

DATE: June 20, 2022

REPORT NO: PW-12-2022

SUBJECT: **St. Ann's Road Reconstruction Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (EA Study) Project Update**

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OVERVIEW:

- The St. Ann's Road Reconstruction project was included in the approved 2021 Capital Budget.
- Funding was also granted from the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).
- On June 28, 2021, Council awarded the Consultant Services for the Class EA Study and Preliminary Design RFP to Kerry T. Howe Engineering Limited (Report PW-16-2021).
- Work has been progressing steadily since the project award.
- As part of the MCEA process, a Public Information Consultation (PIC) for all affected residents and stakeholders is scheduled for June 28, 2022 at 6 PM.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, Information Report PW-12-2022, re: "St. Ann's Road Reconstruction Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (EA Study) Project Update", dated June 20, 2022, be received for information.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Theme #1

- **Strong Transportation Connections** - West Lincoln has transportation infrastructure that is safe for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, and networks that are well-maintained and connected within our community, with other Niagara communities and major highways.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018, the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario signed an Integrated Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program which promised \$180 billion for infrastructure projects for rural and northern communities. The Township of West Lincoln applied for this funding stream for the St. Ann's Road Reconstruction project, and received approval in April 2020 for up to \$4,150,875.63 or 83.33% of total project costs. The Township is responsible for the 16.67% balance of total project costs.

St. Ann's Road Reconstruction is a multi-year project that involves the reconstruction of St. Ann's Road from Twenty Mile Rd to Regional Road 20, the rehabilitation of the North Creek Bridge, improvements to the railway crossing, sidewalk/pedestrian safety, and drainage improvements. This Municipal Class EA process and Preliminary Design assignment is the first step of the project. The tentative schedule for the complete project is as follows and may vary as the project phases proceed:

Municipal Class EA & Preliminary Design	2021/2022
Detail Design	2022/2023
Utility Relocates & Potential Property Acquisition for ROW	2023/2024
Construction	2025/2026

On May 26, 2021, the RFP closed for the Consultant Services to complete the Municipal Class EA Study and Preliminary Design for the project. On June 28, 2021, Council awarded the project to Kerry T. Howe Engineering Limited under report PW-16-2021.

Since being awarded the project, Kerry T. Howe Engineering Limited and their sub-consultants have been working diligently towards completing this phase of the project. To date several investigation and assessments have been completed including geotechnical, Stage 1 archaeological, and a bridge condition survey. Additionally, preliminary designs are complete with multiple design options which all forms part of the Municipal Class Environmental process.

CURRENT SITUATION:

At this stage of the process, input from affected local residents and all stakeholders is required for the various design options. This is done through a Public Information Centre (PIC) and ongoing public consultations. At the PICs, all the information is presented including a PowerPoint style presentation. This gives a chance for everyone to ask questions and provide comments and/or suggestions on the proposed designs. All comments and suggestions will be evaluated and if feasible, implemented in the chosen design option.

From that point, the chosen preliminary design will be refined and a second PIC will be scheduled later this year.

All stakeholders are encouraged to attend the PIC, including Council members, which will be held virtually on June 28th, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The PIC notice that will be delivered to all stakeholders is included under Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications to the Township.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

The St. Ann's Road Reconstruction Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (EA Study) Project Update report is being provided as and update for information purposes and to inform that a Public Information Centre is scheduled for June 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm local time (see Attachment A) for all affected residents and stakeholders.

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A – Notice of Public Information Centre No 1

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