

Appendix C Public Notifications





NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario. The bridge provides year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.



THE PROCESS

This study is a “Group A” project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from stakeholders, external agencies, Indigenous communities and the public. This study will review existing conditions and conduct a Transportation Needs Assessment to determine the scope and extent of crossing requirements. A *Study Design Report (SDR)* will also be completed and will be made available for public review. The purpose of the SDR is to confirm the project Need and Justification, define the study area, assess alternative crossing types (Alternatives to the Undertaking), and document the Class EA process including consultation.

The study also includes developing and evaluating alternatives for the preferred crossing type, identifying appropriate improvements, and outlining environmental protection/mitigation measures. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed and a preliminary design completed at the end of the study.

Three Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned, and notices of the PICs will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list. Upon completion of preliminary design, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR)* will be prepared and made available for public review.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the project team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have questions about the study, please contact:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website, swingbridgestudy.ca, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, the SDR and the TESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments to the project team on the project website.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1

Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00

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THE PROCESS

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review the transportation needs assessment, existing conditions, alternatives to the undertaking, and comment on project activities to date. The PIC will be a drop-in format, with members of the Project Team available to discuss the project with you and respond to any questions you may have.

Date: August 22, 2018

Location: Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, 66 Meredith Street East, Little Current, ON

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

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NOTICE OF STUDY DESIGN REPORT REVIEW
PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
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THE PROCESS

This study is following the requirements of a “Group A” project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), and includes opportunities for public input throughout, including at three PICs. A *Study Design Report* (SDR) has been prepared for review. Near the end of the study, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report* (TESR) will also be prepared for a 30-day public review with a notice of TESR Submission published in local newspapers.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The *Study Design Report* (SDR) has been prepared and is available for a 30-day public review period from **November 22, 2018 to December 21, 2018**. The SDR documents the project Need and Justification, the study area, the alternative crossing types (Alternatives to the Undertaking), and the Class EA process including consultation. **The SDR will be available at the following locations and on the project website (www.swingbridgestudy.ca):**

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Municipal Building 14 Water Street East Little Current, Ontario Monday-Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm	Gore Bay Union Public Library 15 Water Street Gore Bay, Ontario Monday, Tuesday: 2pm - 5pm Thursday: 2pm - 8pm Friday: 10am - 1pm, 2 - 5pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm	Providence Bay Library 11 Mutchmor Street Providence Bay, Ontario Tuesday: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Wednesday: 1pm - 3:30pm Friday: 1pm - 4:30pm	Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library 50 Meredith Street West Little Current, Ontario Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10am - 5pm Thursday: 10am - 8pm Saturday: 10am - 4pm
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COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the document and provide comments by **December 21, 2018**. You are encouraged to visit the project website, www.swingbridgestudy.ca for more information on the study, and to review notices or reports as they become available. You can also submit comments to the project team on the project website or by contacting:

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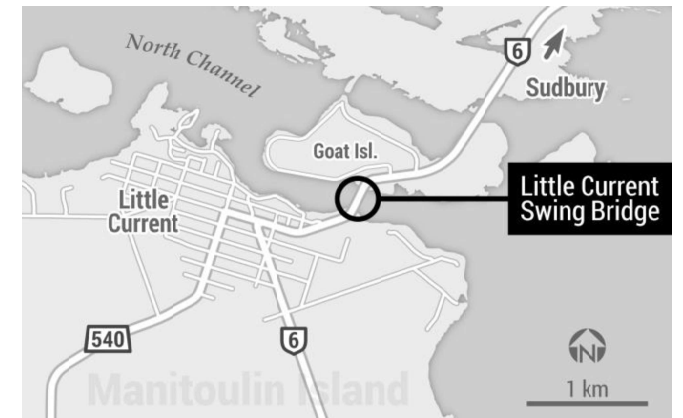
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2
PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
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THE PROCESS

This study is a “Group A” project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from stakeholders, external agencies, Indigenous communities and the public. Upon completion of preliminary design, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report* (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advise the public of the TESR public review period.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on August 22, 2018. A second PIC is being held to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review the assessment of alternatives to the undertaking, alignment alternatives, structure type alternatives, the proposed evaluation criteria and evaluation process, heritage conservation options, and comment on project activities to date. The PIC will be a drop-in format, with members of the Project Team available to discuss the project with you and respond to any questions you may have. The second PIC will be held on:

Date: July 17, 2019
Location: Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, 66 Meredith Street East, Little Current, Ontario
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

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**NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 3
PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00**

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THE PROCESS

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ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 3

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) have been held to date to present and gather feedback at key points in this Study. PIC 1 was held in August 2018 to present the transportation needs assessment, existing study area conditions, and alternatives to the undertaking. PIC 2 was held in July 2019 to present alignment and structure type alternatives, the evaluation process and preliminary assessment of the heritage conservation options for the existing bridge.

The third and final PIC has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for you to review the evaluation of the alignment and structure alternatives, the Preliminary Preferred Plan, and the associated potential impacts and preliminary proposed mitigation measures. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated physical distancing requirements, PIC 3 will be hosted online. **The PIC will be available for your review on the study website at www.swingbridgestudy.ca on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.** A recorded presentation will be available as part of the online PIC until April 30, 2021.

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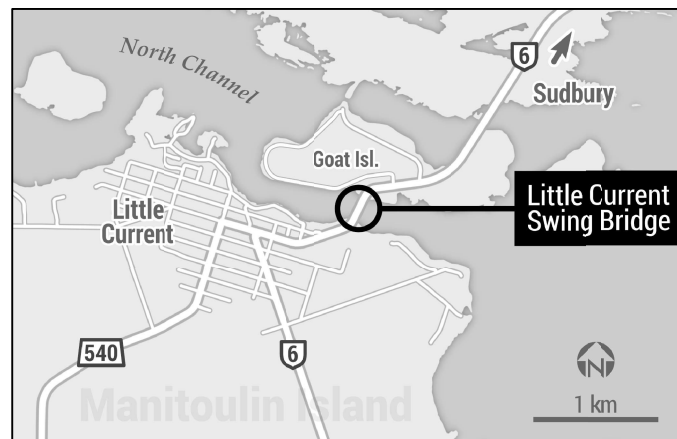
You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments to the study team. If you wish to have your name added to the study mailing list, have any comments, questions or concerns, and/or are unable to access the online PIC 3 materials provided on the study website, please contact one of the following study team members:

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Please visit the project website, www.swingbridgestudy.ca, to review study information including notices, background information and PIC displays. Other study materials will also be provided on the study website, as they become available. Comments and questions to the study team can be submitted on the study website.

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Notice of Study Completion

Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has undertaken a **Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study** for the replacement of the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario. The bridge provides the only year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study was to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.

THE RECOMMENDED PLAN

Based on the findings of this Class EA Study, the Recommended Plan includes the replacement of the Little Current Swing Bridge with a new, through-truss swing bridge situated on a new alignment located approximately 80 m west of the existing bridge. The new bridge will consist of two, 3.75 m wide, vehicular travel lanes (i.e., one lane in each direction), and 1.5 m shoulders. In addition, a 1.5 m wide sidewalk will be provided along the west side of the new bridge. New connections to Highway 6 will also be required as part of the Recommended Plan. The Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism has provided consent for the removal of the existing bridge, following construction of the new bridge. A plan to appropriately commemorate the existing bridge will also be confirmed following this Class EA Study.

THE PROCESS

This study was completed in accordance with the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) for a Group 'A' project. A summary of the study process, including the identification and evaluation of alternatives, the Recommended Plan, anticipated environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and consultation activities carried out as part of this study, has been documented within a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR), a copy of which is available for public review between **January 25, 2023, and February 24, 2023** at the following locations:

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Town Office
14 Water Street East
Little Current, ON PoP 1Ko
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Township of Burpee Mills Municipal Office
8 Bailey Line Road,
Evansville, ON PoP 1Eo
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Gore Bay Municipal Office
15 Water Street,
Gore Bay, ON PoP 1Ho
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Township of Assiginack Municipal Office
156 Arthur Street,
Manitowaning, ON PoP 1No
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Municipality of Central Manitoulin Municipal Office
6020 ON-542,
Mindemoya, ON PoP 1So
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:30PM

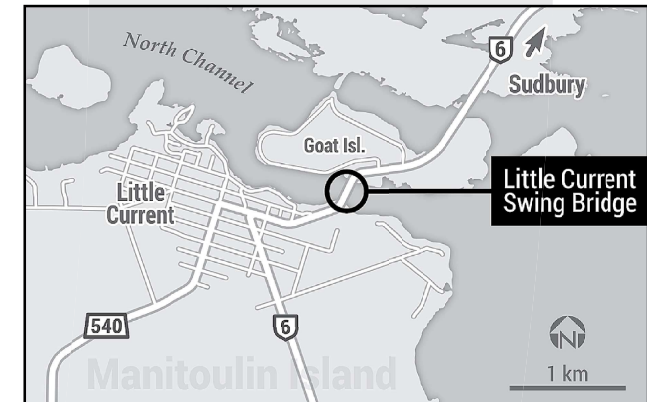
Municipality of Billings
15 Old Mill Road, P.O. Box 34
Kagawong, ON PoP 1Jo
Mon – Thurs: 8:30AM to 4:00PM
Fri: 8:30AM to 12:00PM

The TESR is also available for review on the study website (www.swingbridgestudy.ca).

COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to our study team by February 24, 2023. All comments and concerns can be sent directly to either of the following study team members:

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**REQUESTS TO THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT,
CONSERVATION AND PARKS**

In addition, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following as well as to the project contacts above:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.