

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Class Environmental Assessment Detail Design for the Replacement of Bridges on Highway 400 at Innisfil Beach Road and Barrie-Collingwood Railway and Reconstruction of Innisfil Beach Road Interchange and Associated Works (G.W.P. 2493-15-00)

THE PROJECT

The **Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO)** has retained the services of **McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers (McIntosh Perry)** to carry out the detail design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for the replacement of bridge structures on Highway 400 at Innisfil Beach Road and Barrie-Collingwood Railway, as well as reconstruction of the Innisfil Beach Road interchange and associated works within the Town of Innisfil, Simcoe County, as shown on the key map below.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, MTO undertook a Planning and Preliminary Design Study and Class EA to address transportation deficiencies along 30 km of Highway 400 from 1 km south of Highway 89 to the Junction at Highway 11. In 2017, a Class Environmental Study Update and Transportation Environmental Study addendum was completed that confirmed the 2004 approved plan for the Innisfil Beach Road interchange was still valid. The Highway 400 bridge over Innisfil Beach Road currently requires replacement. The replacement structure will accommodate the future ultimate widened Highway 400. As part of the planned highway improvements, the nearby Barrie-Collingwood Railway bridge will also be replaced and Highway 400 – Innisfil Beach Road interchange ramps modified to match the new structure.

THE PROCESS

The detail design is following the approved planning process for a Group “B” project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout. Upon completion of the study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the existing environmental conditions, design features, detours and construction staging, impacts, and mitigation measures. Further notification will be provided for the DCR review period. For additional information and regular updates please visit the project website at www.Highway400Innisfilbeach.com or www.innisfil.ca/living/newconstruction/EnvironmentalAssessments.

COMMENTS

If you wish to comment on the project or have any questions about the study process, please contact one of the following project team members:

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