

INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION RECORD

Individual Environmental Assessment for Transportation Improvements in the Teston Road Area

Presented to:

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November 25, 2025

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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 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
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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 Nation	Confirmation of reception and formal request to be engaged in any archaeological assessment.
Open House #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 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.
Open House #2 & #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.

Open House #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.
	December 1, 2023	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Responded that they will provide comment by Jan 15.
	December 1, 2023	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Informed project team that they will submit comments by Jan 15.
	December 4, 2023	Alderville First Nation	Provided updated contact information
	December 6, 2023	Huron-Wendat Nation	Inquired about when they should submit their comments by.
	December 15, 2023	Huron-Wendat Nation	Found the stage 2 archaeological assessment satisfactory but noted that the surveys took place in 2023 not 2003. Requested to be consulted and provide liaisons at every stage and consulted for the elaboration of the monitoring program and burial avoidance strategies.
	January 17, 2024	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	Asked to be apprised of any archaeological monitoring that relates to the ossuary monitoring buffer.
	January 25, 2024	Curve Lake First Nation	Sent email to confirm that the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment was received and if there are any questions.
Draft EA Review	October 7-8, 2024	All	MECP sent emails/letters providing a study update and advising on MECP's delegation of some procedural aspects of consultation to York Region, as the project proponent.

	October 25, 2024	Huron-Wendat Nation	MECP reply to Huron Wendat email of October 24, 2024
	November 13, 2024	Alderville First Nation	Alderville FN (AFN) reply to MECP corresp advising York Region of AFN of their rights and consultation process expectations.
	November 22, 2024	All	York Region sent letter advising of on-line availability of Draft EA Report for review and comment.
	September 4, 2025	Alderville First Nation	York Region send email / letter responding to Alderville FN's letter of November 13, 2024.

Limitations and Sign-off

The conclusions in the Report titled Consultation Record are Stantec's professional opinion, as of the time of the Report, and concerning the scope described in the Report. The opinions in the document are based on conditions and information existing at the time the scope of work was conducted and do not take into account any subsequent changes. The Report relates solely to the specific project for which Stantec was retained and the stated purpose for which the Report was prepared. The Report is not to be used or relied on for any variation or extension of the project, or for any other project or purpose, and any unauthorized use or reliance is at the recipient's own risk.

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Environmental Planner

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Appendix A – Letters

August 13, 2021

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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

PJ/pb/mm

Attachments: Open House Displays

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May 19, 2022

Metis Nation of Ontario
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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,



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November 29, 2023

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Praveen John".

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Appendix B – Indigenous Communities Presentation

TESTON ROAD AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Individual Environmental Assessment
Indigenous Communities Presentation
Summer 2023



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 – <u>WE ARE HERE</u>	Spring 2023
Open House #4	Summer/Fall 2023
Draft IEA Report (Public and Government Review)	Winter 2024
Final IEA Report MECP	Spring 2024

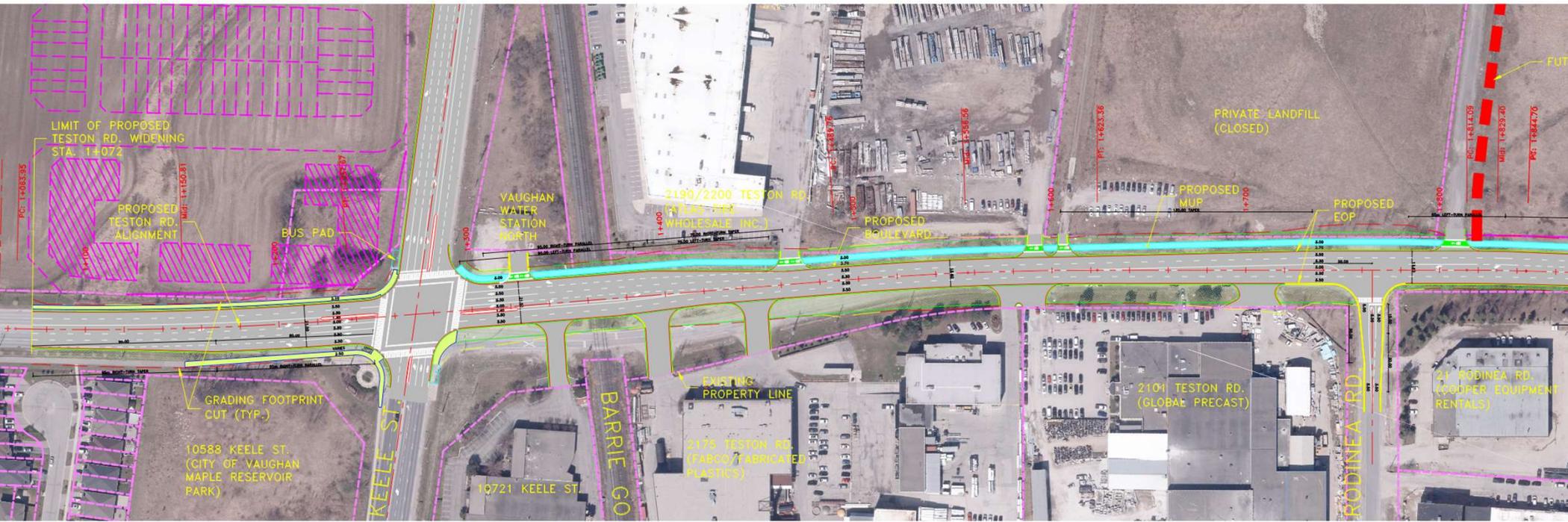
DESIGN ALTERNATIVES ROADWAY SECTIONS



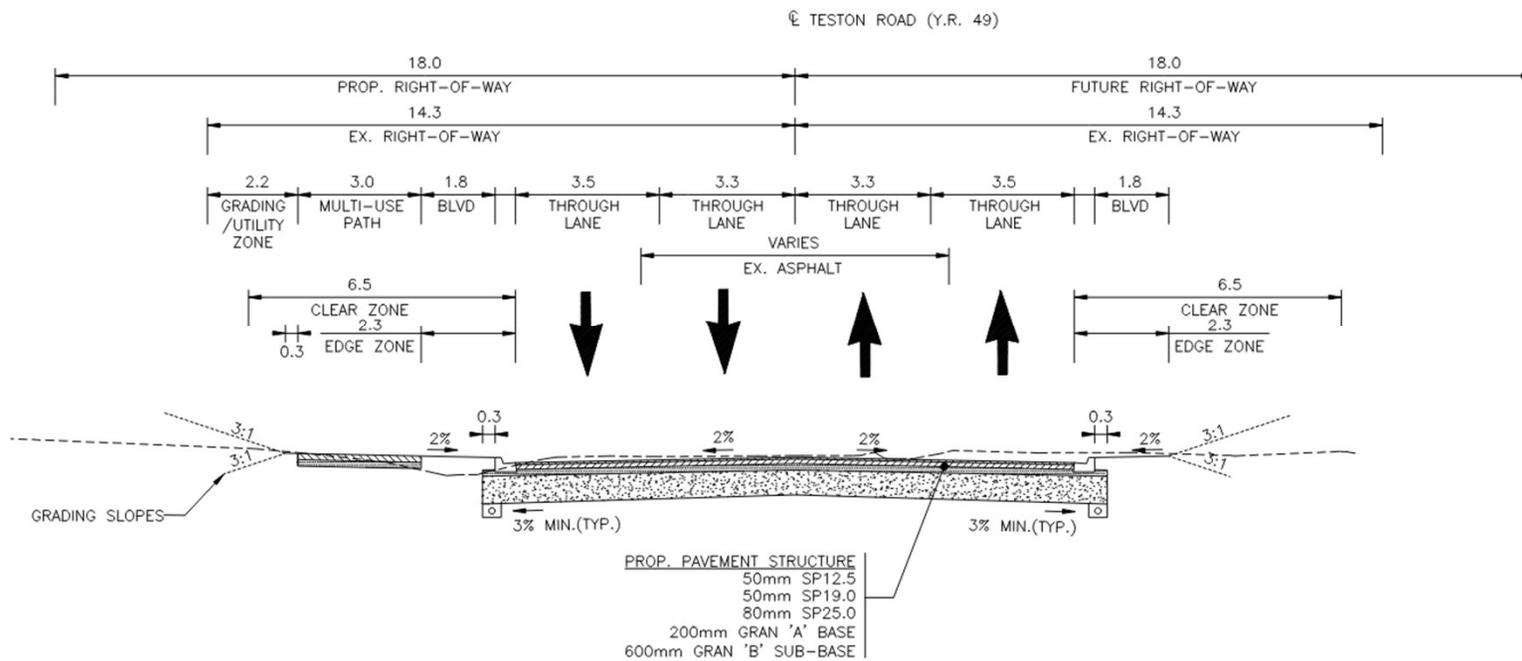
SECTION 1 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- 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

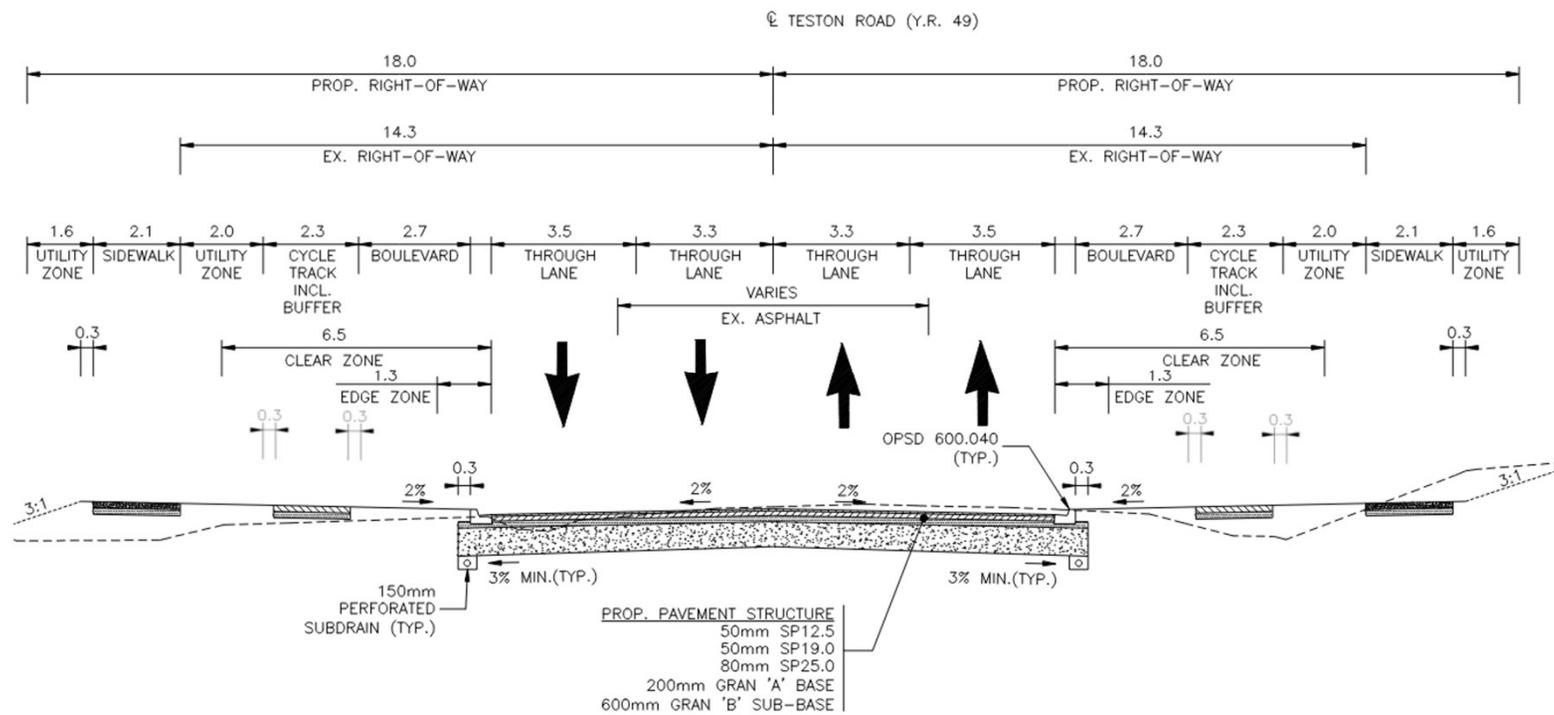
SECTION 1: ROADWAY DESIGN – INTERIM (AT) DESIGN



SECTION 1: ROADWAY DESIGN — INTERIM TYPICAL SECTION



SECTION 1: ROADWAY DESIGN — FUTURE TYPICAL SECTION



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

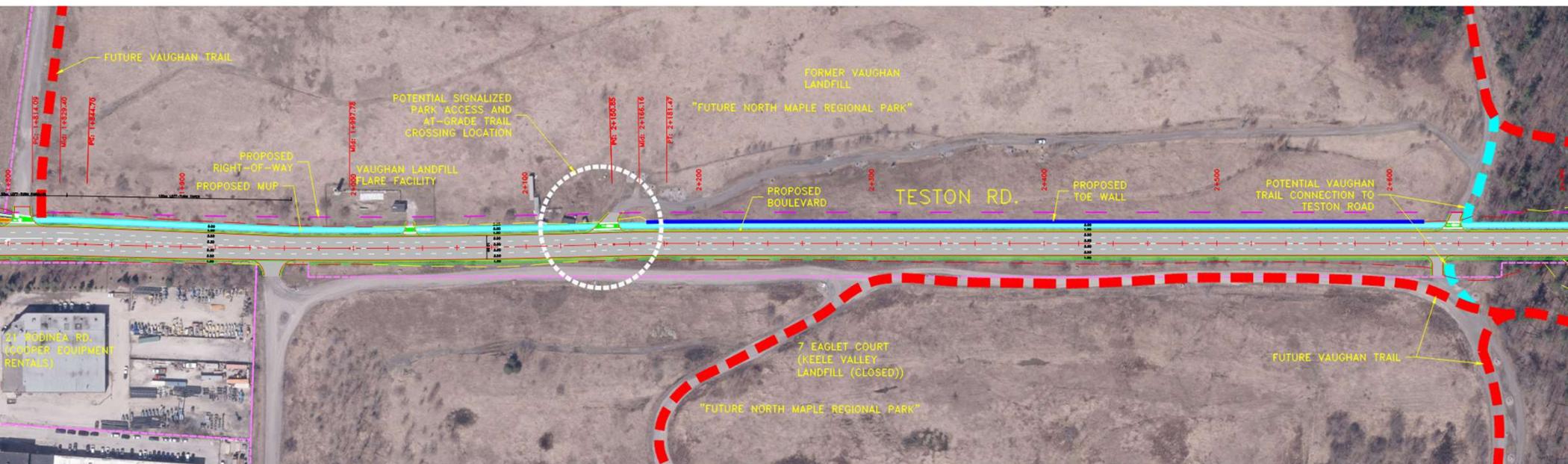
Preliminary Design Considerations

- 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

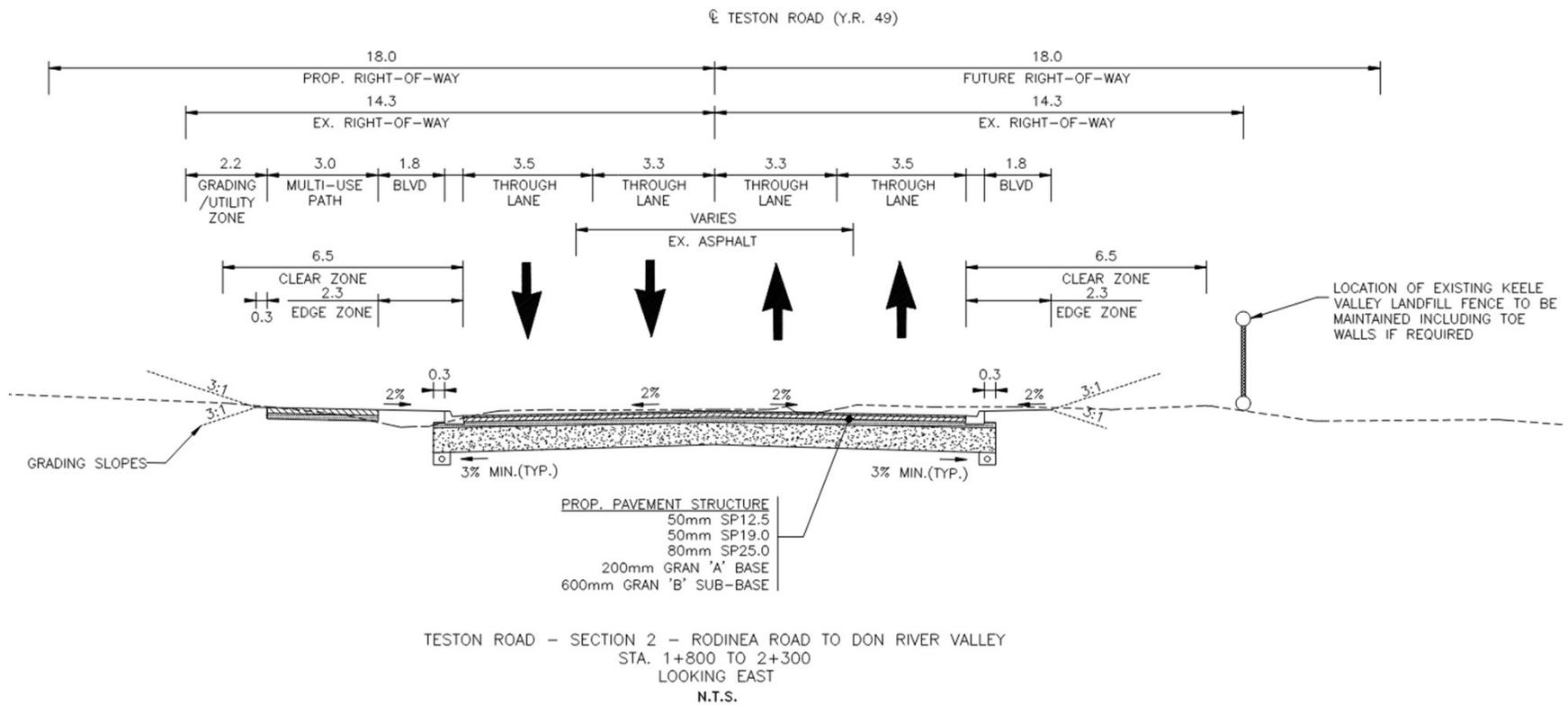
Potential Impacts & Mitigation Measures

- 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

SECTION 2: ROADWAY DESIGN — INTERIM (AT) DESIGN



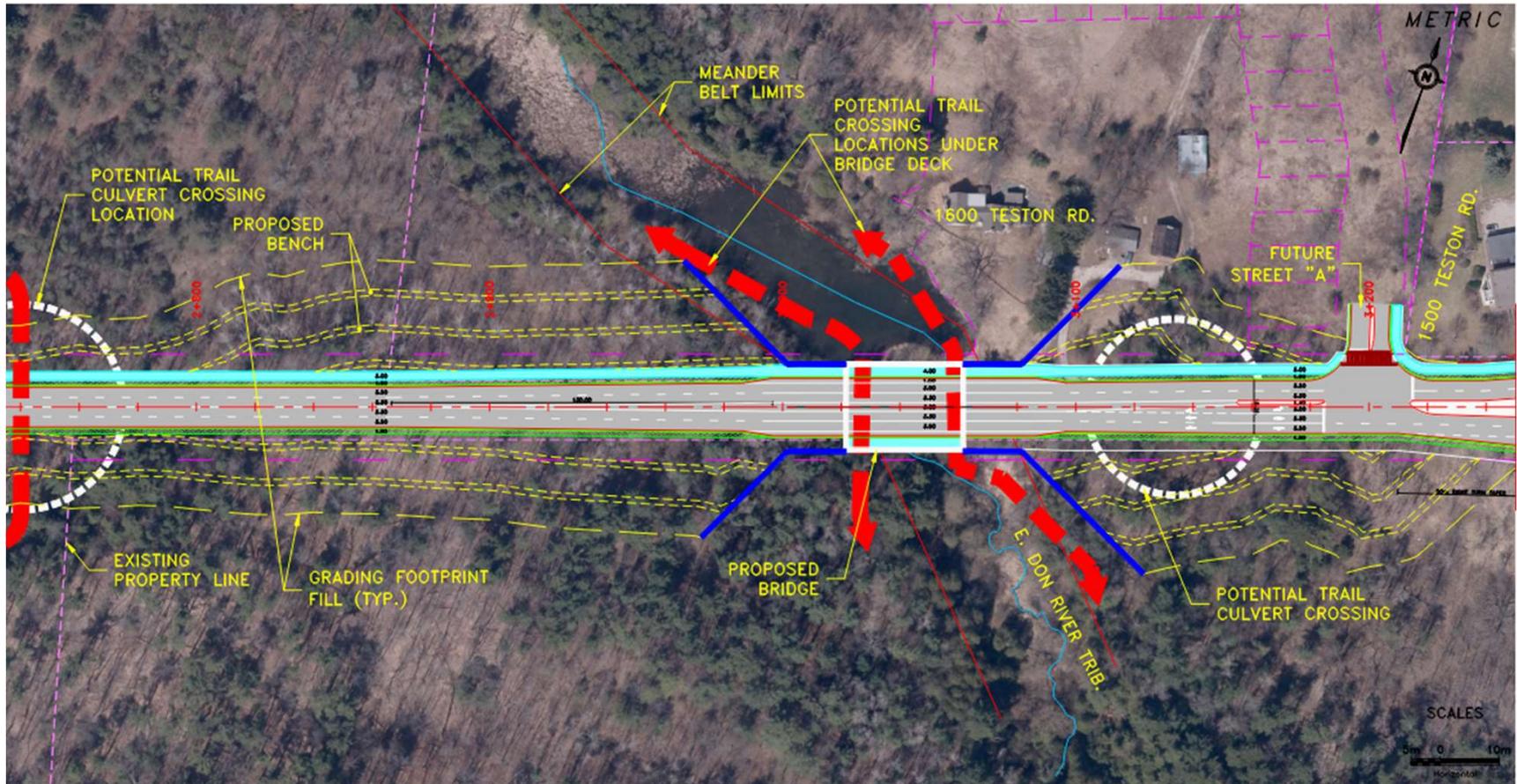
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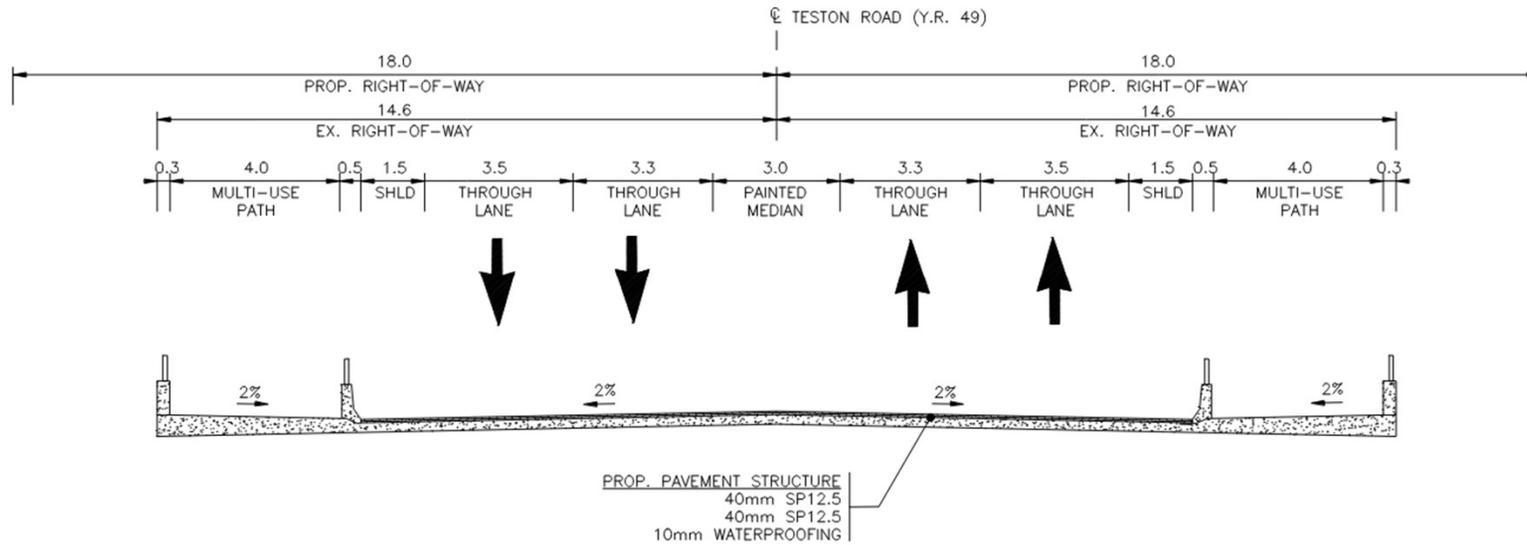
SECTION 3 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- 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

SECTION 3: ROADWAY DESIGN — INTERIM (AT) DESIGN



SECTION 3: ROADWAY DESIGN — BRIDGE CROSS SECTION



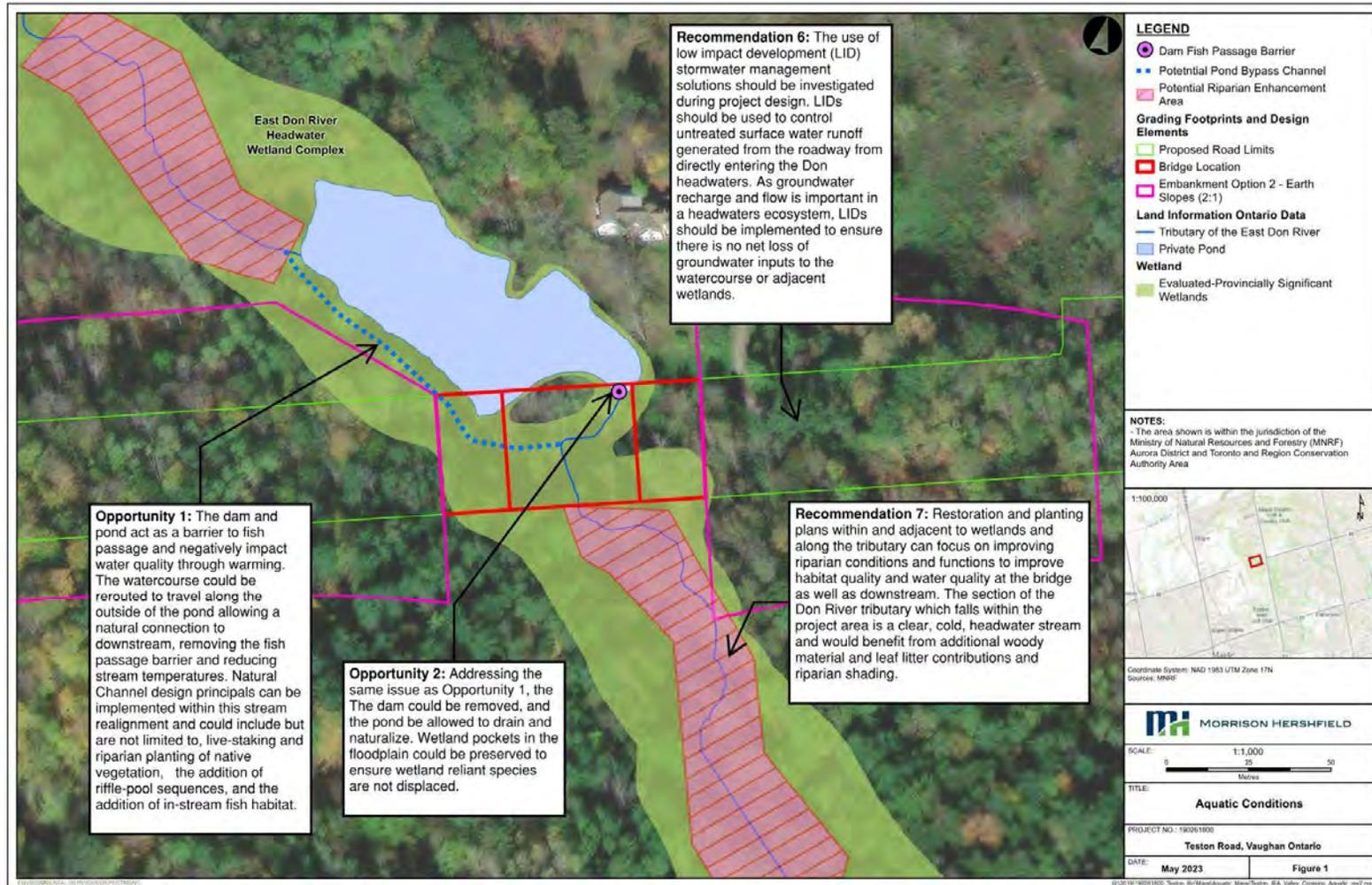
SECTION 3 POTENTIAL IMPACTS & MITIGATION MEASURES

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

SECTION 3 POTENTIAL IMPACTS & MITIGATION MEASURES

Natural Environment



SECTION 4 PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS/POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

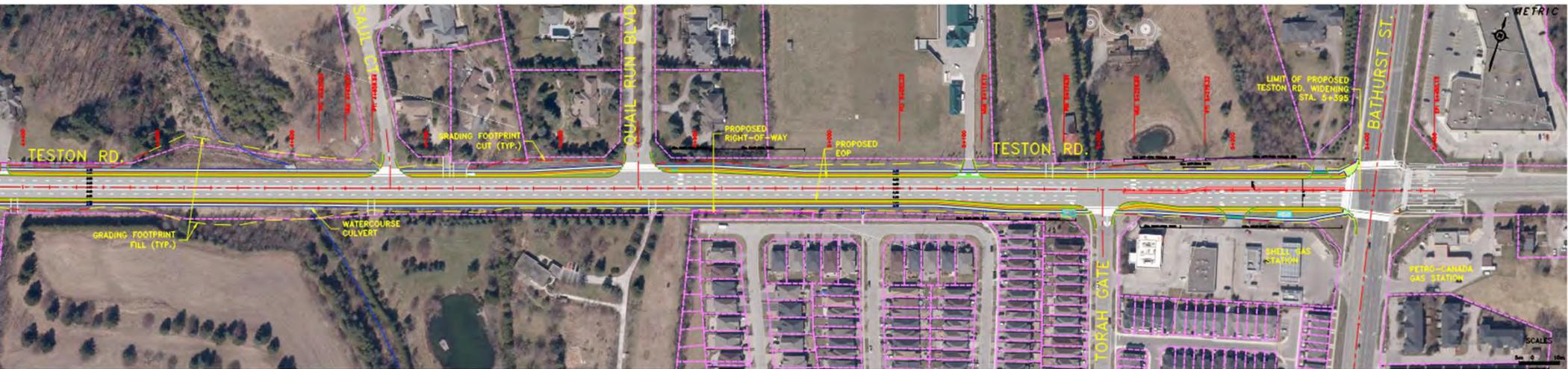
Preliminary Design Considerations

- 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

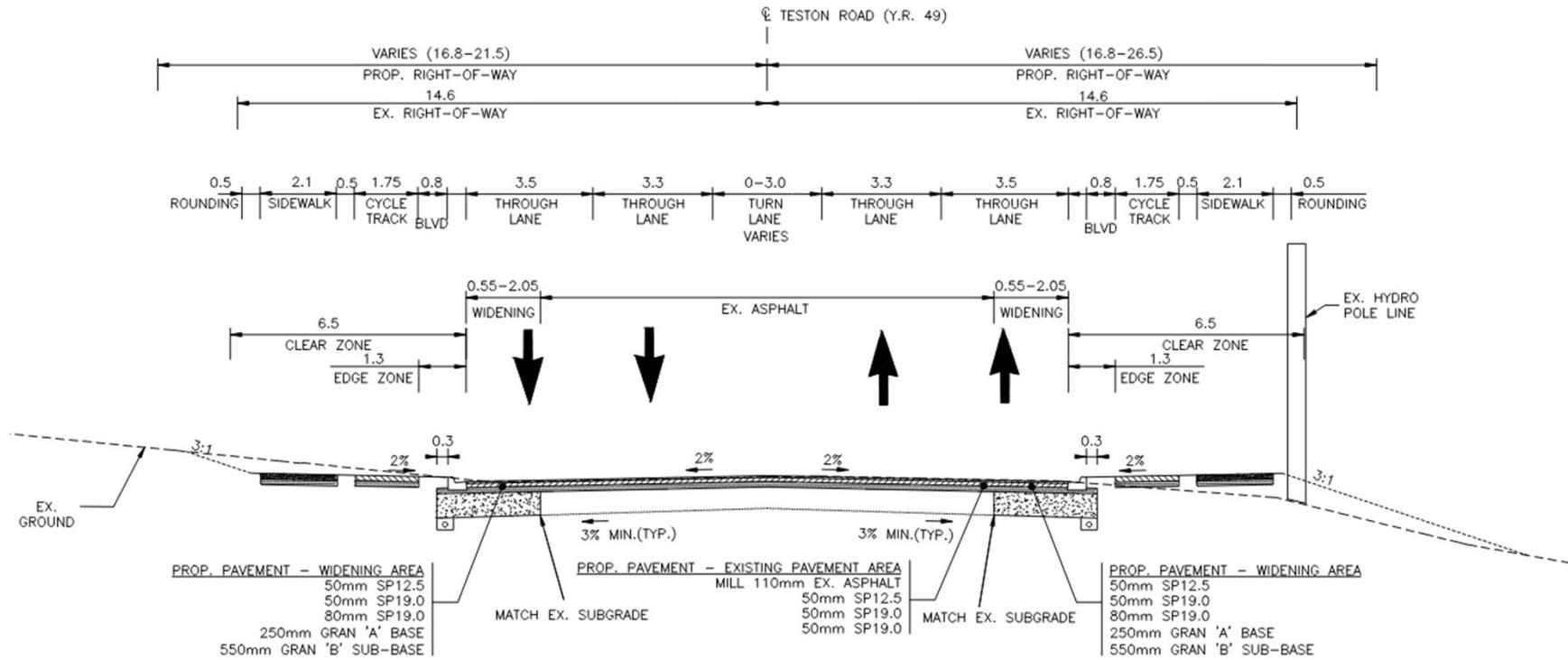
Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

- 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

SECTION 4: ROADWAY DESIGN



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CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR QUALITY

Air Quality

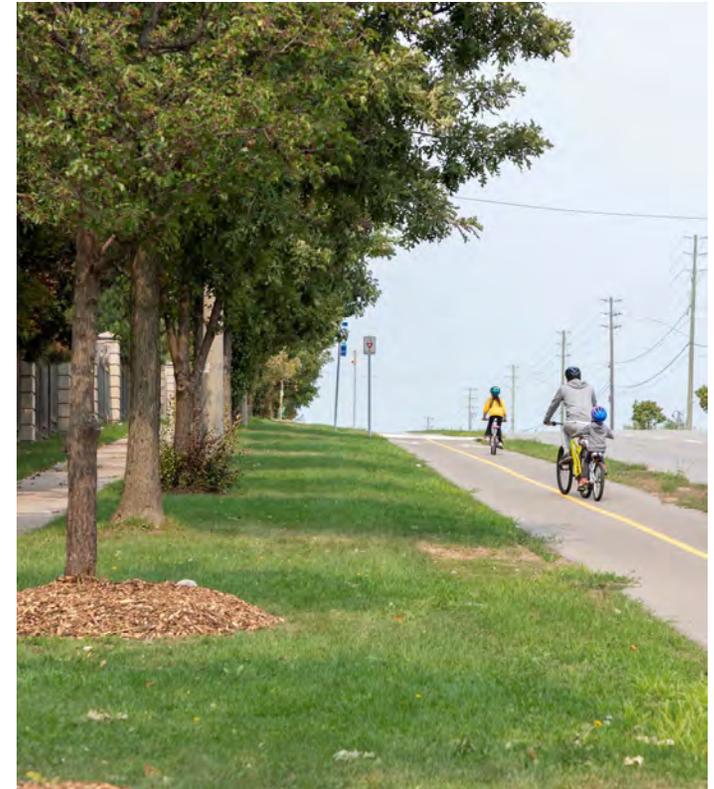
- Maximum combined concentrations below guidelines, except where background concentrations exceeded the guideline.
- Overall contribution from the roadway emissions to the combined concentrations was small. Mitigation measures are not warranted.

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)



THANK YOU





Appendix C - Correspondence

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,

Our working hours may be different. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your scheduled working hours. Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.

Phil Brandon, P.Eng | Planning and Design Coordinator
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From: Julie Kapyrka <jkapyrka@alderville.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:42 PM
To: Brandon, Philip <Philip.Brandon@york.ca>
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>; Andrew Harkness <AHarkness@morrisonhershfield.com>
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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To: Julie Kapyrka <jkapyrka@alderville.ca>
Cc: John, Praveen <praveen.john@york.ca>; Andrew Harkness <AHarkness@morrisonhershfield.com>
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.

Kind Regards,

Our working hours may be different. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your scheduled working hours. Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.

Phil Brandon, P.Eng | Planning and Design Coordinator
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Councillor: Dawn Marie Kelly
Councillor: Lisa McDonald
Councillor: Nora Sawyer
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:

Legal Entity Name: Alderville First Nation
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Website: www.alderville.ca

Name of Chief: Chief Taynar Simpson tsimpson@alderville.ca (905)-352-3000

Name of Councillors: Dawn Marie Kelly dawn.marie@alderville.ca
Lisa McDonald thundercloudkwe@alderville.ca
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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 cwilson@alderville.ca (905) 352-2011 ext.231

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

Thank you,

Joanne Smoke
First Nation Manager

Proudly working together to build a prosperous and healthy environment that promotes independence, honours and respects our values, and enhances our way of life.

From: Tom Cowie <tcowie@hiawathafn.ca>
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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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Yes, it is perfect for us!

Thank you!
Marie-Sophie



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Hi Marie-Sophie,

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

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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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Kwe Philip,

Our team has reviewed the Stage 2 archaeological assessment report for Teston Road – Highway 400 to Bathurst Street IEA and found everything satisfactory. I noted on page 27 in the section Field Methods that a little mistake was made. It is written : “*The remainder of the Stage 2 test pit survey took place between May 23-26 2003*” but it should be May 23-26 **2023**.

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' entiio!
Marie-Sophie



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Good Afternoon Brandon,

Thank you for sharing the draft Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report for York Region's Teston Road Individual Environmental Assessment project.

We will review and respond with comment before January 15, 2023. If this timeline does not work for you please let me know and I will do what I can to expedite the process.

Kind regards,

Adam LaForme (he/him)
Archaeological Operations Supervisor



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Good afternoon Brandon,

Thank you for sharing this Stage 2 archaeological report for the Teston Road IEA.
I have reviewed this report on behalf of the Nation and have the following comment(s):

If you haven't already, please keep MCFN-DOCA apprised of any archaeological monitoring work that is carried out in support of this project that relates to the Recommendation 3 of the report – the ossuary monitoring buffer.

Regards,
Adrian Blake, MSc. (he/him)
Field Archaeologist



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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
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- 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

Harkness, Andrew

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Dear Chief:

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

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Aaniin Cindy,

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

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All the best,

Dr. Julie Kapyrka
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Cindy

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November 22, 2024

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Attention: Chief Keith Knott

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November 25, 2024

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Attention: Ms. Debra Keaney, President

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Attention: Chief Kelly LaRocca

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Subject:

From: Batista, Cindy (MECP) <Cindy.Batista@ontario.ca>

Sent: Friday, October 25, 2024 8:15 AM

To: Benjamin Labbe <Benjamin.Labbe@wendake.ca>

Cc: NCrockford@morrisonhershfield.com; Batista, Cindy (MECP) <Cindy.Batista@ontario.ca>

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

From: Benjamin Labbe <Benjamin.Labbe@wendake.ca>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 1:21 PM

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

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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.

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

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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VIA E-MAIL

November 13, 2024

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Morrison Hershfield
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Billy Cheung, Project Manager
The Regional Municipality of York
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C: 905-716-5632

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.

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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.

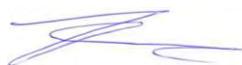
Although we have not conducted exhaustive research nor do we have the resources to do so, there may be the presence of burial or archaeological sites in your proposed project area. Please note, that we have particular concern for the remains of our ancestors. Should excavation unearth bones, remains, 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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Harkness, Andrew

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Subject: RE: Teston Road IEA Update Letter
Attachments: Alderville-FN-Teston-Road-EA-Ltr-2025.09.04.pdf; Letter Alderville FN-2024.11.22.pdf; Teston Road Area, Transportation Improvements, Highway 400 & Bathurst Street - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment

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.

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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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Billy Cheung, P.Eng.

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