee includes administration, an initial meeting, project updates as well as review of standard material and project overviews.

Depending on the number of documents to be reviewed by the Consultation Department, additional fees may apply. **Please make this payment to Alderville First Nation and please indicate the project name or number on the cheque.** If you do not have a copy of Alderville First Nation's Consultation Protocol, it is available at: alderville.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/AFNProtocol2.pdf. Please note that the mapping in this document needs updating to reflect the Williams Treaties First Nations Settlement Agreement 2018.

In order to assist us in providing you with timely input, please provide us with a Notice of Request to Consult containing relevant information and material facts in sufficient form and detail to assist Alderville First Nation to understand the matter in order to prepare a meaningful response. Guidance for giving notice can be found on pages 11-12 of our Consultation Protocol. Based on the information that you have provided us with respect to the notice of **Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street -Comprehensive Environmental Assessment,** Alderville First Nation may require a mutual agreement to establish a special consultation process for this project. After the information is reviewed it is expected that you or a representative will be in contact to discuss this matter in more detail and possibly set up a date and time to meet with Alderville First Nation in person or virtually.

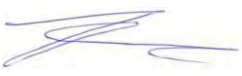
Although we have not conducted exhaustive research nor do we have the resources to do so, there may be the presence of burial or archaeological sites in your proposed project area. Please note, that we have particular concern for the remains of our ancestors. Should excavation unearth bones, remains, or other such evidence of a native burial site or any other archaeological findings, we must be notified without delay. In the case of a burial site, Council reminds you of your obligations under the *Cemeteries Act* to notify the nearest First Nation Government or other community of Aboriginal people which is willing to act as a representative and whose members have a close cultural affinity to the interred person. As I am sure you are aware, the regulations further state that the representative is needed before the remains and associated artifacts can be removed. Should such a find occur, we request that you contact our First Nation immediately.

Furthermore, Alderville First Nation also has available, trained Archaeological Liaisons who can actively participate in the archaeological assessment process as a member of a field crew, the cost of which shall be borne by the proponent. Alderville First Nation expects engagement at Stage 1 of an archaeological assessment, so that we may include Indigenous Knowledge of the land in the process. We insist that at least one of our Archaeological Liaisons be involved in any Stage 2-4 assessments, including test pitting, and/or pedestrian surveys, to full excavation.

Although we may not always have representation at all stakeholders' and rights holders' meetings, it is our wish to be kept apprised throughout all phases of this project.

Should you have further questions or if you wish to hire a Liaison for a project, please feel free to contact Julie Kapyrka, Consultation Manager, at 905-352-2662 or via email at jkapyrka@alderville.ca .

Yours sincerely,



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Attention: Chief Taynar Simpson:

Re: Teston Road Area Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment

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Since our last communication, the draft IEA report has been completed and will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks for review and approval following the review period. The Draft IEA Report is available for your review and comment until December 22, 2024 and can be accessed online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad. Comments can be provided to me with the contact information below.

A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment was completed in July 2023 and the report was circulated to the interested communities in December 2023 for review and comments, and to provide an update on the status of the overall project. The report is available for download at the link above.

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Please let us know if a meeting to review the project details and our upcoming work is desired, and we will work with you to arrange it. At the same time, if you have any questions or comments regarding the study, please do reach out to us:

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Regards,

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Further to our email circulation of the Draft EA Report for the Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project on November 11, 2024 and your correspondence from November 13, 2024, please find attached our letter response. We also attached the correspondence that MECP provided on October 7, 2024 and the letter that York Region sent on November 11, 2024. York Region commits to continue to work with Alderville First Nation on this assignment.

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Thank you for your correspondence of November 13, 2024, which was sent in response to correspondence sent to you on October 7, 2024 from Cindy Batista of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). In that letter, MECP provided an update on the above project and confirmed that MECP has delegated procedural aspects of project related consultation to the project proponent, The Regional Municipality of York. A copy of MECP's email and letter are attached.

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The EA study commenced in 2020 and correspondence has been shared with invitations to provide comments at several points during the study. The Region sent correspondence to Alderville First Nation on November 22, 2024 (copy attached) confirming that the Region has completed the Comprehensive EA (previously called an Individual EA, or IEA). A public review period took place until December 22, 2024.

The next step in the study process will be to submit the Final EA Report to MECP for review and approval once comments from the review period have been addressed. The Draft EA Report is still available for your review and can be accessed online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad. Comments can be provided to my attention. My contact information is below.

Please note York Region and the project team have been corresponding with Alderville First Nation since the commencement of this EA Study and we commit to continue this effort during the detailed design phase of this assignment, which is scheduled to commence after the approval of the Final EA Report. A Stage 2 archaeological assessment was completed in July 2023 and the report was circulated to interested communities in December 2023 for review and comment, along with an update on the status of the overall project. A copy of the report was provided at that time to Dr. Julie Kapyrka, Consultation Coordinator. The report is also available for download at the link above.

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Date:	Friday, December 12, 2025 2:32:47 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Project Synopsis Alderville FN.pdf

Good afternoon Julie,

Thank you for your response in September. We would like to provide an update for Comprehensive (previously Individual) Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan.

As requested, the Region has submitted the filing fee to Alderville FN. To facilitate your review, we have prepared the attached Project Synopsis, which contains the requested information for the notice of request to consult. The Project Synopsis also provides Alderville FN with a high-level summary of the project and key recommendations that may be of interest to the community. Further information about this project is available online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad.

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The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in December 2025 or early January 2026. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Please advise if a hard copy is required at your earliest convenience so, if requested, we can arrange for printing of a hard copy prior to the start of the review period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Thank you,
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York Region - Teston Road Area Improvements, Highway 400 to Bathurst Street within the City of Vaughan: Project Synopsis

1 Introduction



The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is completing a Comprehensive (previously Individual) Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area. The study area for this EA is bounded by Kirby Road to the north, Bathurst Street to the east, Major Mackenzie Drive West to the south, and Highway 400 to the west.

The Terms of Reference for this study was approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018.

The purpose of the Teston Road Area EA Study is to generate transportation solutions to address a variety of transportation problems and opportunities in the study area. The project considered a variety of improvements for the movement of vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit.

This Project Synopsis has been prepared to provide Alderville First Nation with a high-level summary of the project and key recommendations that may be of interest to the community. In preparation of this summary, we have taken into consideration the guidance provided in the Alderville First Nation Consultation Protocol, April 2015. The study area is outside of the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, as identified in the Consultation Protocol. As such, we believe the impacts to Alderville First Nation will be minimal; however, we welcome further discussion with the First Nation on any topics that may be of interest.

1.1 Recommended Plan

Through the EA Study process, a Recommended Plan for Teston Road has been identified. Teston Road is proposed to be widened from two to four lanes from west of Keele Street to Rodinea Road and from Dufferin Street to Bathurst Street. It is also proposed that Teston Road be extended as a new four-lane roadway from Rodinea Road to Dufferin Street. A full-width four-lane urban (curbed) arterial road cross section within a 36-metre right-of-way is proposed in the longer term for Teston Road from Keele Street to Bathurst Street including 2.1 m sidewalks and 2.35 m cycle tracks on both the north and south sides of Teston Road along with boulevards, utility zones, and tree zones with landscaping where possible. Due to localized constraints around three existing closed landfills, a modified initial configuration is proposed along Teston Road from Keele Street to Dufferin Street, which includes a 3.0 m north side multi-use pathway. Property protection for an ultimate grade-separated GO Rail crossing on Teston Road east of Keele Street is also recommended with an initial at-grade rail crossing recommended until grade separation is warranted.

1.2 Timing for Implementation

Detail design of the Teston Road improvements is anticipated to be commenced following the approval of the Comprehensive EA by the City of Vaughan.

2 Key Impacts and Recommendations

The following sections provide a summary of key impacts and mitigation measures that may be of interest to Alderville First Nation. Further details regarding potential environmental effects, mitigation measures, and commitments can be found in the draft EA Report available on the project website at: https://www.york.ca/transportation/roads/road-construction-schedule/teston-road-iea-study.

2.1 Natural Environment

The study area contains the headwaters of the East Branch of the Don River. The headwaters within the study area contain various stream features such as historical ponds, ground water seeps and springs, and the presence of watercress. The headwater streams provide permanent fish habitat.

Terrestrial surveys conducted for this project identified 44 different ecological land classification (ELC) communities within the study area. A total of 136 plant species were recorded, of which just over 20% were considered Species of Conservation Concern by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Four categories of provincially significant wildlife habitats have been identified in proximity to the project area, including seasonal concentration areas of animals, rare vegetation communities or specialized habitat for wildlife, habitat for Species of Conservation Concern, and animal movement corridors. Within the study

area, 39 birds, three mammals, and five herptiles were identified as species of Regional Conservation Concern.

Based on the preliminary design, it is anticipated that the proposed project could result in a total permanent loss (before mitigation measures) of approximately 59,565 m2 (5.96 hectares (ha)) from existing vegetation communities. An additional negative impact within existing vegetation communities of 25,405 m2 (2.54 ha) would be associated with construction. An additional 1,437 m2 (0.14 ha) of vegetation will be within an area of harmful alteration, and thus habitat will be impaired. Negative impacts within vegetation communities are potentially more temporary in nature, as these are areas where removal of vegetation and habitat will occur, but, following construction, vegetation can be replaced and re-establish over time.

The EA Report includes recommendations to mitigate natural environmental impacts:

- **Recommendation 1 – Species at Risk:** Species at Risk habitat compensation will be addressed as part of detailed design based on up-to-date site conditions and legislative requirements. Confirmed SAR habitat requiring compensation includes habitat for Bobolink and Eastern Meadowlark, and potential SAR habitat requiring compensation includes habitat for SAR bats.

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- **Recommendation 3 – Significant Wetlands and Significant Wildlife Habitat**: Impacts to Significant Wetlands and Significant Wildlife Habitat will be assessed as part of detailed design based on up-to-date site conditions. Key considerations will be ensuring maintenance of wetland connectivity and appropriate restoration or compensation of wetlands. Enhancement measures may include, among other things, turtle nesting areas, turtle basking areas, reptile hibernacula, bat houses, and, duck nesting structures.

- **Recommendation 4 – Invasive Species Removal and Management**: An Invasive Species Management Plan should be developed to document up-to-date conditions and removal and management plans. Invasive species such as Common Reed (restricted), Japanese Knotweed (restricted), and Goutweed have been recorded within and adjacent to the project limits.

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- **Recommendation 6 – Stormwater Management:** A preliminary Stormwater Management Plan was developed to meet stormwater management objectives in terms of water quantity, water quality, erosion and water balance. Improvements include the use of underground facilities for

quantity control and water balance (via infiltration in selected areas away from the landfills) and oil and grit separator (OGS) units placed upstream of outlets for quality control.

- **Recommendation 7 – Riparian Planting**: Restoration and planting plans within and adjacent to wetlands and along the tributary should focus on improving riparian conditions and functions to improve habitat quality and water quality at the bridge as well as downstream. The section of the Don River tributary which falls within the project area is a clear, cold, headwater stream and would benefit from additional woody material and leaf litter contributions and riparian shading.
- **Recommendation 8 – Take Private Pond Off-line**: There is an opportunity to take an existing pond off-line by rerouting the existing watercourse around the pond, improving habitat quality within the watercourse for fish, while still ensuring maintenance of wetland habitat within the pond for amphibians and other wildlife. This pond is located on private property therefore this recommendation will need to be addressed in conjunction with the adjacent property owner and developer. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans should be consulted (i.e., through submission of a Request for Review) on any changes made to existing fish habitat, as a *Fisheries Act* Authorization may be required to complete this work.

2.2 Cultural Environment

2.2.1 Archaeology

Archaeological Services Inc. conducted a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment test pit survey of areas within the study area with archaeological potential (approximately 2.77 ha).

The Stage 2 report states that:

> The study area is located within Treaty 13, the Toronto Purchase. In 1787, representatives of the Crown met with members of the Mississaugas at the Bay of Quinte to negotiate the sale of lands along the shore of Lake Ontario near the settlement of York, the seat of the colonial government. Due to disputes over the boundaries, a new agreement, the Toronto Purchase, was signed on August 1, 1805, in which the Mississaugas ceded to the Crown 250,830 acres of land. Both the 1787 Purchase and its 1805 Indenture are known as Treaty 13. The Mississaugas claimed that the Toronto Islands and other lands were not part of the purchase, and a land claim settlement was reached for these areas in 2010 (ASI 2024).

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Recommendations from the Archaeological Assessment:

The former Keele Valley landfill lands (7 Eaglet Court) that overlap with the Study Area exhibit archaeological potential and require Stage 2 test pit survey at five metre intervals prior to any soil disturbing activities.

The Teston Road IEA Study Area includes lands within the established ossuary monitoring buffer associated with the Late Woodland period McNair (AlGu-8) and McGaw (AlGu-88) village sites. Detailed monitoring strategies should be formulated at the time construction is proposed. a. To minimize the risk of impacting an ossuary within the project limits, archaeological monitoring of any proposed construction activities by a licensed archaeologist is recommended within both 1000 metres of the McNair (AlGu-8) and McGaw (AlGu-88) village sites and 300 metres of water (SD: Figure 3). This should include a monitoring program specifically tailored to project impacts and may include systematic testing of fill soils and mechanical trenching to determine if there are any extant topsoil deposits.

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Also included in the link is the Natural Environmental Report, which provides detailed information regarding potential impact to tributary that outfalls into Lake Ontario and information pertaining to any waterway and/or wetlands and the mitigative measures proposed. To facilitate your review, a summary of the pertinent findings and recommendations in the Natural Environment Report is provided below.

Please kindly advise if you have any questions.

Download: Teston CEA Stage 2 AA & Natural Environment Report

The Natural Environment Report prepared as part of the Comprehensive EA study includes documentation of existing watercourses and wetland features, as well as anticipated impacts and mitigation strategies. Noteworthy features within the project area include:

- Designated Natural Areas
- Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH)
- Species at Risk (SAR) and SAR Habitat
- Rare Vegetation and Wildlife
- Significant Fish Habitat
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (e.g., ground water upwellings, wetlands)

The project area contains the headwaters for the East Don River and most tributaries support fish and fish habitat. Redside Dace have been recorded within multiple tributaries within the Don River East Branch. Preliminary field investigations have determined that suitable habitat for Redside Dace is present within the Don River East Branch.

It may be possible to avoid direct impact to fish habitat based on proposed revisions to the design of the new Teston Road bridge over Don River East Branch although some indirect impacts are expected above the 2-year high water mark. Two tributaries of the East Don River are anticipated to have lesser, indirect impacts.

Key mitigation measures recommended in the Natural Environment Report include:

- Adherence to in-water work timing windows during construction
- Minimizing vegetation removal on the waterbody banks
- Reinstatement and stabilization of banks disturbed during construction to pre-construction or better condition
- Use of erosion and sediment control measures (e.g., silt fence barriers, erosion control blankets) during construction
- Operation of equipment in waterbodies or on waterbody banks according to OPSS.MUNI-182: Environmental Protection for Construction in Waterbodies and On Waterbody Banks

Wetlands identified within the study area include the East Don River Headwater Wetland Complex Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and unevaluated wetlands around the East Don River. Within the PSW, an estimated impact of 0.13 hectares of permanent loss is anticipated, with anticipated impacts to wildlife movement. Approximately 0.06 hectares of unevaluated wetland is anticipated to be impacted.

Key mitigation measures recommended in the Natural Environment Report include:

- Wetland boundaries within the project limits, particularly surrounding PSWs and wetland communities of regional conservation concern should be confirmed closer to construction.
- The limits of Designated Natural Areas (PSW and ANSIs) will be shown on the contract drawings as Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and equipment, construction, etc. will not extend beyond the work limits, into these areas.
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A: The final CEA report contains a table of commitment for future works that includes the Stage 2 test pits and the detailed monitoring strategies. The Stage 2 test pits are expected be conducted and the detailed monitoring strategies formulated during the detailed design. The detailed design for the proposed work is planned to be undertaken by City of Vaughan following the approval the Teston Road CEA, followed by any property acquisition, utility relocation, and finally construction.

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Aaniin Billy,

Recommendations from the Archaeological Assessment:

The former Keele Valley landfill lands (7 Eaglet Court) that overlap with the Study Area exhibit archaeological potential and require Stage 2 test pit survey at five metre intervals prior to any soil disturbing activities.

The Teston Road IEA Study Area includes lands within the established ossuary monitoring buffer associated with the Late Woodland period McNair (AlGu-8) and McGaw (AlGu-88) village sites. Detailed monitoring strategies should be formulated at the time construction is proposed. a. To minimize the risk of impacting an ossuary within the project limits, archaeological monitoring of any proposed construction activities by a licensed archaeologist is recommended within both 1000 metres of the McNair (AlGu-8) and McGaw (AlGu-88) village sites and 300 metres of water (SD: Figure 3). This should include a monitoring program specifically tailored to project impacts and may include systematic testing of fill soils and mechanical trenching to determine if there are any extant topsoil deposits.

4. Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Study Area or should

changes to the project design or temporary workspace requirements result in the inclusion of previously un-surveyed lands, these lands should be subject to a Stage 2 archaeological assessment.

When will the Stage 2 be scheduled? Alderville First Nation expects to be engaged and participate in the fieldwork for this assessment.

When is construction proposed? We would like to be included in drafting the detailed monitoring strategies as well as participating in the construction monitoring activities – as well have the opportunity to review any archaeological reports – as we were not engaged on the Stage 2 assessment.

Miigwech.
All the best,

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Good morning Julie,

Thank you for your review and reply. Please use the following link the download the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report. This is the final version of the draft report that was provided in December 2023 during the EA study.

Also included in the link is the Natural Environmental Report, which provides detailed information regarding potential impact to tributary that outfalls into Lake Ontario and information pertaining to any waterway and/or wetlands and the mitigative measures proposed. To facilitate your review, a summary of the pertinent findings and recommendations in the Natural Environment Report is provided below.

Please kindly advise if you have any questions.

Download: Teston CEA Stage 2 AA & Natural Environment Report

The Natural Environment Report prepared as part of the Comprehensive EA study includes documentation of existing watercourses and wetland features, as well as anticipated impacts and mitigation strategies. Noteworthy features within the project area include:

- Designated Natural Areas
- Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH)
- Species at Risk (SAR) and SAR Habitat
- Rare Vegetation and Wildlife
- Significant Fish Habitat
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (e.g., ground water upwellings, wetlands)

The project area contains the headwaters for the East Don River and most tributaries support fish and fish habitat. Redside Dace have been recorded within multiple tributaries within the Don River East Branch. Preliminary field investigations have determined that suitable habitat for Redside Dace is present within the Don River East Branch.

It may be possible to avoid direct impact to fish habitat based on proposed revisions to the design of the new Teston Road bridge over Don River East Branch although some indirect impacts are expected above the 2-year high water mark. Two tributaries of the East Don River are anticipated to have lesser, indirect impacts.

Key mitigation measures recommended in the Natural Environment Report include:

- Adherence to in-water work timing windows during construction
- Minimizing vegetation removal on the waterbody banks
- Reinstatement and stabilization of banks disturbed during construction to pre-construction or better condition
- Use of erosion and sediment control measures (e.g., silt fence barriers, erosion control blankets) during construction
- Operation of equipment in waterbodies or on waterbody banks according to OPSS.MUNI-182: Environmental Protection for Construction in Waterbodies and On Waterbody Banks

Wetlands identified within the study area include the East Don River Headwater Wetland Complex Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and unevaluated wetlands around the East Don River. Within the PSW, an estimated impact of 0.13 hectares of permanent loss is anticipated, with anticipated impacts to wildlife movement. Approximately 0.06 hectares of unevaluated wetland is anticipated to be impacted.

Key mitigation measures recommended in the Natural Environment Report include:

- Wetland boundaries within the project limits, particularly surrounding PSWs and wetland communities of regional conservation concern should be confirmed closer to construction.
- The limits of Designated Natural Areas (PSW and ANSIs) will be shown on the contract drawings as Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and equipment, construction, etc. will not extend beyond the work limits, into these areas.
- Wherever possible, negative impact areas be restored to conditions similar to pre-construction conditions. Compensation plantings to offset permanent impacts to designated areas should be focused on areas connected to remaining intact habitats, or on creating additional connections to adjacent habitats, to maximize ecological function in the area.
- A Wetland and Significant Wildlife Habitat Restoration Plan will be developed during detailed design to accurately characterize these areas, identify opportunities to minimize impacts, and to develop appropriate mitigation and restoration measures for any impacts. Impacts to Significant Wetlands and Significant

Wildlife Habitat (SWH) will be assessed as part of detailed design based on up-to-date site conditions. Field investigations to confirm conditions in and boundaries of significant wetland features, as well as locations and limits of SWH will be completed as part of detailed design. Key considerations at detailed design, based on the results of these surveys, will be ensuring maintenance of wetland connectivity and appropriate restoration or compensation of wetlands.

- Enhancement measures implemented as part of the restoration plan should consider and complement confirmed SWH within the project limits, and may include turtle nesting areas, turtle basking areas, reptile hibernacula, bat houses, duck nesting structures, and more.
- Restoration and planting plans within and adjacent to wetlands and along the tributary should focus on improving riparian conditions and functions to improve habitat quality and water quality at the bridge as well as downstream.

Please note that recent discussions with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority have led to a recommendation to modify the design of the proposed Teston Road bridge over to Don River East Branch to both increase the bridge's span (from 45 m to 50 m) and to modify the embankment / foreslope designs such that potential encroachment and impacts at the Don River East Branch will be reduced. Please note the Natural Environment Report has not been updated to reflect these latest comments as it describes the higher impacts associated with the previous 45 m bridge span.

Thanks,
Billy

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Aaniin Billy,

Thank you for you email.

Alderville First Nation has archaeological interests and concerns within this area. We expect to be engaged on the archaeological work that will be required as soon as the assessments are scheduled.

We also have concerns and interests regarding any potential damage to any tributary that outfalls into Lake Ontario and would appreciate any information pertaining to any waterway and/or wetlands that will be impacted and mitigative measures proposed.

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All the best,

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Good afternoon Julie,

Thank you for your response in September. We would like to provide an update for Comprehensive (previously Individual) Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan.

As requested, the Region has submitted the filing fee to Alderville FN. To facilitate your review, we have prepared the attached Project Synopsis, which contains the requested information for the notice of request to consult. The Project Synopsis also provides Alderville FN with a high-level summary of the project and key recommendations that may be of interest to the community. Further information about this project is available online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region will be submitting its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in December 2025 or early January 2026. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Please advise if a hard copy is required at your earliest convenience so, if requested, we can arrange for printing of a hard copy prior to the start of the review period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Thank you,
Billy

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Subject: RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

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Aaniin Billy,

Thank you for your e-mail.
Can you please confirm that the filing fee has been submitted as well as the notice of request to consult information as requested in our correspondence in November of 2024?

These are the first steps in our consultation process and enable engagement on this project. There has been a considerable amount of time that has passed since we responded to your correspondence of Nov 11, 2024. Do we anticipate your response in another 10 months?

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Subject: RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

Good afternoon Chief Taynar Simpson,

Further to our email circulation of the Draft EA Report for the Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project on November 11, 2024 and your correspondence from November 13, 2024, please find attached our letter response. We also attached the correspondence that MECP provided on October 7, 2024 and the letter that York Region sent on November 11, 2024. York Region commits to continue to work with Alderville First Nation on this assignment.

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

Regards,
Billy

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Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

Good afternoon Chief Taynar Simpson,

York Region has completed the draft study report for the Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project, in the City of Vaughan. The project updates and details on the draft IEA report can be found in the attached letter. Please kindly review and provide any comments you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Regards,

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Subject:	RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA Report - Notice of Submission
Date:	Sunday, March 1, 2026 12:06:18 PM
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Aaniin Billy,

Thanks for this. Please keep us apprised of responses from the municipality as well as the MECP.
Please be advised that archaeological assessments will be required, and that Alderville First Nation expects to be engaged and participate in the field work.

Miigwech.
All the best,

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Subject: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA Report - Notice of Submission

Good morning Julie,

Further to our previous correspondence, we would like to advise that the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements Project Environmental Assessment (EA) has been submitted by the Regional Municipality of York (York Region) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review under the Environmental Assessment

Act (EAA). The EA is available for review online at: www.york.ca/TestonRoad.

York Region has undertaken the EA for proposed transportation related improvements in the Teston Road area, in the City of Vaughan (the project). The Teston Road area is bounded by Highway 400 to Bathurst Street and Major Mackenzie Drive to north of Kirby Road. If the EA is approved, the project will extend and widen Teston Road from Bathurst Street to Keele Street.

Please refer to the attached memo detailing the Notice of Submission and review process.

Thank you,
Billy

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Date:	Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:57:31 PM
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Good afternoon:

The attached letter is for your information / action.

Should you have any questions / concerns regarding the attached document; please contact praveen.john@york.ca or philip.brandon@york.ca

Regards and have a great day.

Dawn

Dawn Lilley | Administrative Clerk Secretary | Capital Planning and Delivery
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Attachments: Letter Beausoleil First Nation.pdf

Good afternoon Chief Joanne P. Sandy,

York Region has completed the draft study report for the Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project, in the City of Vaughan. The project updates and details on the draft IEA report can be found in the attached letter. Please kindly review and provide any comments you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Regards,
Billy

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Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
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Chief Guy Monague,

Please see attached letter to update you on York Region's Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project, in the City of Vaughan.

Kind Regards,

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Phil Brandon, P.Eng | Planning and Design Coordinator
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Harkness, Andrew

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Subject:	Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Attachments:	Delegation Letter to Region_Communities_4Oct2024.pdf

Dear Chief:

RE: **Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street– Comprehensive Environmental Assessment**

I am writing to you about the comprehensive environmental assessment process for the proposed Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street Project (the project).

The Regional Municipality of York (the proponent) is proposing the extension of Teston Road between Keele Street and Dufferin Street. In December 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the Terms of Reference for this project, which is the first step in the comprehensive environmental assessment process. The proponent is now proceeding with completing the second step, which preparing a report that includes identify environmental impacts and mitigation.

Consultation with potentially affected or interested Indigenous communities is required during the preparation of comprehensive environmental assessment report. Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the comprehensive environmental assessment (see attached letter from the ministry to the proponent).

Once the proposed comprehensive environmental assessment is submitted to the ministry, the ministry reviews the consultation record together with the project documentation and makes a recommendation to the Minister to consider in his decision whether to approve the undertaking, approve the undertaking with conditions, or refuse to approve the undertaking.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the comprehensive environmental assessment process. The

ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me. If have any questions about the project, you may also contact Nick Crawford, Environmental Planner, Morrison Hershfield (now Stantec), consultant working on behalf of the proponent, at NCrockford@morrisonhershfield.com

Sincerely,

Cindy Batista | Special Project Officer | Transit Coordinator (she/her)
Environmental Assessment Services | Environmental Assessment Branch
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Harkness, Andrew

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Dear Chief.

Yesterday, the ministry sent an email to several Indigenous communities to inform them that we have directed the Regional Municipality of York to consult you during the preparation of the comprehensive environmental assessment (see attached letter from the ministry to the proponent). You were missed in the email that was circulated yesterday. Please see the email below for additional information, as well.

Regards,

Cindy

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To:	donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com
Subject:	Teston Rd Area Improvements - Hwy 400 to Bathurst St, City of Vaughan
Date:	Monday, August 16, 2021 9:19:58 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.jpg image003.png Teston OH1-Presentation.pdf 2021-08-13-CGI-OH1 Letter.pdf

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Hello Chief Big Canoe

Please find attached the presentation for the first online open house The Regional Municipality of York is undertaking as part of the Teston Rd Area Improvement IEA, between Hwy 400 and Bathurst Street, in the City of Vaughan.
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Regards

Praveen John

Praveen John, **P. Eng, PMP**| Sr. Project Manager, Engineering
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To:	donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com
Cc:	Brandon, Philip; John, Praveen
Subject:	99816 Teston Road IEA correspondence update
Date:	Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:52:07 PM
Attachments:	Chippewas of Georgina Island.pdf

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Cc: Batista, Cindy (MECP)
Subject: FW: Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
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From:	Lilley, Dawn
To:	chief@ramafirstnation.ca**
Cc:	John, Praveen; Brandon, Philip
Subject:	99816 Teston Road IEA correspondence update
Date:	Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:55:09 PM
Attachments:	Chippewas of Rama First Nation.pdf

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Date:	Tuesday, May 24, 2022 8:28:08 AM
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Thank you

Dawn

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Cc: Desautels, Solange (MECP) <Solange.Desautels@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA Report - Notice of Submission

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Aaniin Abdulrahi,

Thank you for your email. Please update your records to include myself and consultation@ramafirstnation.ca.

We do not have any additional comments at this time.

Miigwech,

Dillon

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From: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 11:40 AM
To: Chief Ted Williams <tedw@ramafirstnation.ca>; dillanb@ramafirstnation.ca; Community Consultation <consultation@ramafirstnation.ca>
Cc: Desautels, Solange (MECP) <Solange.Desautels@ontario.ca>; Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>
Subject: FW: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA Report - Notice of Submission

Hi Dillan,

I hope this email finds you well. I left you a voicemail earlier today and please feel free to call me back at your convenience.

I understand that Sharday J is no longer with the Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and I obtained your contact information through the phone number listed on the Rama First Nation website. For completeness, I've also copied the consultation email address listed on the website.

I'm following up regarding the Teston Road Area Improvements Project Environmental Assessment, which is currently under review by the Ministry. The comment period is open until April 17, 2026.

At your convenience, could you please let me know whether the community anticipates submitting any comments during this comment period, or if you require any additional information to support your review?

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
Abdulrahim Mohamed (hear name)
Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch
437-335-6352



From: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>

Sent: March 11, 2026 11:23 AM
To: chief@ramafirstnation.ca; shardayj@ramafirstnation.ca
Cc: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>
Subject: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA Report - Notice of Submission

Hello Chief Ted Williams,

This is Abdulrahim Mohamed, Project Officer from the Ministry of the Environment regarding the proposed Teston Road Improvement Area Environmental Assessment proposed by the Region of York.

The EA is currently with the ministry for review and is available for comments until April 17, 2026. I wanted to confirm that you received the final EA link, and whether your community will be submitting comments by the April 17th deadline. If you have any questions regarding the Environmental Assessment I can be reached at (437) 335-6352.

Thank you,
Abdulrahim Mohamed (hear name)
Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch
437-335-6352



From: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
Sent: February 25, 2026 1:27 PM
To: chief@ramafirstnation.ca; shardayj@ramafirstnation.ca
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>; Harkness, Andrew <andrew.harkness@stantec.com>; MacMillan, Meghan <meghan.macmillan@stantec.com>; Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>
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Good morning Chief Ted Williams,

The Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements Project Environmental Assessment (EA) has been submitted by the Regional Municipality of York (York Region) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). The EA is available for review online at: www.york.ca/TestonRoad.

York Region has undertaken the EA for proposed transportation related improvements in the Teston Road area, in the City of Vaughan (the project). The Teston Road area is bounded by Highway 400 to Bathurst Street and Major Mackenzie Drive to north of Kirby Road. If the EA is approved, the project will extend and widen Teston Road from Bathurst Street to Keele Street.

Please refer to the attached memo detailing the Notice of Submission and review process.

Thank you,
Billy

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C.6 Correspondence from Curve Lake First Nation

From:	John, Praveen
To:	"JulieK@curvelake.ca"; Kaitlin Hill
Subject:	Teston Rd Area Improvements - Hwy 400 to Bathurst St, City of Vaughan
Date:	Monday, August 16, 2021 9:28:09 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.jpg image003.png 2021-08-13-CLFN-OH1 Letter.pdf Teston OH1-Presentation.pdf

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From:	Lilley, Dawn
To:	JulieK@curvelake.ca; KaitlinH@curvelake.ca
Cc:	John, Praveen; Brandon, Philip; Andrew Harkness
Subject:	York Region Response letter of June 1, 2022 (IEA update)
Date:	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 2:36:29 PM
Attachments:	YORK-#13940783-v1-99816_York_EA_Update_letter_to_Curve_Lake_First_Nation_01JUNE2022.pdf
Importance:	High

Good afternoon Chief Emily Whetung:
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Thank you and have a nice day.
Dawn

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From: Brandon, Philip <Philip.Brandon@york.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:51 AM
To: JulieK@curvelake.ca; KaitlinH@curvelake.ca; TiffanyM@curvelake.ca
Cc: John, Praveen; Andrew Harkness
Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
Attachments: Chief Emily Whetung.pdf

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Harkness, Andrew

From:	Batista, Cindy (MECP) <Cindy.Batista@ontario.ca>
Sent:	Monday, October 7, 2024 3:53 PM
To:	claires@mncfn.ca; tsimpson; bfnchief@chimnissing.ca; donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com; chief@ramafirstnation.ca; KeithK@curvelake.ca; chiefcarr@hiawathafn.ca; klarocca@scugogfirstnation.com; kawarthanishnawbecouncil@outlook.com; administration@cnhw.qc.ca
Cc:	Batista, Cindy (MECP); Desautels, Solange (MECP); Mark.LaForme; adam.laforme@mncfn.ca; julia.johnson@mncfn.ca; jsmoke; consultation@alderville.ca; consultation@chimnissing.ca; brandon.stiles@georginaisland.com; tedw@ramafirstnation.ca; KaitlinH@curvelake.ca; consultation@scugogfirstnation.com
Subject:	Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Attachments:	Delegation Letter to Region_Communities_4Oct2024.pdf

Dear Chief:

RE: **Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street– Comprehensive Environmental Assessment**

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Once the proposed comprehensive environmental assessment is submitted to the ministry, the ministry reviews the consultation record together with the project documentation and makes a recommendation to the Minister to consider in his decision whether to approve the undertaking, approve the undertaking with conditions, or refuse to approve the undertaking.

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If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me. If have any questions about the project, you may also contact Nick Crawford, Environmental Planner, Morrison Hershfield (now Stantec), consultant working on behalf of the proponent, at NCrockford@morrisonhershfield.com

Sincerely,

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Environmental Assessment Services | Environmental Assessment Branch
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Sent:	Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:30 AM
To:	paigew@curvelake.ca
Cc:	Batista, Cindy (MECP)
Subject:	FW: Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Attachments:	Delegation Letter to Region_Communities_4Oct2024.pdf

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Please see email below for additional details regarding the proposed Teston Road Area environmental assessment. I included the Chief of Curve Lake, but I missed you in the circulation.

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Curve Lake First Nation
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Attention: Chief Emily Whetung

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Sincerely,



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Cheng, Victoria

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Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 3:54 PM
To: JulieK@curvelake.ca; KaitlinH@curvelake.ca; Tiffanym@curvelake.ca
Cc: Crockford, Nick; Harkness, Andrew
Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
Attachments: Letter Curve Lake FN.pdf

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Regards,
Billy

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From: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 3:48 PM
To: paigew@curvelake.ca
Cc: Crockford, Nick <Nick.Crockford@stantec.com>; Harkness, Andrew <Andrew.Harkness@stantec.com>
Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

Good afternoon Ms. Williams,

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To:	tcowie@hiawathafn.ca
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Cc:	John, Praveen; Brandon, Philip
Subject:	99816 Teston Road IEA correspondence update
Date:	Thursday, May 19, 2022 3:00:59 PM
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Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
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Aaniin Phillip,

Chi miigwech for the information on this project. At this moment we have no questions or concerns, if any should arise, we will contact your office.

Have a great weekend.

Tom Cowie.
Land & Resources Consultation
Hiawatha First Nation

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Harkness, Andrew

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Subject:	Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
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Sincerely,

Cindy Batista | Special Project Officer | Transit Coordinator (she/her)
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Subject:	FW: Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
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Morning.

Please see email below to Chief Carr regarding the proposed environmental assessment for the Teston Road Area project. I am sending this email as you were missed in the first circulation.

Thank you.

Cindy

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November 22, 2024

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123 Paudash Street R.R. #2
Hiawatha, Ontario K9J 0E6

Attention: Chief Laurie Carr

Re: Teston Road Area Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment

Further to our correspondence from December 2023, the Regional Municipality of York has completed an Individual (Comprehensive) Environmental Assessment (IEA) in the City of Vaughan to identify road improvements in the Teston Road area from Highway 400 to Bathurst Street and from Major Mackenzie Drive West to Kirby Road. A Terms of Reference (ToR) was completed for this project and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) in 2018. The ToR can be viewed on the Region's project website (http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad).

Since our last communication, the draft IEA report has been completed and will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks for review and approval following the review period. The Draft IEA Report is available for your review and comment until December 22, 2024 and can be accessed online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad. Comments can be provided to me with the contact information.

A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment was completed in July 2023 and the report was circulated to the interested communities in December 2023 for review and comments, and to provide an update on the status of the overall project. The report is available for download at the link above.

We hope this information will assist your community in identifying any potential interests in or concerns with the project.

Please let us know if a meeting to review the project details and our upcoming work is desired, and we will work with you to arrange it. At the same time, if you have any questions or comments regarding the study, please do reach out to us:

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,



Billy Cheung, P.Eng.
Project Manager
Email: billy.cheung@york.ca
Copy to: Tom Cowie

Cheng, Victoria

From: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2024 4:16 PM
To: tcowie@hiawathafn.ca
Cc: Crockford, Nick; Harkness, Andrew
Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
Attachments: Letter Hiawatha FN.pdf

Good afternoon Chief Laurie Carr,

York Region has completed the draft study report for the Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project, in the City of Vaughan. The project updates and details on the draft IEA report can be found in the attached letter. Please kindly review and provide any comments you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Regards,
Billy

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Subject:	Teston Road Area Improvements CEA Report - Notice of Submission
Date:	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 12:47:28 PM
Attachments:	Teston_Rd_EA_Acknowledgement_Form.pdf Teston_Rd_Memo_to_Indigenous_Communities_final.pdf Notice of Submission, Teston Road IEA, City of Vaughan.pdf

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Aaniin Abdulrahim,

Hiawatha has concerns whether consultation was initiated early enough, with all Michi Saagiig Nations who hold rights in the region and whether impacts on Treaty rights (hunting, fishing, harvesting, cultural access) have been properly assessed. Impacts to wildlife, habitat & biodiversity concerns with road widening and new road construction can fragment habitat and increase wildlife mortality.
The area may contain wetlands, headwaters, or significant wildlife habitat that support culturally important species (e.g., deer, fish, songbirds, turtles).

Waterways, hydrology & cumulative environmental impacts concerns from road expansions often alter drainage patterns and may affect nearby creeks, wetlands, and groundwater systems, which hold cultural importance. There is cumulative impacts with other developments in Vaughan and the Highway 400 corridor. Plant harvesting, medicines & traditional land use concerns that road widening and new alignments may remove areas where community members harvest medicines or conduct land‑based practices. The region around Vaughan and Teston Road is known to contain archaeological potential, including early Indigenous occupation. There is air quality, noise & health impacts concerning expanding to a four‑lane corridor increases traffic, emissions, noise levels, and impacts on nearby residents and wildlife. At‑grade crossings pose safety risks and may increase noise and vibration. Future grade separation could cause greater land disturbance later.

Land Acquisition & Property Impacts Concerning road widening and new road corridors may require land takings or easements, which could affect cultural access areas or natural features. Climate Change & Resiliency Concerns that new or widened roads accelerate climate impacts, increase emissions, and may not align with climate commitments.

Michi Saagiig Nations must be involved in monitoring, design, mitigation, and decision-making, not just notified. What commitments exist for ongoing engagement through detailed design and construction? Will First Nations be part of environmental monitoring, field studies, and post-construction evaluation. This feels like an information sharing exercise and not a consultation process. Have a great week.

Gichi manaadendamowin

Tom Cowie

Tom Cowie
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We, the Michi Saagiig of Hiawatha First Nation, are a vibrant, proud, independent and healthy people balanced in the richness of our culture and traditional way of life

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Hello Chief Laurie Carr,

This is Abdulrahim Mohamed, Project Officer from the Ministry of the Environment regarding the proposed Teston Road Improvement Area Environmental Assessment proposed by the Region of York.

The EA is currently with the ministry for review and is available for comments until April 17, 2026. I wanted to confirm that you received the final EA link, and whether your community will be submitting comments by the April 17th deadline. If you have any questions regarding the Environmental Assessment I can be reached at (437) 335-6352.

Thank you,
Abdulrahim Mohamed (hear name)
Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch
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Subject:	RE: Hiawatha FN Concerns with EA consultations
Date:	Wednesday, March 18, 2026 3:39:23 PM
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Good afternoon Mr. Cowie,

Thank you for the comments provided regarding the Teston Road Comprehensive Environmental Assessment study on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation (FN). These comments have been shared with York Region (the proponent) and Stantec (the consultant) by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to review and respond to directly, and to include as part of the study's record of Indigenous Consultation. The purpose of this email is to provide further details regarding how the comments provided were considered through the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment study and the next steps.

The project team is available to meet with Hiawatha FN representatives to discuss the project and these comments further.

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Consultation

Indigenous communities were notified through the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment process beginning with the Notice of Commencement issued for the project in August 2020, in advance of open houses (four total), and during review of the draft Comprehensive Environmental Assessment documents. Invitations to participate in Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment field work were sent to Indigenous communities in July 2023. The list of communities contacted at these study milestones includes:

- Alderville First Nation
- Beausoleil First Nation
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Huron – Wendat Nation Council
- Kawartha Nishnawbe Council (added in October 2024)
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

- MNO Credit River Metis Council
- MNO Toronto & York Region Metis Council
- Williams Treaty First Nations

A record of Indigenous Consultation is included as an Appendix to the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment report, available for review on York Region's project website: https://www.york.ca/transportation/roads/road-construction-schedule/teston-road-iea-study

Engagement was also ongoing through the development of the Terms of Reference for the project (2016-2018). As part of the Terms of Reference development, a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment was prepared and circulated for comments from Indigenous communities.

Environmental Assessment

The Comprehensive Environmental Assessment includes consideration of impacts to the natural environment, groundwater systems, cumulative impacts, archaeological resources, air quality, noise and vibration. All technical and environmental specialist reports are available on York Region's website for review and comment: https://www.york.ca/transportation/roads/road-construction-schedule/teston-road-iea-study.

We have provided a summary below of key impacts and mitigation measures that may be of particular interest. We welcome further input you may share on culturally important species, significant features, and the proposed mitigation approach.

Natural Environment

The Natural Environment Report prepared as part of the Comprehensive EA study includes documentation of existing watercourses and wetland features, as well as anticipated impacts and mitigation strategies. Noteworthy features within the project area include:

- Designated Natural Areas
- Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH)
- Species at Risk (SAR) and SAR Habitat
- Rare Vegetation and Wildlife
- Significant Fish Habitat
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (e.g., ground water upwellings, wetlands)

The project area contains the headwaters for the East Don River and most tributaries support fish and fish habitat. Redside Dace have been recorded within multiple tributaries within the Don River East Branch. Preliminary field investigations have determined that suitable habitat for Redside Dace is present within the Don River East Branch. It may be possible to avoid direct impact to fish habitat based on proposed revisions to the design of the new Teston Road bridge over Don River East Branch although some indirect impacts are expected above the 2-year high water mark. Two tributaries of the East Don River are anticipated to have lesser, indirect impacts.

Wetlands identified within the study area include the East Don River Headwater Wetland Complex Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) and unevaluated wetlands around the East Don River. Within the PSW, an estimated impact of 0.13 hectares of permanent loss is anticipated, with anticipated impacts to wildlife movement. Approximately 0.06 hectares of unevaluated wetland is anticipated to be impacted.

Key mitigation measures recommended in the Natural Environment Report include:

- Adherence to in-water work timing windows during construction
- Minimizing vegetation removal on the waterbody banks
- Reinstatement and stabilization of banks disturbed during construction to pre-construction or better condition
- Use of erosion and sediment control measures (e.g., silt fence barriers, erosion control blankets) during construction
- Operation of equipment in waterbodies or on waterbody banks according to OPSS.MUNI-182: Environmental Protection for Construction in Waterbodies and On Waterbody Banks
- Wetland boundaries within the project limits, particularly surrounding PSWs and wetland communities of regional conservation concern should be confirmed closer to construction.
- The limits of Designated Natural Areas (PSW and ANSIs) will be shown on the contract drawings as Environmentally Sensitive Areas, and equipment, construction, etc. will not extend beyond the work limits, into these areas.
- Wherever possible, negative impact areas will be restored to conditions similar to pre-construction conditions. Compensation plantings to offset permanent impacts to designated areas should be focused on areas connected to remaining intact habitats, or on creating additional connections to adjacent habitats, to maximize ecological function in the area.
- A Wetland and Significant Wildlife Habitat Restoration Plan will be developed during detailed design to accurately characterize these areas, identify

opportunities to minimize impacts, and to develop appropriate mitigation and restoration measures for any impacts. Impacts to Significant Wetlands and Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) will be assessed as part of detailed design based on up-to-date site conditions. Field investigations to confirm conditions in and boundaries of significant wetland features, as well as locations and limits of SWH will be completed as part of detailed design. Key considerations at detailed design, based on the results of these surveys, will be ensuring maintenance of wetland connectivity and appropriate restoration or compensation of wetlands.

- Enhancement measures implemented as part of the restoration plan should consider and complement confirmed SWH within the project limits, and may include turtle nesting areas, turtle basking areas, reptile hibernacula, bat houses, duck nesting structures, and more.
- Restoration and planting plans within and adjacent to wetlands and along the tributary should focus on improving riparian conditions and functions to improve habitat quality and water quality at the bridge as well as downstream.

Please note that recent discussions with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority have led to a recommendation to modify the design of the proposed Teston Road bridge over to Don River East Branch to both increase the bridge's span (from 45 m to 50 m) and to modify the embankment / foreslope designs such that potential encroachment and impacts at the Don River East Branch will be reduced. Please note the Natural Environment Report has not been updated to reflect these latest comments as it describes the higher impacts associated with the previous 45 m bridge span.

Archaeological Resources

Archaeological Services Inc. completed a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment test pit survey of areas within the study area with archaeological potential (approximately 2.77 ha). The Stage 2 report states that there are two Late Woodland Indigenous sites within one kilometre of the study area (outside of the project footprint): the McNair site (AlGu-8) and the McGaw site (AlGu-88). Following the policies laid out in the 2022 York Region Official Plan and York Region Archaeological Management Plan, it has been determined that portions of the study area demonstrate ossuary potential and will require monitoring during construction.

Additional Stage 2 field work will be required during detail design to assess a small area that was inaccessible to the project team; there will be invitations for participation from Indigenous field liaisons during this field work.

Air Quality, Noise and Vibration

An Air Quality Assessment study was undertaken to assess the local air quality impacts due to the proposed widening and extension of Teston Road. Based on the assessment of the future air quality conditions with the proposed project in place, the overall contribution from the roadway emissions to the combined contaminant concentrations was small and the majority were below the MECP guidelines. Mitigation measures are not recommended due to the small number of days which are expected to exceed the guidelines, but additional measures such as planting vegetation will be considered to minimize particulate impacts.

Results of the Environmental Noise Assessment show that noise levels resulting from the proposed project (without the potential future GO Rail grade separation) are expected to be very minor for the homes west of Keele Street and for the homes located between Dufferin Street and Bathurst Street. However, it is very likely that noise mitigation would be required in the vicinity of the Teston Road GO Rail grade raise if this is undertaken in future. While some sensitive receptors in the study area will see increases in noise levels, noise attenuation is either within guidelines or noise attenuation barriers are not feasible. For the sensitive receptors associated with the development of 1600 Teston Road, the developer constructed noise attenuation will reduce the future noise levels below MECP guidelines.

Property Impacts

Property will be required along the Teston Road corridor to facilitate the roadway extension, widening and grading of the proposed design. Property to be impacted by the roadway improvements will primarily be existing right-of-way, the City of Toronto's Keele Valley Landfill and the Vaughan Township Landfill, and existing developed areas. An estimated 4.3 ha of public and private property will need to be acquired to construct the project and approximately 2.2 ha of temporary easements are required for the construction of the project. During detailed design, reductions to property and easement requirements will be examined.

A new 50 m bridge will be built over the Don River East Branch with vertical retaining and wing walls in all four quadrants to limit the encroachment into the valley. The roadway embankments will result in some encroachment within the valley.

Climate Change Assessment

A climate change assessment was completed for the project, and identified recommendations to address vulnerabilities to climate risk and adaptation, including:

- Selecting design alternatives that reduce the amounts of materials that contribute the most to the project's GHG emissions (e.g., earth fill, concrete).
- Selecting materials with lower GHG emissions associated with their production.
- Sourcing materials and/or equipment from closer to the project site to reduce emissions associated with their transportation.

It is crucial to keep durability and practicality of design in mind when evaluating potential greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures. Materials with low up-front GHG emissions but reduced longevity or frequent maintenance needs could have higher overall emissions when considering their entire lifecycle. In addition to the embodied emissions resulting from earlier repairs to or replacements of less durable system components, repairs that require traffic queues will add to GHG emissions. Another contributor to GHG emissions related to the construction of the project is the fuel consumption required for the construction equipment. Implementing GHG emissions reduction work practices where suitable, such as the use of 'low-carbon' fuels in vehicles and equipment, using of fuel-efficient or electric equipment, as well as regular maintenance and inspection of equipment will help further optimize fuel efficiency and reduce construction-related GHG emissions. Furthermore, shifting the use of energy-efficient vehicles to higher intensity tasks and less efficient vehicles to lower intensity tasks can reduce the GHG emissions associated with the construction equipment.

To mitigate the impacts of climate hazards, adaptation options for the project may include engineering and technological solutions, as well as policy, planning, management, and maintenance approaches. Asset specific adaptation measures to improve resilience include:

- Clear combustible materials away from roadway infrastructure and bridge structures to reduce the risk of indirect wildfire impacts.
- Allow clearance for extreme heat movements in expansion joints to reduce maintenance issues and prolong durability through increased expansion/contraction of elements under extreme heat conditions.
- Provide enhanced erosion and scour protection measures for bridge foundations to build resilience in the case of flooding events and washouts.
- Avoid use of slender elements susceptible to wind or debris impact for increased resilience in extreme wind conditions.
- Planted species selection that are tolerant to harsh climate conditions.
- Additional storage capacity in stormwater management facilities.
- Additional conveyance capacity in culverts/storm sewers to accommodate

increased peak flows.

Policy related adaptation measures to increase resilience include:

- Ongoing inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation of roadway and pedestrian facilities, primarily due to adverse impacts from freeze thaw cycles and extreme heat.
- Harden flood susceptible roadway sections and reduce runoff velocities where possible to increase resilience to overland and riverine flooding impacts.
- Ongoing inspection, maintenance and rehabilitation of culverts that may be impacted by flooding events.
- Invasive Species Monitoring Program including increasing monitoring of landscaping and neighbouring areas, and planting species that are resilient to invasive species.
- Health and Safety Management Plan including increased monitoring of road/sidewalk conditions, monitoring of temperatures and air quality in transit facilities, and increased snow clearing and salting to address multiple hazards.
- Utility Power (Off-Site Services) Outage Management Plan including monitoring and/or upgrades to current emergency power distribution and implementing of additional emergency lighting to address extreme heat risks, freezing rain, extreme wind, and snowfall.

Next Steps

Engagement will continue through the detail design phase of the project. Additional Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment field work will take place during detail design. There will be invitations for participation from Indigenous field liaisons, as well as an opportunity to review draft reporting. We have noted Hiawatha FN's interest in natural environmental field work, environmental monitoring and post-construction monitoring, which can be further discussed during detail design.

The project team is available to meet with Hiawatha FN representatives at your convenience to discuss the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment and any concerns, interests and commitments for participation during follow-up work during detail design. Please kindly reach out to me to arrange for a meeting time.

Regards,
Billy

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From: Tom Cowie <tcowie@hiawathafn.ca>
Sent: March 11, 2026 4:22 PM
To: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>; Chief Laurie Carr <chiefcarr@hiawathafn.ca>; sdavidson@hiawathafn.ca; Ryan Gray-Brady <rgray-brady@hiawathafn.ca>; Mike Howard <dcdc@hiawathafn.ca>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA Report - Notice of Submission

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Aaniin Abdulrahim,

Hiawatha has concerns whether consultation was initiated early enough, with all Michi Saagiig Nations who hold rights in the region and whether impacts on Treaty rights (hunting, fishing, harvesting, cultural access) have been properly assessed. Impacts to wildlife, habitat & biodiversity concerns with road widening and new road construction can fragment habitat and increase wildlife mortality.
The area may contain wetlands, headwaters, or significant wildlife habitat that support culturally important species (e.g., deer, fish, songbirds, turtles).

Waterways, hydrology & cumulative environmental impacts concerns from road expansions often alter drainage patterns and may affect nearby creeks, wetlands, and groundwater systems, which hold cultural importance. There is cumulative impacts with other developments in Vaughan and the Highway 400 corridor. Plant harvesting, medicines & traditional land use concerns that road widening and new alignments may remove areas where community members harvest medicines or conduct land-based practices. The region around Vaughan and Teston Road is known to contain archaeological potential, including early Indigenous occupation. There is air quality, noise & health impacts concerning expanding to a four-lane corridor increases traffic, emissions, noise levels, and impacts on nearby residents and wildlife. At-grade crossings pose safety risks and may increase noise and vibration. Future grade separation could cause greater land disturbance later.

Land Acquisition & Property Impacts Concerning road widening and new road corridors may require land takings or easements, which could affect cultural access areas or natural features. Climate Change & Resiliency Concerns that new or widened roads accelerate climate impacts, increase emissions, and may not align with climate commitments.

Michi Saagiig Nations must be involved in monitoring, design, mitigation, and decision-making, not just notified. What commitments exist for ongoing engagement through detailed design and construction? Will First Nations be part of environmental monitoring, field studies, and post-construction evaluation. This feels like an information sharing exercise and not a consultation process. Have a great week.

Gichi manaadendamowin

Tom Cowie

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We, the Michi Saagiig of Hiawatha First Nation, are a vibrant, proud, independent and healthy people balanced in the richness of our culture and traditional way of life

From: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:03 AM
To: Chief Laurie Carr <chiefcarr@hiawathafn.ca>; sdavidson@hiawathafn.ca; Tom Cowie <tcowie@hiawathafn.ca>
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Hello Chief Laurie Carr,

This is Abdulrahim Mohamed, Project Officer from the Ministry of the Environment regarding the proposed Teston Road Improvement Area Environmental Assessment proposed by the Region of York.

The EA is currently with the ministry for review and is available for comments until April 17, 2026. I wanted to confirm that you received the final EA link, and whether your community will be submitting comments by the April 17th deadline. If you have any questions regarding the Environmental Assessment I can be reached at (437) 335-6352.

Thank you,
Abdulrahim Mohamed (hear name)
Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch
437-335-6352



From: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
Sent: February 25, 2026 12:47 PM
To: chiefcarr@hiawathafn.ca; sdavidson@hiawathafn.ca; Tom Cowie <tcowie@hiawathafn.ca>
Cc: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>; MacMillan, Meghan <meghan.macmillan@stantec.com>; Harkness, Andrew <andrew.harkness@stantec.com>; John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>
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Good morning Chief Laurie Carr,

The Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements Project Environmental Assessment (EA) has been submitted by the Regional Municipality of York (York Region) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review under the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). The EA is available for review online at: www.york.ca/TestonRoad.

York Region has undertaken the EA for proposed transportation related improvements in the Teston Road area, in the City of Vaughan (the project). The Teston Road area is bounded by Highway 400 to Bathurst Street and Major Mackenzie Drive to north of Kirby Road. If the EA is approved, the project will extend and widen Teston Road from Bathurst Street to Keele Street.

Please refer to the attached memo detailing the Notice of Submission and review process.

Thank you,
Billy

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C.8 Correspondence from Huron-Wendat First Nation

Ish Chowdhury

Subject: FW: Teston Road Area Improvements

From: Roads.EA [mailto:roads.ea@york.ca]
Sent: September 24, 2020 4:34 PM
To: 'Maxime Picard' <maxime.picard@cnhw.qc.ca>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email. I have forwarded your request to the project team.

The team will be in touch with you during the various stages of the project. We will inform you of any work regarding archeological assessments during the project.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Kelvin

Kelvin So | Communications Coordinator,
Strategic Initiatives and Programs, Transportation Services

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From: Maxime Picard [mailto:maxime.picard@cnhw.qc.ca]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Roads.EA
Subject: Teston Road Area Improvements

Good morning,

This is to acknowledge reception of the attached notice on the Teston Road Area Improvements Project.

The Huron-Wendat Nation is formally requesting to be engaged in any archaeological assessment initiated as part of this project.

Thank and best regards,

Maxime Picard

From:	John, Praveen
To:	melanievincent21@yahoo.ca; mario.groslouis@cnhw.qc.ca; louis.lesage@cnhw.qc.ca
Subject:	Teston Rd Area Improvements - Hwy 400 to Bathurst St, City of Vaughan
Date:	Monday, August 16, 2021 9:33:34 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.jpg image003.png Teston OH1-Presentation.pdf 2021-08-13-HWNC-OH1 Letter.pdf

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Regards

Praveen John

Praveen John, **P. Eng, PMP**| Sr. Project Manager, Engineering
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Alex Frayne

To: John, Praveen; Mélanie Vincent
Cc: Tina Durand; Brandon, Philip; Nick Crockford
Subject: RE: Re : Teston Rd Area Improvements - Hwy 400 to Bathurst St, City of Vaughan

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From: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>
Sent: August 17, 2021 11:18
To: Mélanie Vincent <melanievincent21@yahoo.ca>
Cc: Tina Durand <tina.durand@wendake.ca>; Brandon, Philip <Philip.Brandon@york.ca>; Nick Crockford <NCrockford@morrisonhershfield.com>
Subject: RE: Re : Teston Rd Area Improvements - Hwy 400 to Bathurst St, City of Vaughan

Thank You Melanie

We will update our list. We will forward all future correspondence to Tina

Regards

Praveen

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From: Mélanie Vincent <melanievincent21@yahoo.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:15 AM
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Good Morning John, please note that since October 30, 2020, the Grand Chief of the Huron-Wendat Nation is Rémy Vincent. Please can you update your contact list? Any correspondence to the Grand Chief should be forwarded to tina.durand@wendake.ca, as Tina is his Executive Assistant. Thank you!

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Le lun., août 16 2021 à 9:33, John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca> a écrit :

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From:	Lilley, Dawn
To:	tina.durand@wendake.ca
Cc:	John, Praveen; Brandon, Philip
Subject:	99816 Teston Road IEA correspondence update
Date:	Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:47:04 PM
Attachments:	Huron-Wendat Nation Council.pdf

Good afternoon:

The attached letter is for your information / action.

Should you have any questions / concerns regarding the attached document; please contact praveen.john@york.ca or philip.brandon@york.ca

Regards and have a great day.

Dawn

Dawn Lilley | Administrative Clerk Secretary | Capital Planning and Delivery
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Victoria Cheng

From: Brandon, Philip <Philip.Brandon@york.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:47 AM
To: tina.durand@wendake.ca
Cc: Thiefaine Terrier; John, Praveen; Andrew Harkness
Subject: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
Attachments: Huron Wendat.pdf

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Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 10:16 AM
To: bureaupolitics@wendake.ca.
Cc: Thiefaine Terrier; John, Praveen; Andrew Harkness
Subject: FW: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
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Good Morning,

This email was initially sent to Tina Durand, to be directed to Chief Remy Vincent. Tina's away from office email has directed me to this address.

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Cc: Thiefaine Terrier; John, Praveen; Andrew Harkness
Subject: Recall: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

Brandon, Philip would like to recall the message, "Teston Road IEA Update Letter".

From: Marie-Sophie Gendron <Marie-Sophie.Gendron@wendake.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 8:53 AM
To: Brandon, Philip
Cc: Thiefaine Terrier; John, Praveen; AHarkness@morrisonhershfield.com
Subject: RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

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Yes, it is perfect for us!

Thank you!
Marie-Sophie

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De : Brandon, Philip <Philip.Brandon@york.ca>
Envoyé : 6 décembre 2023 15:23
À : Marie-Sophie Gendron <Marie-Sophie.Gendron@wendake.ca>
Cc : Thiefaine Terrier <Thiefaine.Terrier@wendake.ca>; John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>; AHarkness@morrisonhershfield.com
Objet : RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

Hi Marie-Sophie,

Nice to meet you. Would three weeks be okay for you to complete the review?

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter

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Kwe Philip,

Thank you for sending over the Stage 2AA for us to provide our comments. I would like to introduce myself, Marie-Sophie, I am an archaeologist working for the Huron-Wendat Nation. When, at the latest, would we submit our comments?

Tiawenhk,
Marie-Sophie

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Regarding future archaeological work, the Huron-Wendat Nation is requesting to be consulted at every stage and, of course, provide liaisons for all field work. The HWN also wishes to be consulted for the elaboration of the monitoring program and the elaboration of the burial avoidance strategies. Please do not hesitate to contact our team should you have questions and to follow up with the next steps.

Tiawenhk chia' entïio'!
Marie-Sophie

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Harkness, Andrew

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Subject:	Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
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Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment

Good day, Benjamin.

Thank you for your email and confirming how your community wants to participate in the environmental assessment process for the proposed project.

Cindy

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Kwe Cindy,

Thank you for sending the letter. Please inform The Regional Municipality of York that the Huron-Wendat Nation is interested in participating in all stages of any archaeological assessments that may be required in the environmental assessment.

Tiawenhk,

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Huron-Wendat Nation Council
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Attention: Grand Chief Pierre Picard

Re: Teston Road Area Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment

Further to our correspondence from December 2023, the Regional Municipality of York has completed an Individual (Comprehensive) Environmental Assessment (IEA) in the City of Vaughan to identify road improvements in the Teston Road area from Highway 400 to Bathurst Street and from Major Mackenzie Drive West to Kirby Road. A Terms of Reference (ToR) was completed for this project and approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) in 2018. The ToR can be viewed on the Region's project website (http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad).

Since our last communication, the draft IEA report has been completed and will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks for review and approval following the review period. The Draft IEA Report is available for your review and comment until December 22, 2024 and can be accessed online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad. Comments can be provided to me with the contact information below.

A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment was completed in July 2023 and the report was circulated to the interested communities in December 2023 for review and comments, and to provide an update on the status of the overall project. The report is available for download at the link above.

We hope this information will assist your community in identifying any potential interests in or concerns with the project.

Please let us know if a meeting to review the project details and our upcoming work is desired, and we will work with you to arrange it. At the same time, if you have any questions or comments regarding the study, please do reach out to us:

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,



Billy Cheung, P.Eng.
Project Manager
Email: billy.cheung@york.ca
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Good afternoon Grand Chief Pierre Picard,

York Region has completed the draft study report for the Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project, in the City of Vaughan. The project updates and details on the draft IEA report can be found in the attached letter. Please kindly review and provide any comments you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions.

Regards,
Billy

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Tiawenhk inenh chia’ entïio’ (Thank you very much and have a good day!)

Mathieu Larivière

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Envoyé : 31 mars 2026 13:59
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I hope you are doing well.

I am writing to follow up on the correspondence below regarding the Teston Road Area Improvements Project Environmental Assessment, which is currently under review by the Ministry. The comment period remains open until April 17, 2026.At your convenience, could you please let me know whether your community intends to submit any comments during this review period, or if there is any additional information I can provide to support your review?

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Abdulrahim Mohamed (hear name)
Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch
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From: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>
Sent: March 11, 2026 11:09 AM
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Cc: Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP) <Abdulrahim.Mohamed@ontario.ca>
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Hello Grand Chief Pierre Picard,

This is Abdulrahim Mohamed, Project Officer from the Ministry of the Environment regarding the proposed Teston Road Improvement Area Environmental Assessment proposed by the Region of York.

The EA is currently with the ministry for review and is available for comments until April 17, 2026. I wanted to confirm that you received the final EA link, and whether your community will be submitting comments by the April 17th deadline. If you have any questions regarding the Environmental Assessment I can be reached at (437) 335-6352.

Thank you,
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Good afternoon Grand Chief Pierre Picard,

The Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements Project Environmental Assessment (EA) has been submitted by the Regional Municipality of York (York Region) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review under the Environmental

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C.9 Correspondence from Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation

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CHVI	Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
CSP	Controlled Surface Pickup
IK	Indigenous Knowledge

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REVIEW WRITER

This review has been completed by KNFN Council Member and Archaeological Coordinator Nodin Webb.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "PROJECT PERSONNEL"

KNFN suggests inclusion of the participating First Nations in this content item. This gives report readers the immediate information regarding the Indigenous communities involved and to what degrees in the project, such as having liaisons on site monitoring the field work. To further add to this, KNFN suggests including which First Nations conducted archaeological report reviews if those First Nations consent to sharing such information.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "1.0 PROJECT CONTEXT"

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Found under item 1.1.1 "Treaties and Traditional Territories":

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Found under item 1.2 "Historical Context":

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KNFN fought against a poaching charge in 2002. Harvesting rights were legally brought forward in the court case "R. vs. Johnson". KNFN won the court battle; the KNFN member was not charged with poaching, this victory in court solidified KNFN's harvesting rights in the eyes of Western law including OPP/MNR and the Government of Ontario.

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Found under item 1.3.3 "Previously Registered Archaeological Sites"

"According to the Ontario Archaeological Sites Database, 21 previously registered archaeological sites are located within one kilometre of the Study Area, none of which are located within 50 metres (MCM 2022). A summary of the sites is provided below" (Lytle, 2024, p. 15).

When reviewing the "Table 1" a summary table of the registered sites within 1km of the study area, to strengthen the report KNFN suggests including the distance each site is from the study area for easy reference.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "2.0 FIELD METHODS"

Found under item "2.0 Field Methods":

"During the field assessments, weather and lighting conditions permitted good visibility and were in accordance with the S & G, Section 2.1, Standard 3. During the remainder of the survey, conditions were seasonal with sunny to overcast skies and temperatures of -5 to 23 degrees Celsius. While a small amount of snow cover was present from December

13-14, 2022, soils were not frozen, and all evaluation of archaeological potential was reassessed on April 13, 2023" (Lytle, 2024 p. 27).

KNFN advocates for archaeological work to be completed in weather and lighting conditions that permits for good-excellent ground visibility. KNFN recognizes that the weather and field conditions documented matches the photo images found later in the report.

Found under item "2.1 Areas of Low and No Potential":

"The area documented as being permanently low and wet has no archaeological potential and includes the riparian zone of a tributary of the Don River (Figure 8; Image 35)" (Lytle, 2024 p. 29).

KNFN suggests avoiding using words such as "no archaeological potential" as it sounds absolute when speaking about archaeological potential. While KNFN understands the limitations involved with stage 2 test methods (making it too difficult to screen through the wet soils) this does not mean that artifacts and archaeological potential isn't present, it just means that the artifacts or archaeological materials that have the potential to be there are inaccessible to the team based on the limitations involved with stage 2 test pitting.

Also noted is the use of the wording "no potential" on "Image 34: Teston Road right-of-way; no potential". KNFN would suggest changing the wording when speaking about the how disturbance effects archaeological potential. Given that ground disturbance may not always reach into deeper buried deposits/archeological sites, it should be explained in a way that describes that ground disturbance "could" remove past artifacts in relations to the field methods used at the time.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "3.0 RECORD OF FINDS"

Found under item "3.2 Inventory of Documentary and Material Record":

"Table 12 provides an inventory and location of the documentary and material record for the project in accordance with the S & G, Sections 6.7 and 7.8.2.3" (Lytle, 2024. p. 45).

In "Table 12" it's stated that artifacts are stored at "Archaeological Services Inc., 528 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2P9" (Lytle, 2024 p. 46). And that: "Artifacts grouped by provenience and sealed in individual plastic bags measuring 13 centimetres

by 21 centimetres and stored within one labelled bankers' box" (Lytle, 2024 p. 46). KNFN believes that this report could be strengthened by explaining the setting of the room the banker's box is stored in. Stating that the safe temperature and ideal setting is provided to prevent possible mold or damage that could be caused to the stored artifacts.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "4.0 ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS"

KNFN suggests to incorporate the suggestions given previously in the report into the wording of the "analysis and conclusions" content item.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS"

"This should include a monitoring program specifically tailored to project impacts and may include systematic testing of fill soils and mechanical trenching to determine if there are any extant topsoil deposits" (Lytle, 2024 p. 50).

KNFN agrees with the listed recommendations and would add that invitation should be sent to the First Nations and Indigenous communities to send a representative to be a part of the suggested monitoring program.

"NOTWITHSTANDING the results and recommendations presented in this study, Archaeological Services Inc. notes that no archaeological assessment, no matter how thorough or carefully completed, can necessarily predict, account for, or identify every form of isolated or deeply buried archaeological deposit. In the event that archaeological remains are found during subsequent construction activities, the consultant archaeologist, approval authority, and the Archaeology Program Unit of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism must be immediately notified" (Lytle, 2024 p. 50).

KNFN appreciates the inclusion of this statement in the report and recognizes that the risk is always present of not finding archaeological resources in the study area. KNFN believes that just because no artifacts were found that does not necessarily mean there are no artifacts within the study area; it just means that no artifacts were found within the locations the test pits were screened. If present or future land owners of this property wish to undergo further archaeological work to continue searching for artifacts within the study area of un-disturbed lands, KNFN would support this extra initiative.

If Indigenous communities or the steward/land owner of the study area wishes to continue with added archaeological work, suggestions of how this would proceed should be included such as grid starting point changes/requested intensifications or moving on to a stage 3 from a stage 2. KNFN suggests not to dissuade future archaeological work from being done if the interest to do it and support from the Indigenous communities is present.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "6.0 ADVICE ON COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION"

"When all matters relating to archaeological sites within the project area of a development proposal have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), a letter will be issued by the ministry stating that there are no further concerns with regard to alterations to archaeological sites by the proposed development" (Lytle, 2024 p. 51).

KNFN would add ensuring that the duty to consult with First Nations is upheld and consultations with the First Nations have been addressed and deemed satisfactory to the First Nations having been consulted with prior to stating there are no further concerns with regard to alterations.

"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 archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act" (Lytle, 2024 p. 51).

KNFN would add here that ensuring the duty to consult with First Nations is upheld and consultations with the First Nations have been addressed and deemed satisfactory to the First Nations having been consulted with, whenever previously undocumented archaeological resources are discovered. Indigenous communities should be contacted and consulted with prior to any archaeological assessments so they can decide if they want liaisons on site to monitor the work done or perform ceremony prior to archaeological work. This way if human remains or Indigenous artifacts are found during the fieldwork the Indigenous communities will have a presence and ability to bring their culture/ceremony/perspectives and interests immediately.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "7.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY AND SOURCES"

KNFN has no comments.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "8.0 IMAGES"

KNFN recognizes that the photo images of field conditions match the conditions and weather description given previously in the report.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "9.0 MAPS"

As mentioned previously in this review, this report can be strengthened by including a map showing the Treaty lands as well as showing the study area on that map.

"Image 28" shows the use of tarps during screening of test pits. KNFN advocates for high-quality backfilling to ensure the safety of anyone who may step on the backfilled test pits. Given that the use of tarps can be seen in the photo images on p. 73 of the report, this shows evidence of high-quality backfilling methods. Given portions of the study area are clearly maintained for public and private use it is especially important to use tarps in these situations to ensure the backfilled test pit is completely filled leaving behind no tripping hazard. The report could be strengthened by including an image of a backfilled test pit for reference.

2 References

Lytle, J. (2024). Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment: Teston Road – Highway 400 to Bathurst Street IEA Regional Municipality of York Toronto: Archaeological Services Inc.

Harkness, Andrew

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Dear Chief:

RE: **Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street– Comprehensive Environmental Assessment**

I am writing to you about the comprehensive environmental assessment process for the proposed Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street Project (the project).

The Regional Municipality of York (the proponent) is proposing the extension of Teston Road between Keele Street and Dufferin Street. In December 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the Terms of Reference for this project, which is the first step in the comprehensive environmental assessment process. The proponent is now proceeding with completing the second step, which preparing a report that includes identify environmental impacts and mitigation.

Consultation with potentially affected or interested Indigenous communities is required during the preparation of comprehensive environmental assessment report. Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the comprehensive environmental assessment (see attached letter from the ministry to the proponent).

Once the proposed comprehensive environmental assessment is submitted to the ministry, the ministry reviews the consultation record together with the project documentation and makes a recommendation to the Minister to consider in his decision whether to approve the undertaking, approve the undertaking with conditions, or refuse to approve the undertaking.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the comprehensive environmental assessment process. The

ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me. If have any questions about the project, you may also contact Nick Crawford, Environmental Planner, Morrison Hershfield (now Stantec), consultant working on behalf of the proponent, at NCrockford@morrisonhershfield.com

Sincerely,

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Subject:	Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan
Date:	Friday, January 16, 2026 10:11:52 AM

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Hello Andrew / Meghan,

Please see response from KNFN. Can you please provide your availabilities for a meeting with them in the week of Feb 2? I am unfamiliar with this FN group, but they seem to be fairly active. With this being our first meeting with them, I suggest involving someone for your indigenous liaison team to assist.

We are available all week except
Tuesday 10:30 to noon & 1 to 2:30,
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Date:	Thursday, March 12, 2026 3:49:30 PM

Good afternoon Nodin,

Thank you for the productive meeting this morning. As discussed, can you please forward us with the summary document you mentioned that can provide us with some insights on KNFN's consultation requirements?

Your time is greatly appreciated.

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Aaniin,

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Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN

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We would like to follow up on the email below.

Please advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards, Billy

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Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pm

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Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation - Archaeological Assessment Review

Review of the document:

Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment
Teston Road - Highway 400 to Bathurst Street
Individual Environmental Assessment
Part of Lots 25 and 26, Concessions 2 and 3,
and Part of Lot 26, Concession 4
(Geographical Township of Vaughan, County of York)
City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York

Original Report

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11 March 2024

From:	Cheung, Billy
To:	nodin webb
Cc:	Harkness, Andrew; John, Praveen; MacMillan, Meghan; OBrien, Cathleen
Subject:	RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan
Date:	Thursday, March 12, 2026 3:49:30 PM

Good afternoon Nodin,

Thank you for the productive meeting this morning. As discussed, can you please forward us with the summary document you mentioned that can provide us with some insights on KNFN's consultation requirements?

Your time is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Billy

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Aaniin,
Yes, 9:30am tomorrow. Are you able to send us a link for the meeting?
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN

On Mar 10, 2026, at 11:47 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

Hope all is well. I'm just reaching out again to follow up on my meeting invite and confirm that your team will be able to meet this Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 am as scheduled. Please kindly confirm.

Here is the proposed agenda for the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Teston Road Area Improvement Study - project findings and recommendations
3. Initial Feedback from KNFN
4. Next Steps

As noted in my previous correspondence, the EA Report has been submitted to MECP and is currently available for review. Please find the pertinent reports here: https://www.york.ca/TestonRoad

Thanks,
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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 3:52 PM
To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>; jessica-bfcc <Jessica-BFCC@outlook.com>; Jack Hoggarth <giiwednang@hotmail.com>; Diane Blunt (KNFN) <dianeblunt1@gmail.com>
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We can do March 12 9-11:30. Below is an image of the invoice:

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Cheques can be mailed to 71 Ojibway Dr S, Trent Lakes, ON K0L1J0. I have CC'd or remaining council members for reference.

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> 2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

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for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards,
Billy

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To: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com>
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>
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Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
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Looking forward to consult with you on this project.

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voluntarily. We must schedule ahead and plan to take time from our full time jobs for consultations and require the funding to adequately engage. KNFN will provide an invoice for $1000.00 for funding for a virtual meeting. Please respond with a date(s) that works for you.

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2.1.1 Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation

Review Comments on Natural Environment Report
York Region – Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements

Date: March 29, 2026
Reviewed by: Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation – Jack C. Hoggarth
Document Reviewed: York Region – Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements (Stantec, December 2025)

2.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation has completed a review of the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements. This review evaluates the report with respect to compliance with provincial environmental assessment requirements, methodological sufficiency, and the adequacy of ecological and cultural interpretation.

The report demonstrates a high level of technical effort and reflects competent professional practice. It includes extensive baseline investigations, transportation modelling, and evaluation of alternatives consistent with the Environmental Assessment Act. The methodology aligns with established environmental planning standards and fulfills the procedural requirements of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment.

However, the report is constrained by a regulatory and feature-based interpretation of the environment that does not adequately reflect the interconnected, cumulative, and relational nature of ecological systems. Natural heritage features are assessed primarily as discrete units within defined study boundaries, rather than as components of broader watershed and landscape-scale systems. As a result, key ecological relationships, including hydrological continuity, habitat connectivity, and cumulative effects, are underrepresented in the assessment.

The study area includes sensitive headwater systems associated with the East Don River, which function as part of a larger and interconnected watershed. The potential impacts to these systems are not fully explored in relation to long-term ecological function or downstream effects. Similarly, wetlands, woodlands, and areas characterized as disturbed or of reduced value are interpreted through a limited framework that does not fully account for their role within broader ecological networks.

The report also does not incorporate First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) into the assessment. This absence represents a substantive gap in the environmental baseline and limits the interpretation of ecological features and impacts. TEK provides longitudinal, place-based understandings of land, water, and ecological relationships that are not captured through short-term technical studies.

While the report meets procedural and regulatory requirements, it reflects the constraints of the assessment framework within which it was prepared. The absence of identified significant impacts should not be interpreted as an absence of ecological or cultural importance, but rather as a function of the criteria and boundaries used to define significance.

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation finds the report to be procedurally sound but interpretively incomplete. The concerns identified relate to ecological framing, cumulative effects, hydrological analysis, and the absence of First Nation perspectives. These limitations must be addressed to ensure that the assessment reflects the full ecological and cultural context of the study area.

Accordingly, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation recommends that the report be **approved only upon the completion of substantive revisions** that strengthen the interpretive framework, incorporate broader ecological relationships, and address the absence of TEK.

1 Purpose of Review

The purpose of this review is to evaluate whether the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment adequately reflects both the technical requirements of environmental assessment and the broader ecological and cultural context of the lands under consideration. Environmental assessments function not only as regulatory tools but also as interpretive frameworks that shape how land, water, and ecological relationships are understood and valued.

This review considers the adequacy of ecological baseline characterization, the interpretation of environmental impacts, and the extent to which cumulative and landscape-level effects are addressed. It also evaluates whether the report reflects the longstanding relationships between the Anishinaabeg and the lands within the study area, particularly in relation to watershed systems, ecological continuity, and responsibilities to land and water.

2 General Observations

The report is clearly structured and demonstrates familiarity with provincial policy frameworks and environmental assessment processes. It includes detailed transportation modelling, natural heritage investigations, and evaluation of alternative solutions. The identification of ecological features, including headwater systems, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and species at risk, reflects established methodological approaches.

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation does not identify deficiencies in the procedural execution of the assessment. However, the interpretation of these features is limited by a compartmentalized framework that evaluates ecological components as discrete units rather than as interconnected systems. This approach constrains the understanding of ecological relationships and limits the ability to fully assess long-term impacts.

3 Specific Recommendations

1.1 Study Area Definition and Scale

The definition of the study area reflects regulatory and transportation planning boundaries rather than ecological systems. While this approach aligns with the requirements of the environmental

assessment process, it does not capture the full extent of watershed processes, wildlife movement, or ecological connectivity. The study area includes portions of the headwaters of the East Don River, which function as part of a broader hydrological and ecological system extending well beyond the defined limits. By constraining the assessment to this boundary, the report limits its ability to evaluate landscape-level relationships and cumulative effects. The report should clearly state that the study area represents an administrative boundary and expand its analysis to include broader ecological systems and regional connectivity.

1.2 Hydrology and Headwater Systems

The report identifies the presence of headwater features, including permanent watercourses, groundwater recharge areas, and associated hydrological systems. However, this information is not sufficiently carried forward into the impact assessment. The potential effects of roadway construction and expansion on groundwater recharge, surface water flow, and wetland hydrology are not fully explored. Headwater systems are particularly sensitive to disturbance and play a critical role in maintaining downstream ecological integrity. The report should strengthen its hydrological analysis by explicitly addressing potential changes to water balance, flow regimes, and long-term ecological function.

1.3 Weland Systems and Ecological Function

Wetlands identified within the study area are primarily treated as mapped features rather than dynamic and interconnected systems. While classification and delineation are provided, the report does not fully consider the functional role of wetlands in regulating water systems, supporting biodiversity, and maintaining ecological stability. Wetlands within headwater environments are particularly important and should be evaluated using a precautionary approach. The report should move beyond classification-based assessment and emphasize ecological function, connectivity, and long-term resilience.

1.4 Cumulative Effects and Landscape Fragmentation

The assessment focuses primarily on direct, project-specific impacts and does not adequately consider cumulative effects. The proposed development contributes to ongoing patterns of habitat fragmentation, edge effects, and incremental ecological loss within the region. These broader impacts are not sufficiently addressed in the report. The removal or alteration of ecological features within the study area has implications for wildlife movement, habitat connectivity, and long-term ecosystem integrity. The report should expand its analysis to include cumulative effects in relation to existing infrastructure, planned development, and regional ecological change.

1.5 Species at Risk and Habitat Interpretation

The report includes an assessment of species at risk; however, the evaluation is largely based on regulatory thresholds and the presence or absence of habitat. This approach does not fully capture the ecological roles of species or their reliance on broader landscape connectivity. Habitats characterized as disturbed or of low value may still provide important functions for movement, foraging, and seasonal use. The report should recognize that habitat quality is

dynamic and that species at risk often depend on a range of conditions that extend beyond standardized assessment criteria.

1.6 Interpretation of Disturbed and Agricultural Lands

Areas identified as agricultural or disturbed are consistently interpreted as having reduced ecological value. This interpretation does not fully account for the role these landscapes play in supporting ecological connectivity and transitional habitat. Disturbed environments can still contribute to species movement and broader ecosystem function, particularly within fragmented landscapes. The report should reconsider this assumption and acknowledge the ecological importance of these areas.

1.7 Mitigation and Compensation

Mitigation and compensation measures are presented as effective mechanisms for addressing environmental impacts. While these measures are consistent with standard environmental practice, the report assumes that impacts can be effectively managed or offset. This approach does not fully account for irreversible ecological change, time lags in restoration, or the loss of established ecological relationships. The report should reframe mitigation as a partial measure and clearly acknowledge the limitations of compensation strategies.

1.8 Absence of First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)

While the report identifies Indigenous communities as part of the consultation process, it does not incorporate First Nation TEK into the environmental assessment. This represents a substantive limitation in both the environmental baseline and the interpretation of ecological features and impacts. TEK is not supplementary to Western scientific approaches; it provides longitudinal, place-based knowledge of land, water, species relationships, and environmental change that extends far beyond the temporal scope of short-term field studies.

The absence of this knowledge results in an incomplete understanding of the study area, particularly in relation to watershed dynamics, species behaviour, seasonal use patterns, and the interconnected nature of ecological systems. It also limits the ability of the report to assess impacts in a way that reflects lived relationships to the land and responsibilities to future generations.

The report should explicitly acknowledge the exclusion of TEK as a gap in the assessment and identify it as a critical area requiring further engagement. Where possible, future revisions should be undertaken in collaboration with First Nations to ensure that ecological interpretation reflects both scientific and Indigenous knowledge systems.

2. Anishinaabeg Ecological Context

The study area is situated within the broader homeland of the Anishinaabeg and forms part of an interconnected system of lands, waters, and relationships that extend across the Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario watersheds. The headwaters identified within the assessment, including those associated with the East Don River, are not isolated environmental features but are integral components of a larger, living system that sustains ecological continuity across the region.

From an Anishinaabeg perspective, land is not understood as a collection of discrete features, but as a network of relationships grounded in responsibility, reciprocity, and continuity. Waterways function as veins of the land, carrying life, memory, and connection. Headwater systems are particularly significant within this framework, as they influence the health, balance, and direction of entire watersheds. Disturbance at the level of headwaters is therefore not localized in its effects, but cumulative and far-reaching, with implications for downstream environments and future generations.

Wetlands, forests, and transitional landscapes within the study area are similarly understood as interconnected systems rather than bounded units. Wetlands regulate water, support plant and animal life, and maintain ecological balance. Woodlands provide habitat, shelter, and materials, while also contributing to broader systems of movement and continuity. Areas characterized within the report as disturbed or of reduced ecological value may still hold importance within these relational systems, particularly as corridors for movement or as sites of regeneration.

The presence of species at risk within the study area further reflects the health and condition of these broader systems. These species cannot be understood solely through the lens of localized habitat thresholds, as their survival is tied to connectivity, seasonal patterns, and long-term ecological stability. Their presence indicates relationships that extend beyond the boundaries of the study area and beyond the temporal scope of the assessment.

The current report identifies many of these ecological features but interprets them primarily within a technical and regulatory framework that isolates them as individual components. This approach does not adequately reflect the interconnected and relational nature of the landscape. As a result, the assessment risks underrepresenting both the significance of these systems and the extent of potential impacts.

Anishinaabeg ecological knowledge emphasizes responsibility to land and water across generations. Environmental change is not evaluated solely in terms of immediate or measurable effects, but in relation to how it alters relationships, disrupts balance, and affects the ability of future generations to live in a good way. This includes consideration of cumulative change, the persistence of ecological systems, and the integrity of the relationships that sustain them.

Incorporating this perspective is not an addition to the assessment, but a necessary component of understanding the full ecological and cultural context of the study area. Without it, the report remains limited in its ability to fully assess impact, significance, and long-term consequence.

3. Regulatory and Interpretive Considerations

The report demonstrates compliance with the procedural requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act and associated provincial frameworks. It reflects competent professional practice within the scope of the methodology applied and adheres to the standards expected of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment.

However, it is necessary to distinguish clearly between regulatory compliance and ecological integrity. The conclusions presented in the report are shaped by the parameters of the assessment framework, including defined study boundaries, standardized criteria for significance, and a feature-based approach to environmental evaluation. These constraints inherently limit the scope of interpretation.

As a result, the absence of identified significant impacts within the report should not be interpreted as an absence of ecological or cultural importance. Rather, it reflects the limits of the criteria and methodologies employed. Ecological systems, particularly those associated with headwaters, wetlands, and landscape connectivity, extend beyond the thresholds used to define significance within the assessment.

The report should explicitly acknowledge these limitations and clarify that its findings represent a regulatory interpretation of impact rather than a comprehensive account of ecological condition or consequence. Failure to do so risks misrepresenting the scale and significance of potential impacts and may lead to decision-making that does not fully consider long-term ecological integrity or First Nation relationships to the land.

4. Overall Assessment

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation finds that the report meets the procedural and technical requirements of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment and reflects a high level of professional competency in its execution. The baseline studies, alternatives analysis, and documentation demonstrate a thorough application of established environmental assessment practices.

However, the assessment remains constrained by its interpretive framework. The reliance on feature-based evaluation, regulatory thresholds, and bounded study areas limits the report’s ability to capture the interconnected and cumulative nature of ecological systems. Key considerations, including landscape-scale connectivity, hydrological continuity, and long-term ecological change, are underdeveloped.

In addition, the absence of First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge represents a substantive gap in both the environmental baseline and the interpretation of impacts. This omission limits the report’s ability to fully understand the study area as part of a living and relational landscape.

Taken together, these limitations do not invalidate the technical work undertaken, but they do constrain the completeness of the assessment. The report, as currently written, provides a procedurally sound but interpretively incomplete account of environmental conditions and potential impacts.

5. Recommendations

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation recommends that the report be revised to strengthen its interpretive framework and ensure that it more accurately reflects the ecological and cultural context of the study area. Revisions should expand the scope of analysis beyond regulatory boundaries to include landscape-scale ecological systems, with particular attention to watershed dynamics, habitat connectivity, and cumulative effects.

The assessment of hydrological systems should be strengthened to reflect the sensitivity of headwater environments and the potential for long-term changes to groundwater recharge, surface water flow, and wetland function. Wetlands and associated ecological features should be evaluated using a precautionary approach that recognizes their interconnected and dynamic nature.

The report should move beyond threshold-based interpretations of species at risk and habitat by incorporating broader ecological relationships, including movement patterns and seasonal use. Similarly, areas characterized as disturbed or of reduced value should be reconsidered in light of their role in maintaining ecological connectivity and supporting transitional habitat.

Mitigation and compensation measures should be reframed to clearly acknowledge their limitations. Restoration and offsetting cannot fully replicate existing ecological systems, particularly in the short to medium term, and should not be presented as equivalent replacements for ecological loss.

The report must also explicitly acknowledge the absence of First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge as a critical gap in the assessment. Future revisions should include meaningful engagement with First Nations to ensure that ecological interpretation reflects both scientific and Indigenous knowledge systems.

Finally, the report should include a clear statement outlining the limitations of its methodological and regulatory framework. This clarification is necessary to ensure that decision-makers understand that the findings represent a constrained interpretation of environmental impact.

6. Recommendation Status

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation recommends that the report be considered for approval only upon the completion of substantive revisions that address the concerns identified in this review. While the report meets procedural requirements, its current form does not fully reflect the ecological complexity or cultural context of the study area.

Approval without revision would risk advancing a project based on an incomplete understanding of environmental relationships, cumulative effects, and long-term consequences. Substantive revisions are therefore necessary to ensure that the assessment aligns with both regulatory expectations and broader responsibilities to ecological integrity and future generations.

3.1.1 Approval with substantive revisions

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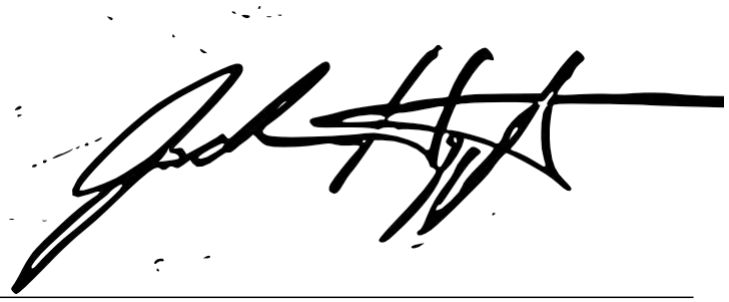

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Hello Nodin,

Please find attached our response to the comments that KNFN provided for the Teston Road Area Improvements CEA report and the Stage 2 archaeological assessment report. Please review our proposed edits as outlined in the letter. If there are no additional comments, we plan to provide the updated reports and appendices to you in mid to late August. As discussed in our response, if KNFN have any traditional knowledge data that can be shared with us, we will be happy to incorporate them in the reports as well.

Please kindly provide any comments you may have at your earliest convenience. If you would like to discuss this study further with the project team, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We look forward to continuing working with KNFN on this assignment.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 11:22 AM
To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
Cc: Diane Blunt (KNFN) <dianeblunt1@gmail.com>; Jack Hoggarth <giiwednang@hotmail.com>; Jessica Frost-Cruise <Jessica-BFCC@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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Attached is the completed review of the stage 2 archaeological assessment report. Below is an image of the invoice:

Cheques can be mailed to 71 Ojibway Dr S, Trent Lakes, ON K0L1J0. I have Cc'd our remaining council members for reference. If you could kindly confirm receipt of the review and invoice when you are able, it would be appreciated.

Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member, Archaeological Coordinator of KNFN

> On Mar 18, 2026, at 2:47 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:
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> Thank you again Nodin!
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Signed.
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb
Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 18, 2026, at 1:57 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:
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> Hi Nodin,
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> Sorry for another email – our legal team advises that for the agreement to be executable, we would need either an electronic signature, or and handwritten one. If electronic signature is not an option, would you be able to print, sign, and scan the page back to us?
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> Appreciate your time.
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> Thanks!
> Billy
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From: Cheung, Billy
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 12:10 PM
To: 'nodin webb' <nodin.webb@hotmail.com>
Cc: MacMillan, Meghan <meghan.macmillan@stantec.com>; Harkness, Andrew <andrew.harkness@stantec.com>; John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Hello Nodin,

Thanks for providing the signed agreement. We will provide the payment once it's executed on our end. We appreciate the commencement of your review:

1. The Comprehensive EA Report can be downloaded using this link: Teston Road IEA Report
2. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report can be downloaded using this link: Appendix I - Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

As noted previously, all other information and documents associated with this project can be found on the project page at york.ca/TestonRoad.

Thanks!
Billy

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From: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 9:26 AM
To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
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Aaniin,

I have signed the agreement and replied with it attached. If you can send us the 2 reports for review, we will begin.

Miigwech,

Nodin Webb - Council Member, Archaeological Coordinator of KNFN

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 18, 2026, at 9:09 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:
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> Hello Nodin,
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> Further to our virtual meeting, please find attached the draft agreement for the $3,000 and $1,500 review fees for the Comprehensive EA Report and the Stage 2 Archaeology report. Please kindly review and provide your signature at your earliest convenience so we can execute it on our end and payment can be made accordingly.
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> Thanks,
> Billy

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From: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 11:52 AM
To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
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To conduct a review of an archaeological assessment, it requires a high-level of education and skillset regarding archaeology which is considered a specialized practice requiring specialized skills and knowledge to conduct a proper review to our standards. KNFN has completed many stage 2 reviews and the price of this specialized work has been widely accepted at the rate of $3,000.00. Added to the needed specialized skillset and knowledge regarding archaeological studies is the Indigenous perspectives and representation we as a First Nation have the duty and right to provide. As a First Nation, we

ensure ethical and accurate inclusion of Indigenous perspectives and views, history and culture which falls into roles and responsibilities we have in stewarding and caretaking to the lands that these archaeological study areas involve. At this time, only 2 of our KNFN members have this specialized knowledge and ability to conduct these reviews. The Indigenous aspect of what we provide in our reviews truly is invaluable but Is seen as high-value to not only ourselves but our other clients, municipalities, private businesses and other governing bodies like the MTO for example who have all accepted the rate of $3,000.00. To complete a stage 2 review at our level it can take anywhere between 10-16 hours regardless of whether archaeological artifacts were found or other background information or decisions to follow. Our Council must take time and resources to do the administrative end such as emails, invoice writing, cheque writing and signing, archaeological coordinating, etc which is pulled directly from the $3,000.00 (20% goes to cover the administrative costs mentioned which is $600.00, the remaining $2,400.00 goes to the review writer).

For the environmental document review for $1,500.00 (20% goes to cover the administrative costs mentioned which is $300.00, the remaining $1,200.00 goes to the review writer).

$1000.00 would be for one consultation and covers the costs associated for KNFN to assist with funding time spent on preparation, coordinating the consultation as well as the consultation itself. It covers the administrative side which includes time and resources for invoice writing, bookkeeping and time needed to deposit cheques into the bank account outside of Burleigh Falls. We are not a reservation or Indian Act band and this means we do not receive government funding or assistance for these consultations and costs mentioned. Our Council Members are volunteer and must take time out of their regular work schedules to accommodate these consultations. $1000.00 is the

standard asking amount for a virtual consultation to ensure we have proper capacity funding to adequately engage in a meaningful way and had been widely accepted.

On Mar 12, 2026, at 3:49 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Nodin,

Thank you for the productive meeting this morning. As discussed, can you please forward us with the summary document you mentioned that can provide us with some insights on KNFN's consultation requirements?

Your time is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Billy

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Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:14 PM
To: Cheung, Billy
<Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>>
Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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Aaniin,
Yes, 9:30am tomorrow. Are you able to send us a link for the meeting?
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN

On Mar 10, 2026, at 11:47 AM, Cheung, Billy
<Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>>
wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

Hope all is well. I'm just reaching out again to follow up on my meeting invite and confirm that your team will be able to meet this Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 am as scheduled. Please kindly confirm.

Here is the proposed agenda for the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Teston Road Area Improvement Study - project findings and recommendations
3. Initial Feedback from KNFN
4. Next Steps

As noted in my previous correspondence, the EA Report has been submitted to MECP and is currently available for review. Please find the pertinent reports here:https://www.york.ca/TestonRoad<https://www.york.ca/transportation/roads/road-construction-schedule/teston-road-iea-study>

Thanks,
Billy

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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 3:52 PM To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca<mailto:praveen.john@york.ca>>; jessica-bfcc <Jessica-BFCC@outlook.com<mailto:Jessica-BFCC@outlook.com>>; Jack Hoggarth <giiwednang@hotmail.com<mailto:giiwednang@hotmail.com>>; Diane Blunt (KNFN)

<dianeblunt1@gmail.com<mailto:dianeblunt1@gmail.com>>
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Aaniin,

We can do March 12 9-11:30. Below is an image of the invoice:

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Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN
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On Feb 19, 2026, at 2:18 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

We would like to follow up on the email below.

Please advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards,
Billy

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From: Cheung, Billy
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:27 PM
To: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com<mailto:nodin.webb@hotmail.com>>
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca<mailto:praveen.john@york.ca>>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pm

Please also provide us with the invoice for the $1000 fee, and I will set up the payment and meeting invite for a meeting accordingly.

Looking forward to consult with you on this project.

Regards,
Billy

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<nodin.webb@hotmail.com<mailto:nodin.webb@hotmail.com>>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:45 AM
To: Cheung, Billy
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Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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ittoisitsafe@york.ca<mailto:isitsafe@york.ca>
Boozhoo,
KNFN appreciates you contacting us and we are interested to consult with you on this matter. We are available for virtual consultation bookings 2 weeks from now between Mon-Friday 1-4pm. KNFN is a non-funded First Nation and our council works voluntarily. We must schedule ahead and plan to take time from our full time jobs for consultations and require the funding to adequately engage. KNFN will provide an invoice for $1000.00 for funding for a virtual meeting. Please respond with a date(s) that works for you.
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN, a Treaty 20 Mississauga First Nation
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On Jan 16, 2026, at 10:11 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is nearing completion of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area. The study area for this EA is bounded by Kirby Road to the north, Bathurst Street to the east, Major Mackenzie Drive West to the south, and Highway 400 to the west. Further information about this project is available online atwww.york.ca/TestonRoad<http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad>.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Actand according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region will be submitting its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in February 2025. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you.

Regards,
Billy

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C.9 Correspondence from Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
Mississauga's of Burleigh Falls
71 Ojibway Dr S, Trent Lakes
Ontario, K0L 1JO

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation - Archaeological Assessment Review

Review of the document:

Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment
Teston Road - Highway 400 to Bathurst Street
Individual Environmental Assessment
Part of Lots 25 and 26, Concessions 2 and 3,
and Part of Lot 26, Concession 4
(Geographical Township of Vaughan, County of York)
City of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York

Original Report

Prepared for:
Morrison Hershfield
125 Commerce Valley Drive West, Suite 300
Markham, ON L3T 7W4

Prepared by:
Archaeological Services Inc.
528 Bathurst Street,
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2PY
416-966-1069
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Archaeological Licence: P1066 (Lytle)
Project Information Form: P1066-0310-2022
Archaeological Services Inc. File: 19EA-200

11 March 2024

REVIEW ABBREVIATIONS

KNFN	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
2011 S&Gs	2011 Standard and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists
CHVI	Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
CSP	Controlled Surface Pickup
IK	Indigenous Knowledge

IDENTITY

KNFN is a Mississauga Treaty 20 First Nation. We do not fall under the Indian Act and we are not a reservation. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation is equal to any other Mississauga Treaty 20 First Nation.

REVIEW WRITER

This review has been completed by KNFN Council Member and Archaeological Coordinator Nodin Webb.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "PROJECT PERSONNEL"

KNFN suggests inclusion of the participating First Nations in this content item. This gives report readers the immediate information regarding the Indigenous communities involved and to what degrees in the project, such as having liaisons on site monitoring the field work. To further add to this, KNFN suggests including which First Nations conducted archaeological report reviews if those First Nations consent to sharing such information.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "1.0 PROJECT CONTEXT"

Found under item 1.1 "Development Context":

"ASI has been actively engaging with Indigenous communities who have expressed an interest in the archaeological work within the Study Area for this project on behalf of

York Region. Representatives from Huron-Wendat Nation and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation were present on site and participated Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment: Teston Road – Highway 400 to Bathurst Street IEA Regional Municipality of York Page 11 during the Stage 2 property survey. No concerns were expressed during the execution of the fieldwork. A detailed account of all First Nations engagement can be found in the Supplementary Documentation: Indigenous Engagement document associated with this report" (Lytle, 2024 p. 10-11).

KNFN appreciates the inclusion of the Indigenous engagement on this report.

Found under item 1.1.1 "Treaties and Traditional Territories":

"The Study Area is within Treaty 13, the Toronto Purchase" (Lytle, 2024 p. 11).

KNFN appreciates the clear distinction of which traditional treaty territory the study is situated on and could improve with the inclusion of a map of the treaty lands to visually portray the study area in relation to the local and neighbouring treaty territories. The report can improve by further discussions on the role of Anishinaabeg treaty signatories and how treaties are on-going in nature. Treaties should be portrayed as being the agreements that built relationships between the Indigenous peoples and settlers instead of primarily framing them as means of land extinguishment.

Found under item 1.2 "Historical Context":

"A comprehensive review of the precontact Indigenous and Euro-Canadian occupations of the York region is presented in the Stage 1 report (New Directions Archaeology Ltd., 2018, pp. 2–10). To summarize, background research indicates that the general vicinity of the Study Area has been attractive to human settlement for thousands of years, primarily by Indigenous people and more recently by Euro-Canadian settlers" (Lytle, 2024 p. 11).

KNFN requires the inclusion of the comprehensive review of the precontact Indigenous and Euro-Canadian occupations in this stage 2 report as well. Given the report reader or reviewer may only have access to this document, it is important this information is also included here. For example, First Nations may not have the capacity or funding required to perform a review of the stage 1 document as well as the separate stage 2 document and in this case the important precontact Indigenous occupations information wouldn't be accessible for review if only the stage 2 review was being completed.

1.1.1 **KNFN strongly suggests including a historical/traditional background piece from each of the participating First Nations involved with the archaeological work/consulting, if they**

consent to providing one, as well as the First Nations of the Territories the study area sits on.

KNFN has provided a brief history and traditional background for reference below regarding our own First Nation and it is welcomed to be cited and used in this and other future reports, when discussing Indigenous peoples of Ontario:

"Since time immemorial, Island 31 (Located in what is now known as Burleigh Falls) has been a cherished destination for our people, who travelled to Burleigh Falls for trapping, fishing, hunting, gathering, and onward on their journey to Kinoomaagewapkong (the place of the white teaching rocks, known now as The Petroglyphs). Later, its strategic location between Lovesick Lake and Stoney Lake made it ideal for various industries, providing work as guides for many men catering to tourists. Between 1909 and 1912, construction began on the "Big Dam," prompting the Crown to forcibly remove our people from Island 31 to make way for the dam builders. This relocation moved our guiding families to Perry's Creek, which came to be known as the "Campground." Families who had travelled to live elsewhere in the winter time (as they would reside on Perry's Creek and surrounding areas for the spring-fall months to harvest fish such as walleye and hunt a variety of game including deer seasonally) began to stay the full year and make permanent residence throughout the winter months as well. The five families who remained to live in Burleigh Falls - Brown, Boast, Hoggarth, Jacob, and Johnson – established permanent residences, and today, their descendants are recognized as the Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation.

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation are Michi-Saagiig and Chippewa, and part of the broader Anishinabek Nation. Kawartha Nishnawbe are signatories to the Rice Lake Purchase of 1818 (Treaty 20), but did not sign the subsequent Williams Treaties of 1923. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation is a Mississauga Treaty 20 First Nation that does not fall under the Indian Act and is not a reservation.

KNFN fought against a poaching charge in 2002. Harvesting rights were legally brought forward in the court case "R. vs. Johnson". KNFN won the court battle; the KNFN member was not charged with poaching, this victory in court solidified KNFN's harvesting rights in the eyes of Western law including OPP/MNR and the Government of Ontario.

Known for being talented harvesters, particularly of the fish Ogaa (walleye) this is done ethically (through the release of female fish and other methods) every year

during the spring spawning run/fall feeding seasons through Burleigh Falls using methods such as angling and spearing. The Ogaa is represented on our First Nation's Emblem." - Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation



KNFN's Emblem

Found under item 1.3.3 "Previously Registered Archaeological Sites"

"According to the Ontario Archaeological Sites Database, 21 previously registered archaeological sites are located within one kilometre of the Study Area, none of which are located within 50 metres (MCM 2022). A summary of the sites is provided below" (Lytle, 2024, p. 15).

When reviewing the "Table 1" a summary table of the registered sites within 1km of the study area, to strengthen the report KNFN suggests including the distance each site is from the study area for easy reference.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "2.0 FIELD METHODS"

Found under item "2.0 Field Methods":

"During the field assessments, weather and lighting conditions permitted good visibility and were in accordance with the S & G, Section 2.1, Standard 3. During the remainder of the survey, conditions were seasonal with sunny to overcast skies and temperatures of -5 to 23 degrees Celsius. While a small amount of snow cover was present from December

13-14, 2022, soils were not frozen, and all evaluation of archaeological potential was reassessed on April 13, 2023" (Lytle, 2024 p. 27).

KNFN advocates for archaeological work to be completed in weather and lighting conditions that permits for good-excellent ground visibility. KNFN recognizes that the weather and field conditions documented matches the photo images found later in the report.

Found under item "2.1 Areas of Low and No Potential":

"The area documented as being permanently low and wet has no archaeological potential and includes the riparian zone of a tributary of the Don River (Figure 8; Image 35)" (Lytle, 2024 p. 29).

KNFN suggests avoiding using words such as "no archaeological potential" as it sounds absolute when speaking about archaeological potential. While KNFN understands the limitations involved with stage 2 test methods (making it too difficult to screen through the wet soils) this does not mean that artifacts and archaeological potential isn't present, it just means that the artifacts or archaeological materials that have the potential to be there are inaccessible to the team based on the limitations involved with stage 2 test pitting.

Also noted is the use of the wording "no potential" on "Image 34: Teston Road right-of-way; no potential". KNFN would suggest changing the wording when speaking about the how disturbance effects archaeological potential. Given that ground disturbance may not always reach into deeper buried deposits/archeological sites, it should be explained in a way that describes that ground disturbance "could" remove past artifacts in relations to the field methods used at the time.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "3.0 RECORD OF FINDS"

Found under item "3.2 Inventory of Documentary and Material Record":

"Table 12 provides an inventory and location of the documentary and material record for the project in accordance with the S & G, Sections 6.7 and 7.8.2.3" (Lytle, 2024. p. 45).

In "Table 12" it's stated that artifacts are stored at "Archaeological Services Inc., 528 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2P9" (Lytle, 2024 p. 46). And that: "Artifacts grouped by provenience and sealed in individual plastic bags measuring 13 centimetres

by 21 centimetres and stored within one labelled bankers' box" (Lytle, 2024 p. 46). KNFN believes that this report could be strengthened by explaining the setting of the room the banker's box is stored in. Stating that the safe temperature and ideal setting is provided to prevent possible mold or damage that could be caused to the stored artifacts.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "4.0 ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS"

KNFN suggests to incorporate the suggestions given previously in the report into the wording of the "analysis and conclusions" content item.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS"

"This should include a monitoring program specifically tailored to project impacts and may include systematic testing of fill soils and mechanical trenching to determine if there are any extant topsoil deposits" (Lytle, 2024 p. 50).

KNFN agrees with the listed recommendations and would add that invitation should be sent to the First Nations and Indigenous communities to send a representative to be a part of the suggested monitoring program.

"NOTWITHSTANDING the results and recommendations presented in this study, Archaeological Services Inc. notes that no archaeological assessment, no matter how thorough or carefully completed, can necessarily predict, account for, or identify every form of isolated or deeply buried archaeological deposit. In the event that archaeological remains are found during subsequent construction activities, the consultant archaeologist, approval authority, and the Archaeology Program Unit of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism must be immediately notified" (Lytle, 2024 p. 50).

KNFN appreciates the inclusion of this statement in the report and recognizes that the risk is always present of not finding archaeological resources in the study area. KNFN believes that just because no artifacts were found that does not necessarily mean there are no artifacts within the study area; it just means that no artifacts were found within the locations the test pits were screened. If present or future land owners of this property wish to undergo further archaeological work to continue searching for artifacts within the study area of un-disturbed lands, KNFN would support this extra initiative.

If Indigenous communities or the steward/land owner of the study area wishes to continue with added archaeological work, suggestions of how this would proceed should be included such as grid starting point changes/requested intensifications or moving on to a stage 3 from a stage 2. KNFN suggests not to dissuade future archaeological work from being done if the interest to do it and support from the Indigenous communities is present.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "6.0 ADVICE ON COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION"

"When all matters relating to archaeological sites within the project area of a development proposal have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), a letter will be issued by the ministry stating that there are no further concerns with regard to alterations to archaeological sites by the proposed development" (Lytle, 2024 p. 51).

KNFN would add ensuring that the duty to consult with First Nations is upheld and consultations with the First Nations have been addressed and deemed satisfactory to the First Nations having been consulted with prior to stating there are no further concerns with regard to alterations.

"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 archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act" (Lytle, 2024 p. 51).

KNFN would add here that ensuring the duty to consult with First Nations is upheld and consultations with the First Nations have been addressed and deemed satisfactory to the First Nations having been consulted with, whenever previously undocumented archaeological resources are discovered. Indigenous communities should be contacted and consulted with prior to any archaeological assessments so they can decide if they want liaisons on site to monitor the work done or perform ceremony prior to archaeological work. This way if human remains or Indigenous artifacts are found during the fieldwork the Indigenous communities will have a presence and ability to bring their culture/ceremony/perspectives and interests immediately.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "7.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY AND SOURCES"

KNFN has no comments.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "8.0 IMAGES"

KNFN recognizes that the photo images of field conditions match the conditions and weather description given previously in the report.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "9.0 MAPS"

As mentioned previously in this review, this report can be strengthened by including a map showing the Treaty lands as well as showing the study area on that map.

"Image 28" shows the use of tarps during screening of test pits. KNFN advocates for high-quality backfilling to ensure the safety of anyone who may step on the backfilled test pits. Given that the use of tarps can be seen in the photo images on p. 73 of the report, this shows evidence of high-quality backfilling methods. Given portions of the study area are clearly maintained for public and private use it is especially important to use tarps in these situations to ensure the backfilled test pit is completely filled leaving behind no tripping hazard. The report could be strengthened by including an image of a backfilled test pit for reference.

2 References

Lytle, J. (2024). Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment: Teston Road – Highway 400 to Bathurst Street IEA Regional Municipality of York Toronto: Archaeological Services Inc.

Harkness, Andrew

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Subject:	Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment
Attachments:	Delegation Letter to Region_Communities_4Oct2024.pdf

Dear Chief:

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I am writing to you about the comprehensive environmental assessment process for the proposed Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street Project (the project).

The Regional Municipality of York (the proponent) is proposing the extension of Teston Road between Keele Street and Dufferin Street. In December 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the Terms of Reference for this project, which is the first step in the comprehensive environmental assessment process. The proponent is now proceeding with completing the second step, which preparing a report that includes identify environmental impacts and mitigation.

Consultation with potentially affected or interested Indigenous communities is required during the preparation of comprehensive environmental assessment report. Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the comprehensive environmental assessment (see attached letter from the ministry to the proponent).

Once the proposed comprehensive environmental assessment is submitted to the ministry, the ministry reviews the consultation record together with the project documentation and makes a recommendation to the Minister to consider in his decision whether to approve the undertaking, approve the undertaking with conditions, or refuse to approve the undertaking.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the comprehensive environmental assessment process. The

ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me. If have any questions about the project, you may also contact Nick Crawford, Environmental Planner, Morrison Hershfield (now Stantec), consultant working on behalf of the proponent, at NCrockford@morrisonhershfield.com

Sincerely,

Cindy Batista | Special Project Officer | Transit Coordinator (she/her)
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Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:11:52 AM

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Looking forward to your reply. Thank you.

Regards,
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Cc: John, Praveen
Subject: FW: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 11:17:26 AM

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Hello Andrew / Meghan,

Please see response from KNFN. Can you please provide your availabilities for a meeting with them in the week of Feb 2? I am unfamiliar with this FN group, but they seem to be fairly active. With this being our first meeting with them, I suggest involving someone for your indigenous liaison team to assist.

We are available all week except
Tuesday 10:30 to noon & 1 to 2:30,
and Friday. Thanks,
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Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026 3:49:30 PM

Good afternoon Nodin,

Thank you for the productive meeting this morning. As discussed, can you please forward us with the summary document you mentioned that can provide us with some insights on KNFN's consultation requirements?

Your time is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
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Aaniin,
Yes, 9:30am tomorrow. Are you able to send us a link for the meeting?
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN

On Mar 10, 2026, at 11:47 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

Hope all is well. I'm just reaching out again to follow up on my meeting invite and confirm that your team will be able to meet this Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 am as scheduled. Please kindly confirm.

Here is the proposed agenda for the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Teston Road Area Improvement Study - project findings and recommendations
3. Initial Feedback from KNFN
4. Next Steps

As noted in my previous correspondence, the EA Report has been submitted to MECP and is currently available for review. Please find the pertinent reports here: https://www.york.ca/TestonRoad

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Aaniin,

We can do March 12 9-11:30. Below is an image of the invoice:

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Cheques can be mailed to 71 Ojibway Dr S, Trent Lakes, ON K0L1J0. I have CC'd or remaining council members for reference.

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Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

We would like to follow up on the email below.

Please advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards, Billy

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Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pmPlease also provide us with the invoice for the $1000 fee, and I will set up the payment and meeting invite for a meeting accordingly.

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Review Comments on Natural Environment Report
York Region – Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements

Date: March 29, 2026
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Document Reviewed: York Region – Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements (Stantec, December 2025)

2.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation has completed a review of the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Teston Road Area Transportation Improvements. This review evaluates the report with respect to compliance with provincial environmental assessment requirements, methodological sufficiency, and the adequacy of ecological and cultural interpretation.

The report demonstrates a high level of technical effort and reflects competent professional practice. It includes extensive baseline investigations, transportation modelling, and evaluation of alternatives consistent with the Environmental Assessment Act. The methodology aligns with established environmental planning standards and fulfills the procedural requirements of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment.

However, the report is constrained by a regulatory and feature-based interpretation of the environment that does not adequately reflect the interconnected, cumulative, and relational nature of ecological systems. Natural heritage features are assessed primarily as discrete units within defined study boundaries, rather than as components of broader watershed and landscape-scale systems. As a result, key ecological relationships, including hydrological continuity, habitat connectivity, and cumulative effects, are underrepresented in the assessment.

The study area includes sensitive headwater systems associated with the East Don River, which function as part of a larger and interconnected watershed. The potential impacts to these systems are not fully explored in relation to long-term ecological function or downstream effects. Similarly, wetlands, woodlands, and areas characterized as disturbed or of reduced value are interpreted through a limited framework that does not fully account for their role within broader ecological networks.

The report also does not incorporate First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) into the assessment. This absence represents a substantive gap in the environmental baseline and limits the interpretation of ecological features and impacts. TEK provides longitudinal, place-based understandings of land, water, and ecological relationships that are not captured through short-term technical studies.

While the report meets procedural and regulatory requirements, it reflects the constraints of the assessment framework within which it was prepared. The absence of identified significant impacts should not be interpreted as an absence of ecological or cultural importance, but rather as a function of the criteria and boundaries used to define significance.

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation finds the report to be procedurally sound but interpretively incomplete. The concerns identified relate to ecological framing, cumulative effects, hydrological analysis, and the absence of First Nation perspectives. These limitations must be addressed to ensure that the assessment reflects the full ecological and cultural context of the study area.

Accordingly, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation recommends that the report be **approved only upon the completion of substantive revisions** that strengthen the interpretive framework, incorporate broader ecological relationships, and address the absence of TEK.

1 Purpose of Review

The purpose of this review is to evaluate whether the Comprehensive Environmental Assessment adequately reflects both the technical requirements of environmental assessment and the broader ecological and cultural context of the lands under consideration. Environmental assessments function not only as regulatory tools but also as interpretive frameworks that shape how land, water, and ecological relationships are understood and valued.

This review considers the adequacy of ecological baseline characterization, the interpretation of environmental impacts, and the extent to which cumulative and landscape-level effects are addressed. It also evaluates whether the report reflects the longstanding relationships between the Anishinaabeg and the lands within the study area, particularly in relation to watershed systems, ecological continuity, and responsibilities to land and water.

2 General Observations

The report is clearly structured and demonstrates familiarity with provincial policy frameworks and environmental assessment processes. It includes detailed transportation modelling, natural heritage investigations, and evaluation of alternative solutions. The identification of ecological features, including headwater systems, wetlands, wildlife habitat, and species at risk, reflects established methodological approaches.

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation does not identify deficiencies in the procedural execution of the assessment. However, the interpretation of these features is limited by a compartmentalized framework that evaluates ecological components as discrete units rather than as interconnected systems. This approach constrains the understanding of ecological relationships and limits the ability to fully assess long-term impacts.

3 Specific Recommendations

1.1 Study Area Definition and Scale

The definition of the study area reflects regulatory and transportation planning boundaries rather than ecological systems. While this approach aligns with the requirements of the environmental

assessment process, it does not capture the full extent of watershed processes, wildlife movement, or ecological connectivity. The study area includes portions of the headwaters of the East Don River, which function as part of a broader hydrological and ecological system extending well beyond the defined limits. By constraining the assessment to this boundary, the report limits its ability to evaluate landscape-level relationships and cumulative effects. The report should clearly state that the study area represents an administrative boundary and expand its analysis to include broader ecological systems and regional connectivity.

1.2 Hydrology and Headwater Systems

The report identifies the presence of headwater features, including permanent watercourses, groundwater recharge areas, and associated hydrological systems. However, this information is not sufficiently carried forward into the impact assessment. The potential effects of roadway construction and expansion on groundwater recharge, surface water flow, and wetland hydrology are not fully explored. Headwater systems are particularly sensitive to disturbance and play a critical role in maintaining downstream ecological integrity. The report should strengthen its hydrological analysis by explicitly addressing potential changes to water balance, flow regimes, and long-term ecological function.

1.3 Weland Systems and Ecological Function

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1.4 Cumulative Effects and Landscape Fragmentation

The assessment focuses primarily on direct, project-specific impacts and does not adequately consider cumulative effects. The proposed development contributes to ongoing patterns of habitat fragmentation, edge effects, and incremental ecological loss within the region. These broader impacts are not sufficiently addressed in the report. The removal or alteration of ecological features within the study area has implications for wildlife movement, habitat connectivity, and long-term ecosystem integrity. The report should expand its analysis to include cumulative effects in relation to existing infrastructure, planned development, and regional ecological change.

1.5 Species at Risk and Habitat Interpretation

The report includes an assessment of species at risk; however, the evaluation is largely based on regulatory thresholds and the presence or absence of habitat. This approach does not fully capture the ecological roles of species or their reliance on broader landscape connectivity. Habitats characterized as disturbed or of low value may still provide important functions for movement, foraging, and seasonal use. The report should recognize that habitat quality is

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1.6 Interpretation of Disturbed and Agricultural Lands

Areas identified as agricultural or disturbed are consistently interpreted as having reduced ecological value. This interpretation does not fully account for the role these landscapes play in supporting ecological connectivity and transitional habitat. Disturbed environments can still contribute to species movement and broader ecosystem function, particularly within fragmented landscapes. The report should reconsider this assumption and acknowledge the ecological importance of these areas.

1.7 Mitigation and Compensation

Mitigation and compensation measures are presented as effective mechanisms for addressing environmental impacts. While these measures are consistent with standard environmental practice, the report assumes that impacts can be effectively managed or offset. This approach does not fully account for irreversible ecological change, time lags in restoration, or the loss of established ecological relationships. The report should reframe mitigation as a partial measure and clearly acknowledge the limitations of compensation strategies.

1.8 Absence of First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)

While the report identifies Indigenous communities as part of the consultation process, it does not incorporate First Nation TEK into the environmental assessment. This represents a substantive limitation in both the environmental baseline and the interpretation of ecological features and impacts. TEK is not supplementary to Western scientific approaches; it provides longitudinal, place-based knowledge of land, water, species relationships, and environmental change that extends far beyond the temporal scope of short-term field studies.

The absence of this knowledge results in an incomplete understanding of the study area, particularly in relation to watershed dynamics, species behaviour, seasonal use patterns, and the interconnected nature of ecological systems. It also limits the ability of the report to assess impacts in a way that reflects lived relationships to the land and responsibilities to future generations.

The report should explicitly acknowledge the exclusion of TEK as a gap in the assessment and identify it as a critical area requiring further engagement. Where possible, future revisions should be undertaken in collaboration with First Nations to ensure that ecological interpretation reflects both scientific and Indigenous knowledge systems.

2. Anishinaabeg Ecological Context

The study area is situated within the broader homeland of the Anishinaabeg and forms part of an interconnected system of lands, waters, and relationships that extend across the Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario watersheds. The headwaters identified within the assessment, including those associated with the East Don River, are not isolated environmental features but are integral components of a larger, living system that sustains ecological continuity across the region.

From an Anishinaabeg perspective, land is not understood as a collection of discrete features, but as a network of relationships grounded in responsibility, reciprocity, and continuity. Waterways function as veins of the land, carrying life, memory, and connection. Headwater systems are particularly significant within this framework, as they influence the health, balance, and direction of entire watersheds. Disturbance at the level of headwaters is therefore not localized in its effects, but cumulative and far-reaching, with implications for downstream environments and future generations.

Wetlands, forests, and transitional landscapes within the study area are similarly understood as interconnected systems rather than bounded units. Wetlands regulate water, support plant and animal life, and maintain ecological balance. Woodlands provide habitat, shelter, and materials, while also contributing to broader systems of movement and continuity. Areas characterized within the report as disturbed or of reduced ecological value may still hold importance within these relational systems, particularly as corridors for movement or as sites of regeneration.

The presence of species at risk within the study area further reflects the health and condition of these broader systems. These species cannot be understood solely through the lens of localized habitat thresholds, as their survival is tied to connectivity, seasonal patterns, and long-term ecological stability. Their presence indicates relationships that extend beyond the boundaries of the study area and beyond the temporal scope of the assessment.

The current report identifies many of these ecological features but interprets them primarily within a technical and regulatory framework that isolates them as individual components. This approach does not adequately reflect the interconnected and relational nature of the landscape. As a result, the assessment risks underrepresenting both the significance of these systems and the extent of potential impacts.

Anishinaabeg ecological knowledge emphasizes responsibility to land and water across generations. Environmental change is not evaluated solely in terms of immediate or measurable effects, but in relation to how it alters relationships, disrupts balance, and affects the ability of future generations to live in a good way. This includes consideration of cumulative change, the persistence of ecological systems, and the integrity of the relationships that sustain them.

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3. Regulatory and Interpretive Considerations

The report demonstrates compliance with the procedural requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act and associated provincial frameworks. It reflects competent professional practice within the scope of the methodology applied and adheres to the standards expected of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment.

However, it is necessary to distinguish clearly between regulatory compliance and ecological integrity. The conclusions presented in the report are shaped by the parameters of the assessment framework, including defined study boundaries, standardized criteria for significance, and a feature-based approach to environmental evaluation. These constraints inherently limit the scope of interpretation.

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4. Overall Assessment

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In addition, the absence of First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge represents a substantive gap in both the environmental baseline and the interpretation of impacts. This omission limits the report’s ability to fully understand the study area as part of a living and relational landscape.

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5. Recommendations

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation recommends that the report be revised to strengthen its interpretive framework and ensure that it more accurately reflects the ecological and cultural context of the study area. Revisions should expand the scope of analysis beyond regulatory boundaries to include landscape-scale ecological systems, with particular attention to watershed dynamics, habitat connectivity, and cumulative effects.

The assessment of hydrological systems should be strengthened to reflect the sensitivity of headwater environments and the potential for long-term changes to groundwater recharge, surface water flow, and wetland function. Wetlands and associated ecological features should be evaluated using a precautionary approach that recognizes their interconnected and dynamic nature.

The report should move beyond threshold-based interpretations of species at risk and habitat by incorporating broader ecological relationships, including movement patterns and seasonal use. Similarly, areas characterized as disturbed or of reduced value should be reconsidered in light of their role in maintaining ecological connectivity and supporting transitional habitat.

Mitigation and compensation measures should be reframed to clearly acknowledge their limitations. Restoration and offsetting cannot fully replicate existing ecological systems, particularly in the short to medium term, and should not be presented as equivalent replacements for ecological loss.

The report must also explicitly acknowledge the absence of First Nation Traditional Ecological Knowledge as a critical gap in the assessment. Future revisions should include meaningful engagement with First Nations to ensure that ecological interpretation reflects both scientific and Indigenous knowledge systems.

Finally, the report should include a clear statement outlining the limitations of its methodological and regulatory framework. This clarification is necessary to ensure that decision-makers understand that the findings represent a constrained interpretation of environmental impact.

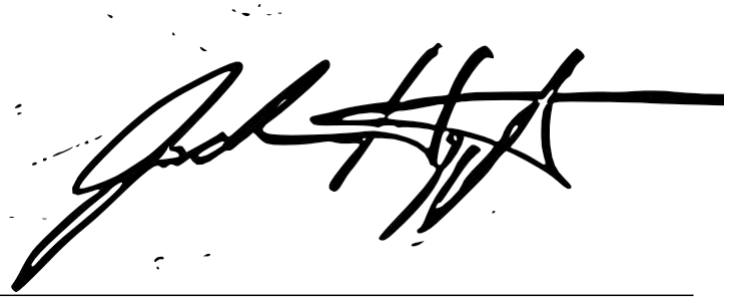
6. Recommendation Status

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation recommends that the report be considered for approval only upon the completion of substantive revisions that address the concerns identified in this review. While the report meets procedural requirements, its current form does not fully reflect the ecological complexity or cultural context of the study area.

Approval without revision would risk advancing a project based on an incomplete understanding of environmental relationships, cumulative effects, and long-term consequences. Substantive revisions are therefore necessary to ensure that the assessment aligns with both regulatory expectations and broader responsibilities to ecological integrity and future generations.

3.1.1 Approval with substantive revisions

Miigwech,



Jack C. Hoggarth
Waabizheshii Gaagiigidowi-Nini
Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
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Cc:	Diane Blunt (KNFN); Jack Hoggarth; Jessica Frost-Cruise; John, Praveen; Banayoty, Maria; Harkness, Andrew; MacMillan, Meghan; Cymbaly, Lauren; Mohamed, Abdulrahim (MECP); jake.noordhof@ontario.ca; Foong, Dan
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Please kindly provide any comments you may have at your earliest convenience. If you would like to discuss this study further with the project team, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We look forward to continuing working with KNFN on this assignment.

Thanks,
Billy

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Hi Nodin – received with thanks.

Regards,

Billy

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Aaniin,

Attached is the completed review of the stage 2 archaeological assessment report. Below is an image of the invoice:

Cheques can be mailed to 71 Ojibway Dr S, Trent Lakes, ON K0L1J0. I have Cc'd our remaining council members for reference. If you could kindly confirm receipt of the review and invoice when you are able, it would be appreciated.

Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member, Archaeological Coordinator of KNFN

> On Mar 18, 2026, at 2:47 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:
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> Thank you again Nodin!
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Signed.
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb
Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 18, 2026, at 1:57 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:
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> Hi Nodin,
>
> Sorry for another email – our legal team advises that for the agreement to be executable, we would need either an electronic signature, or and handwritten one. If electronic signature is not an option, would you be able to print, sign, and scan the page back to us?
>
> Appreciate your time.
>
> Thanks!
> Billy
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Cc: MacMillan, Meghan <meghan.macmillan@stantec.com>; Harkness, Andrew <andrew.harkness@stantec.com>; John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Hello Nodin,

Thanks for providing the signed agreement. We will provide the payment once it's executed on our end. We appreciate the commencement of your review:

1. The Comprehensive EA Report can be downloaded using this link: Teston Road IEA Report
2. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report can be downloaded using this link: Appendix I - Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

As noted previously, all other information and documents associated with this project can be found on the project page at york.ca/TestonRoad.

Thanks!
Billy

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Aaniin,

I have signed the agreement and replied with it attached. If you can send us the 2 reports for review, we will begin.

Miigwech,

Nodin Webb - Council Member, Archaeological Coordinator of KNFN

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 18, 2026, at 9:09 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:
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> Hello Nodin,
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> Further to our virtual meeting, please find attached the draft agreement for the $3,000 and $1,500 review fees for the Comprehensive EA Report and the Stage 2 Archaeology report. Please kindly review and provide your signature at your earliest convenience so we can execute it on our end and payment can be made accordingly.
>
> Thanks,
> Billy

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From: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 11:52 AM
To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca>
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To conduct a review of an archaeological assessment, it requires a high-level of education and skillset regarding archaeology which is considered a specialized practice requiring specialized skills and knowledge to conduct a proper review to our standards. KNFN has completed many stage 2 reviews and the price of this specialized work has been widely accepted at the rate of $3,000.00. Added to the needed specialized skillset and knowledge regarding archaeological studies is the Indigenous perspectives and representation we as a First Nation have the duty and right to provide. As a First Nation, we

ensure ethical and accurate inclusion of Indigenous perspectives and views, history and culture which falls into roles and responsibilities we have in stewarding and caretaking to the lands that these archaeological study areas involve. At this time, only 2 of our KNFN members have this specialized knowledge and ability to conduct these reviews. The Indigenous aspect of what we provide in our reviews truly is invaluable but Is seen as high-value to not only ourselves but our other clients, municipalities, private businesses and other governing bodies like the MTO for example who have all accepted the rate of $3,000.00. To complete a stage 2 review at our level it can take anywhere between 10-16 hours regardless of whether archaeological artifacts were found or other background information or decisions to follow. Our Council must take time and resources to do the administrative end such as emails, invoice writing, cheque writing and signing, archaeological coordinating, etc which is pulled directly from the $3,000.00 (20% goes to cover the administrative costs mentioned which is $600.00, the remaining $2,400.00 goes to the review writer).

For the environmental document review for $1,500.00 (20% goes to cover the administrative costs mentioned which is $300.00, the remaining $1,200.00 goes to the review writer).

$1000.00 would be for one consultation and covers the costs associated for KNFN to assist with funding time spent on preparation, coordinating the consultation as well as the consultation itself. It covers the administrative side which includes time and resources for invoice writing, bookkeeping and time needed to deposit cheques into the bank account outside of Burleigh Falls. We are not a reservation or Indian Act band and this means we do not receive government funding or assistance for these consultations and costs mentioned. Our Council Members are volunteer and must take time out of their regular work schedules to accommodate these consultations. $1000.00 is the

standard asking amount for a virtual consultation to ensure we have proper capacity funding to adequately engage in a meaningful way and had been widely accepted.

On Mar 12, 2026, at 3:49 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Nodin,

Thank you for the productive meeting this morning. As discussed, can you please forward us with the summary document you mentioned that can provide us with some insights on KNFN's consultation requirements?

Your time is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Billy

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Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:14 PM
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Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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Aaniin,
Yes, 9:30am tomorrow. Are you able to send us a link for the meeting?
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN

On Mar 10, 2026, at 11:47 AM, Cheung, Billy
<Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>>
wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

Hope all is well. I'm just reaching out again to follow up on my meeting invite and confirm that your team will be able to meet this Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 am as scheduled. Please kindly confirm.

Here is the proposed agenda for the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Teston Road Area Improvement Study - project findings and recommendations
3. Initial Feedback from KNFN
4. Next Steps

As noted in my previous correspondence, the EA Report has been submitted to MECP and is currently available for review. Please find the pertinent reports here:https://www.york.ca/TestonRoad<https://www.york.ca/transportation/roads/road-construction-schedule/teston-road-iea-study>

Thanks,
Billy

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Aaniin,

We can do March 12 9-11:30. Below is an image of the invoice:

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Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN
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On Feb 19, 2026, at 2:18 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

We would like to follow up on the email below.

Please advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards,
Billy

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Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca<mailto:praveen.john@york.ca>>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pm

Please also provide us with the invoice for the $1000 fee, and I will set up the payment and meeting invite for a meeting accordingly.

Looking forward to consult with you on this project.

Regards,
Billy

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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:45 AM
To: Cheung, Billy
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Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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ittoisitsafe@york.ca<mailto:isitsafe@york.ca>
Boozhoo,
KNFN appreciates you contacting us and we are interested to consult with you on this matter. We are available for virtual consultation bookings 2 weeks from now between Mon-Friday 1-4pm. KNFN is a non-funded First Nation and our council works voluntarily. We must schedule ahead and plan to take time from our full time jobs for consultations and require the funding to adequately engage. KNFN will provide an invoice for $1000.00 for funding for a virtual meeting. Please respond with a date(s) that works for you.
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN, a Treaty 20 Mississauga First Nation
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 16, 2026, at 10:11 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is nearing completion of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area. The study area for this EA is bounded by Kirby Road to the north, Bathurst Street to the east, Major Mackenzie Drive West to the south, and Highway 400 to the west. Further information about this project is available online atwww.york.ca/TestonRoad<http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad>.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Actand according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region will be submitting its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in February 2025. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you.

Regards,
Billy

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From: billy.cheung
To: nodin webb
Cc: Harkness, Andrew; MacMillan, Meghan; John, Praveen
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan
Date: Friday, July 31, 2026 10:18:00 AM

Hello Nodin,

Slight clarification to my last email. The last response addresses comments related the Environmental Assessment Report. The comments for the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report have also been addressed, and we will provide a separate response and updated report shortly. Sorry for the confusion.

Thanks for your help!

Regards,
Billy

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On Jul 30, 2026, at 4:36 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:

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Please kindly provide any comments you may have at your earliest convenience. If you would like to discuss this study further with the project team, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We look forward to continuing working with KNFN on this assignment.

Thanks,
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Hi Nodin – received with thanks.

Regards,
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Miigwech,
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On Mar 18, 2026, at 2:47 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca> wrote:

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Signed. Miigwech, Nodin Webb
Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Nodin,

Sorry for another email – our legal team advises that for the agreement to be executable, we would need either an electronic signature, or and handwritten one. If electronic signature is not an option, would you be able to print, sign, and scan the page back to us?

Appreciate your time. Thanks!
Billy

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Cc: MacMillan, Meghan <meghan.macmillan@stantec.com>; Harkness, Andrew <andrew.harkness@stantec.com>; John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>
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Hello Nodin,

Thanks for providing the signed agreement. We will provide the payment once it's executed on our end. We appreciate the commencement of your review:

1. The Comprehensive EA Report can be downloaded using this link: Teston Road IEAReport
2. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report can be downloaded using this link: Appendix I -Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

As noted previously, all other information and documents associated with this project can be found on the project page at york.ca/TestonRoad.

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I have signed the agreement and replied with it attached. If you can send us the 2 reports for review, we will begin.

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Further to our virtual meeting, please find attached the draft agreement for the $3,000 and $1,500 review fees for the Comprehensive EA Report and the Stage 2 Archaeology report. Please kindly review and provide your signature at your earliest convenience so we can execute it on our end and payment can be made accordingly.

Thanks, Billy

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To conduct a review of an archaeological assessment, it requires a high-level of education and skillset regarding archaeology which is considered a specialized practice requiring specialized skills and knowledge to conduct a proper review to our standards. KNFN has completed many stage 2 reviews and the price of this specialized work has been widely accepted at the rate of $3,000.00. Added to the

needed specialized skillset and knowledge regarding archaeological studies is the Indigenous perspectives and representation we as a First Nation have the duty and right to provide. As a First Nation, we ensure ethical and accurate inclusion of Indigenous perspectives and views, history and culture which falls into roles and responsibilities we have in stewarding and caretaking to the lands that these archaeological study areas involve. At this time, only 2 of our KNFN members have this specialized knowledge and ability to conduct these reviews. The Indigenous aspect of what we provide in our reviews truly is invaluable but Is seen as high-value to not only ourselves but our other clients, municipalities, private businesses and other governing bodies like the MTO for example who have all accepted the rate of $3,000.00. To complete a stage 2 review at our level it can take anywhere between 10-16 hours regardless of whether archaeological artifacts were found or other background information or decisions to follow. Our Council must take time and resources to do the administrative end such as emails, invoice writing, cheque writing and signing, archaeological coordinating, etc which is pulled directly from the $3,000.00 (20% goes to cover the administrative costs mentioned which is $600.00, the remaining $2,400.00 goes to the review writer).

For the environmental document review for $1,500.00 (20% goes to cover the administrative costs mentioned which is $300.00, the remaining $1,200.00 goes to the review writer).

$1000.00 would be for one consultation and covers the costs associated for KNFN to assist with funding time spent on preparation, coordinating the consultation as well as the consultation itself. It covers the administrative side which includes time and resources for invoice writing, bookkeeping and time needed to deposit cheques into the bank account outside of Burleigh Falls. We are not a reservation or Indian Act band and this means we do not receive government funding or assistance for these consultations and costs mentioned. Our Council Members are volunteer and must take time out of their regular work schedules to accommodate these consultations. $1000.00 is the standard asking amount for a virtual consultation to ensure we have proper capacity funding to adequately engage in a meaningful way and had been widely accepted.

On Mar 12, 2026, at 3:49 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Che ung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Nodin,

Thank you for the productive meeting this morning. As discussed, can you please forward us with the summary document you mentioned that can provide us with some insights on KNFN's consultation requirements?

Your time is greatly appreciated. Thanks,
Billy

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Yes, 9:30am tomorrow. Are you able to send us a link for the meeting?
Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN

On Mar 10, 2026, at 11:47 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

Hope all is well. I'm just reaching out again to follow up on my meeting invite and confirm that your team will be able to meet this Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 am as scheduled. Please kindly confirm.

Here is the proposed agenda for the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Teston Road Area Improvement Study - project findings and recommendations
3. Initial Feedback from KNFN
4. Next Steps

As noted in my previous correspondence, the EA Report has been submitted to MECP and is currently available for review. Please find the pertinent reports here: https://www.york.ca/TestonRoad<ht tps://www.york.ca/transportation/roads/road-construction-schedule/teston-road-iea-study>

Thanks, Billy

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On Feb 19, 2026, at 2:18 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

We would like to follow up on the email below.

Please advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards, Billy

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From: Cheung, Billy

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:27 PM To: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com<mailto:nodin.webb@hotmail.com>>
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca<mailto:praveen.john@york.ca>>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pm

Please also provide us with the invoice for the $1000 fee, and I will set up the payment and meeting invite for a meeting accordingly.

Looking forward to consult with you on this project.

Regards, Billy

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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:45 AM To: Cheung, Billy
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Boozhoo,
KNFN appreciates you contacting us and we are interested to consult with you on this matter. We are available for virtual consultation bookings 2 weeks from now between Mon-Friday 1-4pm. KNFN is a non-funded First Nation and our council works voluntarily. We must schedule ahead and plan to take time from our full time jobs for consultations and require the funding to adequately engage. KNFN will provide an invoice for $1000.00 for funding for a virtual meeting. Please respond with a date(s) that works for you. Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN, a Treaty 20 Mississauga First Nation
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On Jan 16, 2026, at 10:11 AM, Cheung, Billy
<Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is nearing completion of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area. The study area for this EA is bounded by Kirby Road to the north, Bathurst Street to the east, Major Mackenzie Drive West to the south, and Highway 400 to the west. Further information about this project is available online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad<http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad>.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Actand according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region will be submitting its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in February 2025. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you. Regards,
Billy

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Hello Nodin,

Attached please find the updated Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report and responses to your comments.

Please provide any additional comments you may have at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

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Hello Nodin,

Please find attached our response to the comments that KNFN provided for the Teston Road Area Improvements CEA report and the Stage 2 archaeological assessment report. Please review our proposed edits as outlined in the letter. If there are no additional comments, we plan to provide the updated reports and appendices to you in mid to late

August. As discussed in our response, if KNFN have any traditional knowledge data that can be shared with us, we will be happy to incorporate them in the reports as well.

Please kindly provide any comments you may have at your earliest convenience. If you would like to discuss this study further with the project team, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We look forward to continuing working with KNFN on this assignment.

Thanks,
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> Appreciate your time.
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> Thanks!
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Cc: MacMillan, Meghan <meghan.macmillan@stantec.com>; Harkness, Andrew <andrew.harkness@stantec.com>; John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>
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For the environmental document review for $1,500.00 (20% goes to cover the administrative costs mentioned which is $300.00, the remaining $1,200.00 goes to the review writer).

$1000.00 would be for one consultation and covers the costs associated for KNFN to assist with funding time spent on preparation, coordinating the consultation as well as the consultation itself. It covers the administrative side which includes time and resources for invoice writing, bookkeeping and time needed to deposit cheques into the bank account outside of Burleigh Falls. We are not a reservation or Indian Act band and this means we do not receive government funding or assistance for these consultations and costs mentioned. Our Council Members are volunteer and must take time out of their regular work schedules to accommodate these consultations. $1000.00 is the standard asking amount for a virtual consultation to ensure we have proper capacity funding to adequately engage in a meaningful way and had been widely accepted.

On Mar 12, 2026, at 3:49 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Nodin,

Thank you for the productive meeting this morning. As discussed, can you please forward us with the summary document you mentioned that can provide us with some insights on KNFN's consultation requirements?

Your time is greatly appreciated. Thanks,
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Good morning Mr. Webb,

Hope all is well. I'm just reaching out again to follow up on my meeting invite and confirm that your team will be able to meet this Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 am as scheduled. Please kindly confirm.

Here is the proposed agenda for the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Teston Road Area Improvement Study - project findings and recommendations
3. Initial Feedback from KNFN
4. Next Steps

As noted in my previous correspondence, the EA Report has been submitted to MECP and is currently available for review. Please find the pertinent reports here:https://www.york.ca/TestonRoad<https://www.york.ca/transportation/roads/road-construction-schedule/teston-road-iea-study>

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On Feb 19, 2026, at 2:18 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

We would like to follow up on the email below.

Please advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards, Billy

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Cc: John, Praveen
<praveen.john@york.ca<mailto:praveen.john@york.ca>
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Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pm

Please also provide us with the invoice for the $1000 fee, and I will set up the payment and meeting invite for a meeting accordingly.

Looking forward to consult with you on this project.

Regards, Billy

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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:45 AM To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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now between Mon-Friday 1-4pm. KNFN is a non-funded First Nation and our council works voluntarily. We must schedule ahead and plan to take time from our full time jobs for consultations and require the funding to adequately engage. KNFN will provide an invoice for
$1000.00 for funding for a virtual meeting. Please respond with a date(s) that works for you.
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Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN, a Treaty 20 Mississauga First Nation
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On Jan 16, 2026, at 10:11 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is nearing completion of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area.
The study area for this EA is bounded by Kirby Road to the north, Bathurst Street to the east, Major Mackenzie Drive West to the south, and Highway 400 to the west. Further information about this project is available online atwww.york.ca/TestonRoad<http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad>.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Actand according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region will be submitting its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in February 2025. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you. Regards,
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To:	nodin webb
Cc:	Harkness, Andrew; MacMillan, Meghan; John, Praveen
Subject:	RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan
Date:	Friday, July 31, 2026 10:18:00 AM

Hello Nodin,

Slight clarification to my last email. The last response addresses comments related the Environmental Assessment Report. The comments for the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report have also been addressed, and we will provide a separate response and updated report shortly. Sorry for the confusion.

Thanks for your help!

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Please kindly provide any comments you may have at your earliest convenience. If you would like to discuss this study further with the project team, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We look forward to continuing working with KNFN on this assignment.

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1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards, Billy

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From: Cheung, Billy

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:27 PM To: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com<mailto:nodin.webb@hotmail.com>>
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca<mailto:praveen.john@york.ca>>
Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pm

Please also provide us with the invoice for the $1000 fee, and I will set up the payment and meeting invite for a meeting accordingly.

Looking forward to consult with you on this project.

Regards, Billy

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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:45 AM To: Cheung, Billy
<Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>>
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Boozhoo,
KNFN appreciates you contacting us and we are interested to consult with you on this matter. We are available for virtual consultation bookings 2 weeks from now between Mon-Friday 1-4pm. KNFN is a non-funded First Nation and our council works voluntarily. We must schedule ahead and plan to take time from our full time jobs for consultations and require the funding to adequately engage. KNFN will provide an invoice for $1000.00 for funding for a virtual meeting. Please respond with a date(s) that works for you. Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN, a Treaty 20 Mississauga First Nation
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On Jan 16, 2026, at 10:11 AM, Cheung, Billy
<Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is nearing completion of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area. The study area for this EA is bounded by Kirby Road to the north, Bathurst Street to the east, Major Mackenzie Drive West to the south, and Highway 400 to the west. Further information about this project is available online at www.york.ca/TestonRoad<http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad>.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Actand according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region will be submitting its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in February 2025. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you. Regards,
Billy

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Hello Nodin,

Attached please find the updated Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report and responses to your comments.

Please provide any additional comments you may have at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

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Maria Banayoty (She/Her) | Planning and Design Coordinator
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August. As discussed in our response, if KNFN have any traditional knowledge data that can be shared with us, we will be happy to incorporate them in the reports as well.

Please kindly provide any comments you may have at your earliest convenience. If you would like to discuss this study further with the project team, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We look forward to continuing working with KNFN on this assignment.

Thanks,
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Cc: Diane Blunt (KNFN) <dianeblunt1@gmail.com>; Jack Hoggarth <giiwednang@hotmail.com>; Jessica Frost-Cruise <Jessica-BFCC@outlook.com>
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Hi Nodin – received with thanks.

Regards,
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Miigwech,
Nodin Webb - Council Member, Archaeological Coordinator of KNFN

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> Appreciate your time.
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Hello Nodin,

Thanks for providing the signed agreement. We will provide the payment once it's executed on our end. We appreciate the commencement of your review:

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Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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We can do March 12 9-11:30. Below is an image of the invoice:

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Cheques can be mailed to 71 Ojibway Dr S, Trent Lakes, ON K0L1J0. I have CC'd or remaining council members for reference.

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Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN
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Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 19, 2026, at 2:18 PM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

We would like to follow up on the email below.

Please advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. March 10 – 9 am to 10am or 1pm to 4 pm
2. March 12 – 9 am to 11:30 am or 1:30pm to 4 pm

Please kindly provide an invoice for the $1000 fees for the virtual meeting as you mentioned.

Please note the final CEA report will be submitted to MECP next week and all final documents will be available for public review and comments. A separate communication will be sent next week related to that circulation.

Regards, Billy

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From: Cheung, Billy
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 3:27 PM To: nodin webb
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Cc: John, Praveen
<praveen.john@york.ca<mailto:praveen.john@york.ca>
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Subject: RE: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

Good afternoon Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your response and details on arranging a meeting with KNFN.

Please kindly advise if any of the following dates/time slot works for a virtual meeting:

1. Thursday, Feb 5, 2-3 pm
2. Monday, Feb 9, 3-4 pm
3. Tuesday, Feb 10, 1-4 pm

Please also provide us with the invoice for the $1000 fee, and I will set up the payment and meeting invite for a meeting accordingly.

Looking forward to consult with you on this project.

Regards, Billy

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From: nodin webb <nodin.webb@hotmail.com<mailto:nodin.webb@hotmail.com>>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 10:45 AM To: Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> Subject: Re: Teston Road Area Improvements CEA in City of Vaughan

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now between Mon-Friday 1-4pm. KNFN is a non-funded First Nation and our council works voluntarily. We must schedule ahead and plan to take time from our full time jobs for consultations and require the funding to adequately engage. KNFN will provide an invoice for
$1000.00 for funding for a virtual meeting. Please respond with a date(s) that works for you.
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Nodin Webb - Council Member of KNFN, a Treaty 20 Mississauga First Nation
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On Jan 16, 2026, at 10:11 AM, Cheung, Billy <Billy.Cheung@york.ca<mailto:Billy.Cheung@york.ca>> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Webb,

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is nearing completion of a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) Study in the City of Vaughan to examine transportation improvements in the Teston Road area.
The study area for this EA is bounded by Kirby Road to the north, Bathurst Street to the east, Major Mackenzie Drive West to the south, and Highway 400 to the west. Further information about this project is available online atwww.york.ca/TestonRoad<http://www.york.ca/TestonRoad>.

As required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Actand according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on December 20, 2018, York Region will be submitting its environmental assessment to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for review and a decision.

The EA Report will be available for a public review period anticipated to begin in February 2025. At this time, you will receive the Notice of Submission and EA Report in a digital format for review through York Region's website. If you prefer to receive a printed hard copy of the EA Report and Appendices (in full or in part as this is quite a large document), please reply to this email to indicate your preference and confirm the mailing address; otherwise, we will provide a link to the digital version only.

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you. Regards,
Billy

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