

Appendix D Agency Consultation



D.1 Agency Mailing List



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

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 - 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Manitowlin Hotel and Conference Centre, 66 Meredith Street East, Little Current, Ontario

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D.3 Agency Webinar

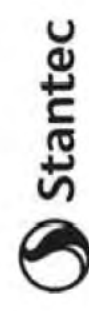




L I T T L E C U R R E N T SWING BRIDGE STUDY

Agency Webinar # 1

July 2019



Agenda



1. Introductions
2. Webinar Overview
3. Study Process
4. Transportation Needs Assessment
5. Planning Alternatives
6. Heritage & Conservation
7. Next Steps
8. Questions

Project Team



- Melissa Delfino, MTO Senior Project Engineer
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- Nevena Gazibara, Consultant Environmental Planner
- Diana Addley, Consultant Indigenous Community Consultation Liaison

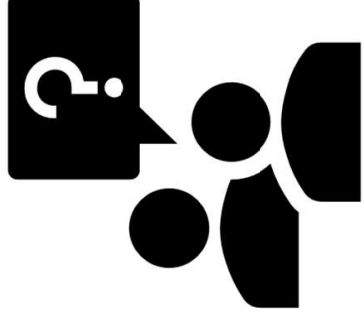
Agencies



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| • Transport Canada | • Township of Burpee & Mills |
| • Environment and Climate Change Canada | • Municipality of Central Manitoulin |
| • Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport | • Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island |
| • Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks | • Township of Assiginack |
| • Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry | • Township of Tehkummah |
| • Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines | • Emergency Service Providers |
| • Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) | • School Boards |
| • Town of Gore Bay | • Other Stakeholders (e.g., Owen Sound Transportation Company, North Channel Marine Tourism Council) |
| • Municipality of Billings | |

Purpose of the Agency Webinars

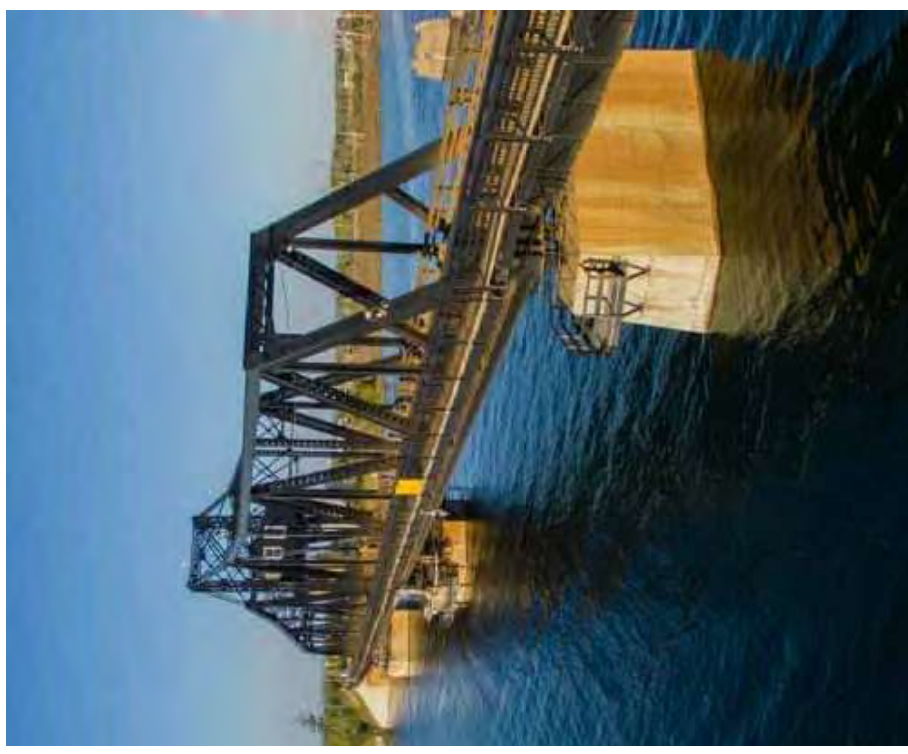
- Two agency webinars
- Purpose of first webinar is to present the project, project updates, results of investigations, preliminary design alternatives, and evaluation process
- Second webinar will take place in advance of Public Information Centre 3 and will present the results of the evaluation and the preferred plan



Study Process

Study Purpose

- 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
- The existing bridge requires extensive and ongoing maintenance and 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



Environmental Assessment Process

This study is being carried out under the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)

This study falls within the scope of a Group “A” project, which includes major realignments of existing provincial highways; and new provincial ferryboat connections, docks and terminals

Study Phases

Transportation Needs Assessment Phase

- Develop Problem and Opportunity Statements
- Identify Alternatives to the Undertaking (“Alternatives to”)
↓ PIC 1 & CISS 1

Planning Phase

- Publish Study Design Report (SDR)
↓ 30-day Public Review
- Develop Planning Alternatives (“Alternative Methods”)
↓ PIC 2 & CISS 2
- Evaluate Planning Alternatives
- Select Preferred Alternative

Preliminary Design Phase

- Develop Recommended Plan
- Confirm Environmental Impacts and Mitigation
↓ PIC 3 & CISS 3

Study Phases

Documentation and Environmental Clearance

- Publish Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR)
↓ 30-day Public Review
- Obtain Environmental Clearance

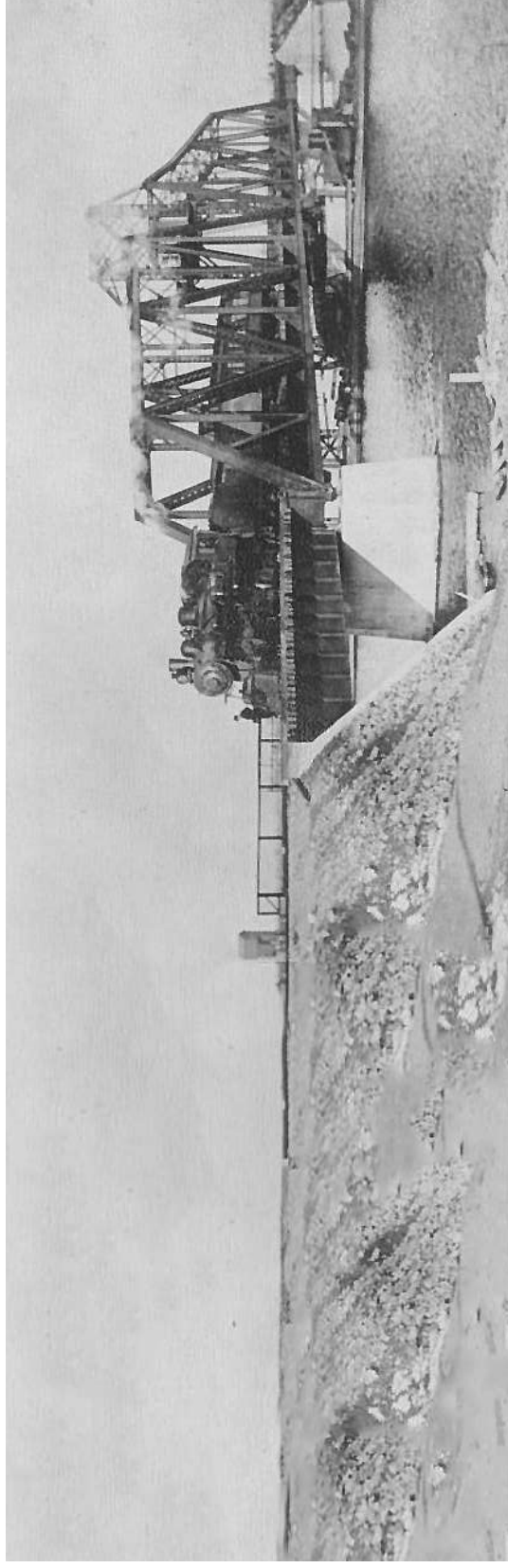
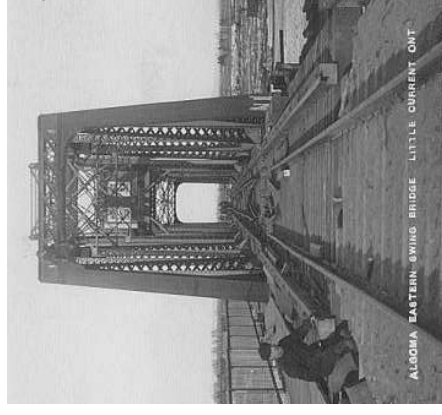
Future Phases

- Detail Design of the Recommended Plan
- Property Acquisition and Utility Relocation
- Construction

Transportation Needs Assessment Phase

Background

- Constructed in 1913 as a rail bridge
- 5-span bridge with centre pivot
- Swing bridge includes two 56 m spans
- Modified in 1946 to allow motor vehicles
- Railway track removed in 1980
- Existing sidewalk on west side of bridge
- Listed on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List and is a property of local and provincial significance



Problems and Opportunities

Maintenance and repair history:

repairs to mechanical components	2015	\$130k
coat top half of swing spans	2011	\$2.1M
replace deck, repair piers and abutments, replace electrical components, repair structural steel, install catwalk	2009	
structural steel repairs, coating of bottom half of swing spans	2005	\$1.8M
coating of approach spans	2002	\$300k
structural steel repairs, replace center bearing	2002	\$1.5M
convert swing operation from diesel motor to electric motors, repair structural steel, construct maintenance platforms, replace wedges, coat structural steel	1999	\$1.8M
install submarine cable to center pier	1993	\$200k
reconstruct top of center pier, refurbish ring gear, tracks and trucks	1988	\$500k
replace deck and sidewalk	1985	\$500k



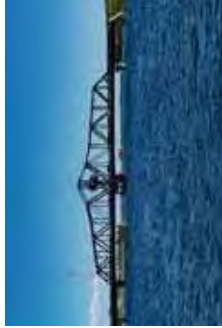
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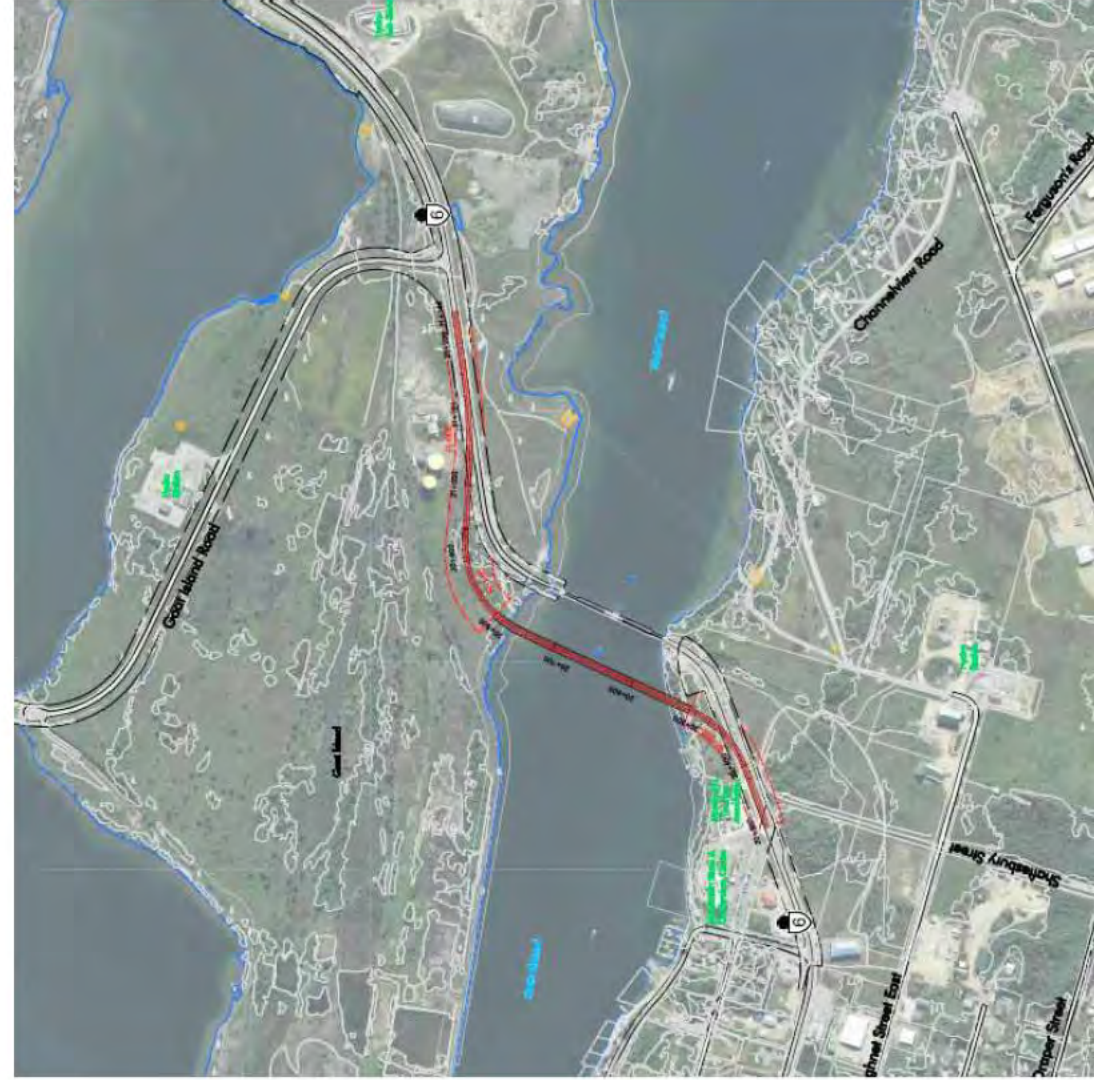


Planning Alternatives

Corridor Alternatives



Alternative 2



Lift Bridge



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Swing Bridge

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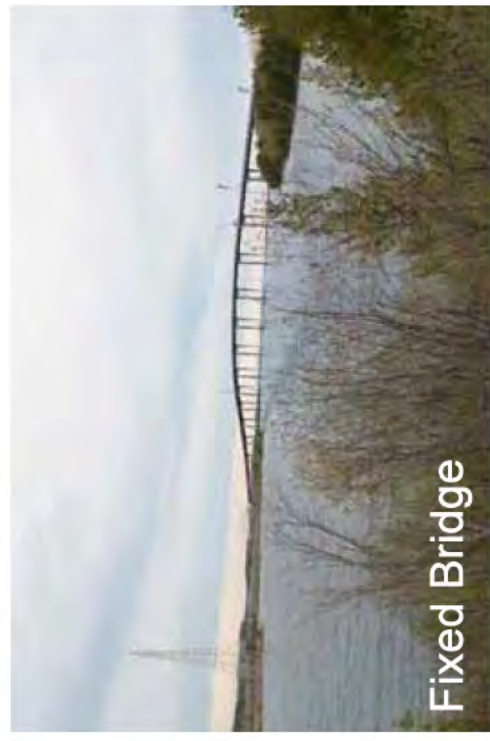
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- Species at Risk



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Permits and Approvals

- Transport Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- International Joint Commission

Heritage & Conservation

Heritage & Conservation

- Active and ongoing consultation with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and other stakeholders on the existing bridge and other potential heritage resources
- Complete a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) to identify potential impacts to the existing bridge and other potential heritage resources as a result of a Preferred Plan and proposed protection measures
- Complete a Strategic Conservation Plan (SCP) to complete a conditions assessment, and develop conservation strategies and an implementation and monitoring framework
- Complete the Ontario Heritage Bridge Conservation Options evaluation and selection of option

Heritage & Conservation

Conservation Options	Additional Assumptions
1. Retention of existing bridge with no major modifications undertaken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Regular maintenance will continueRemaining structure life, with no major modifications, is limited
2. Restoration of missing or deteriorated elements where physical or documentary evidence exists for their design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rehabilitation requiring strengthening of trusses, and reconstruction of pivot gear with original / similar partsRemaining structure life, with restoration, is estimated to be 20 – 30 years
3. Retention of the existing bridge with sympathetic modification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rehabilitation requiring strengthening of trusses, inclusion of redundant members and reconstruction of pivot gear with new partsRemaining structure life, with sympathetic modifications, is estimated to be 30 – 40 years

Heritage & Conservation

Conservation Options	Additional Assumptions
4. Retention of existing bridge with sympathetically designed new structure in proximity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Existing bridge will remain in place for single lane of trafficRehabilitation requiring strengthening of trusses, inclusion of redundant members and reconstruction of pivot gear with new partsRemaining structure life of existing bridge is estimated to be 30 – 40 yearsStructure life of new bridge is approximately 75 years
5. Retain existing bridge no longer in use for vehicular traffic but adapted for new use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Existing structure rehabilitated for active transportation accessNew 2-lane structure provided for vehicles on new alignment Remaining structure life is estimated to be 50 years

Heritage & Conservation

Conservation Options	Additional Assumptions
6. Retain existing bridge as heritage monument for viewing purposes only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridge will be left in place and in open position for boat traffic• New 2-lane structure provided for vehicles and active transportation on a new alignment• Remaining structure life is estimated to be 50 years
7. Relocation of existing bridge to new location for continued or adaptive use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridge spans moved off-site for re-use (as bridge or monument)• Approach bridge spans removed• New 2-lane structure provided for vehicles and active transportation on a new alignment• Change in ownership of bridge• Remaining structure life is estimated to be 30–40 years
8. Bridge removal and replacement with a sympathetically designed structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New 2-lane structure provided for vehicles and active transportation on a new alignment• Structure life of a new bridge is approximately 75 years

Next Steps

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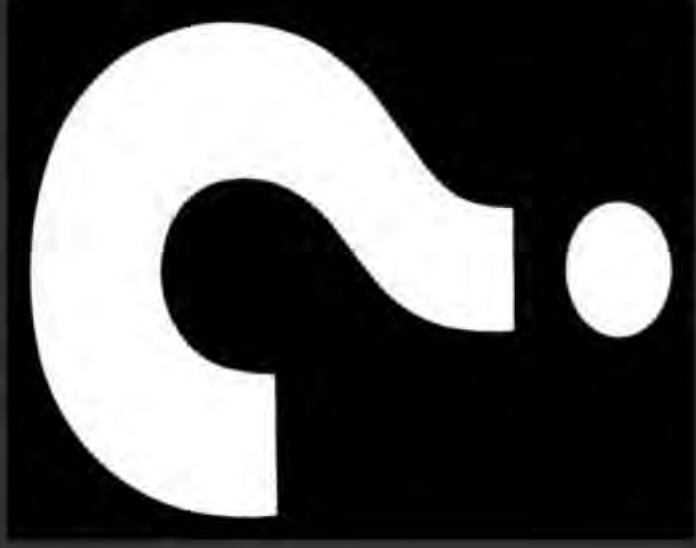


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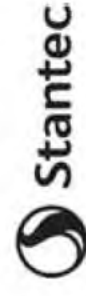
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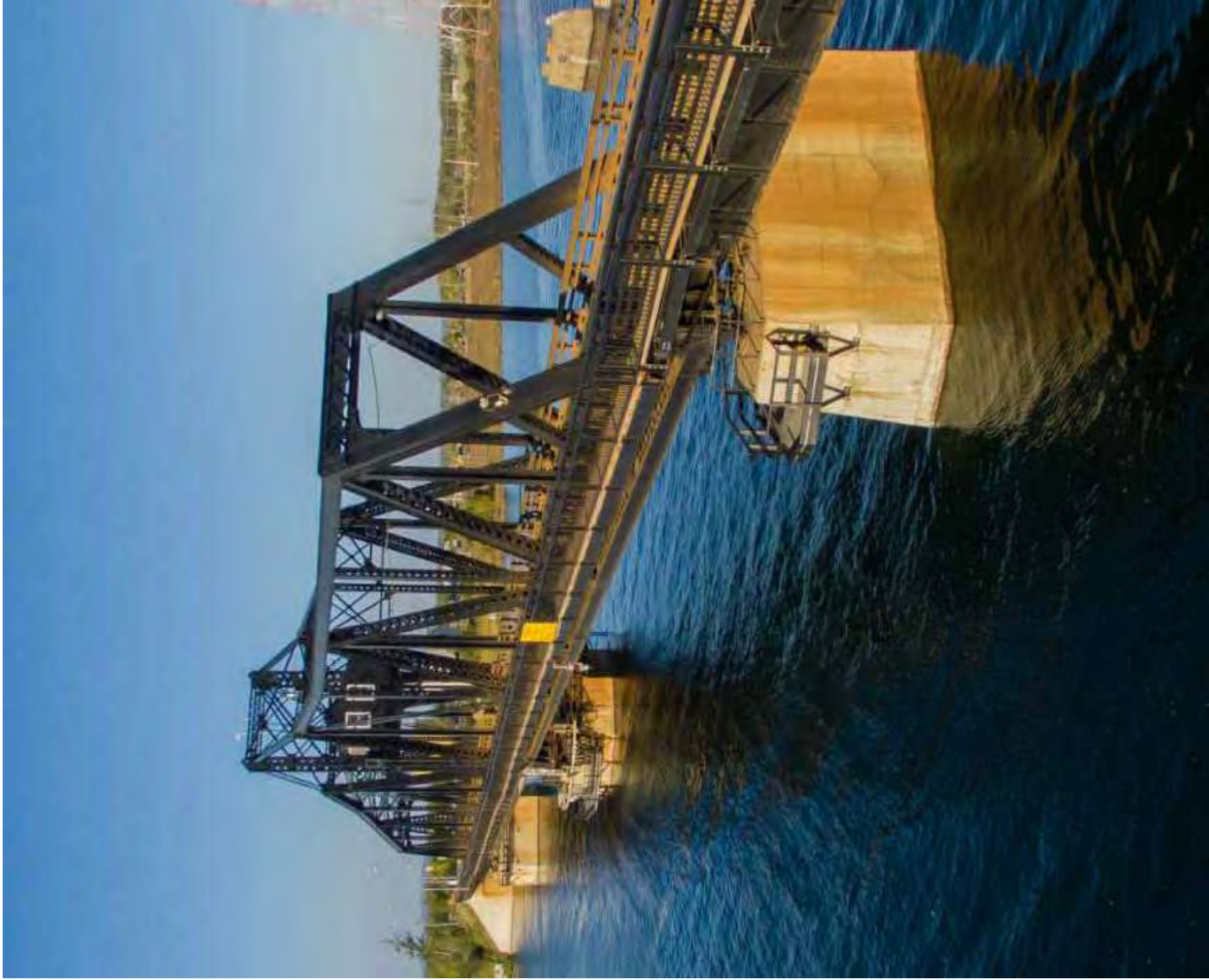
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Council Presentation
September 19, 2018





Agenda

1. Study Purpose
2. Study Process and Phases
3. Consultation
4. Background
5. Problems and Opportunities
6. Alternatives to the Undertaking
7. Investigations
8. Public Information Centre 1

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Planning Phase

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Documentation and Environmental Clearance

- Publish Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) 
 - Issue Environmental Clearance
- 30-day Public Review

Future Phases

- Detail Design of the Recommended Plan
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Consultation

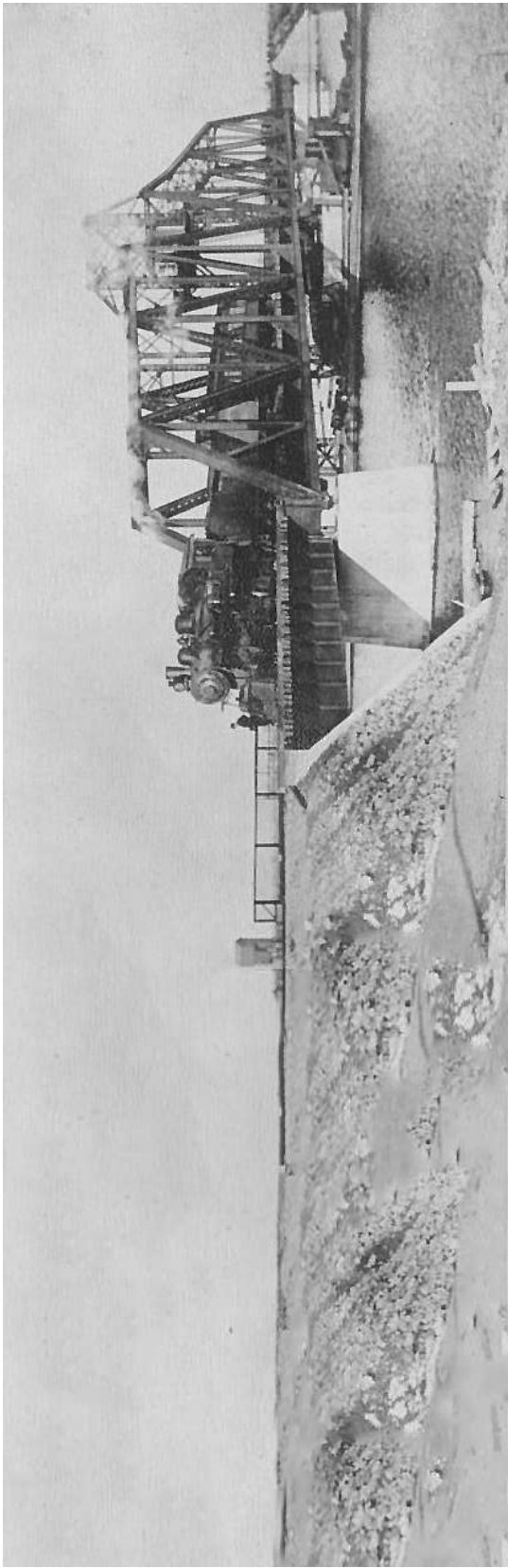
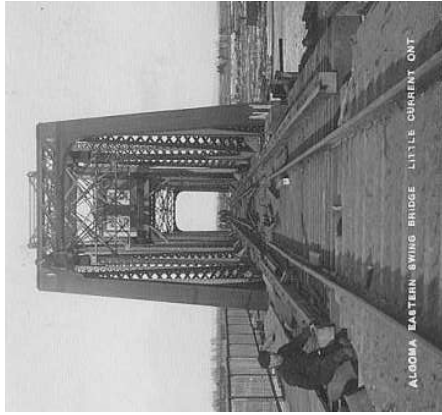
- Public Notices
- Project Website (www.swingbridgestudy.ca)
- Public Information Centres (3)
- Community Engagement Events (Haweater Festival)
- Indigenous Consultation
- Municipal Consultation (Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Manitoulin Municipal Association)
- External Agencies (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport; Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Transport Canada)
- Study Design Report (SDR) Public Review
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Background

- Constructed in 1913 as a rail bridge
- 5-span bridge with centre pivot
- Swing bridge includes two 56 m spans
- Modified in 1946 to allow motor vehicles
- Railway track removed in 1980
- Existing sidewalk on west side of bridge
- Listed on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List



Study Area



Problems and Opportunities

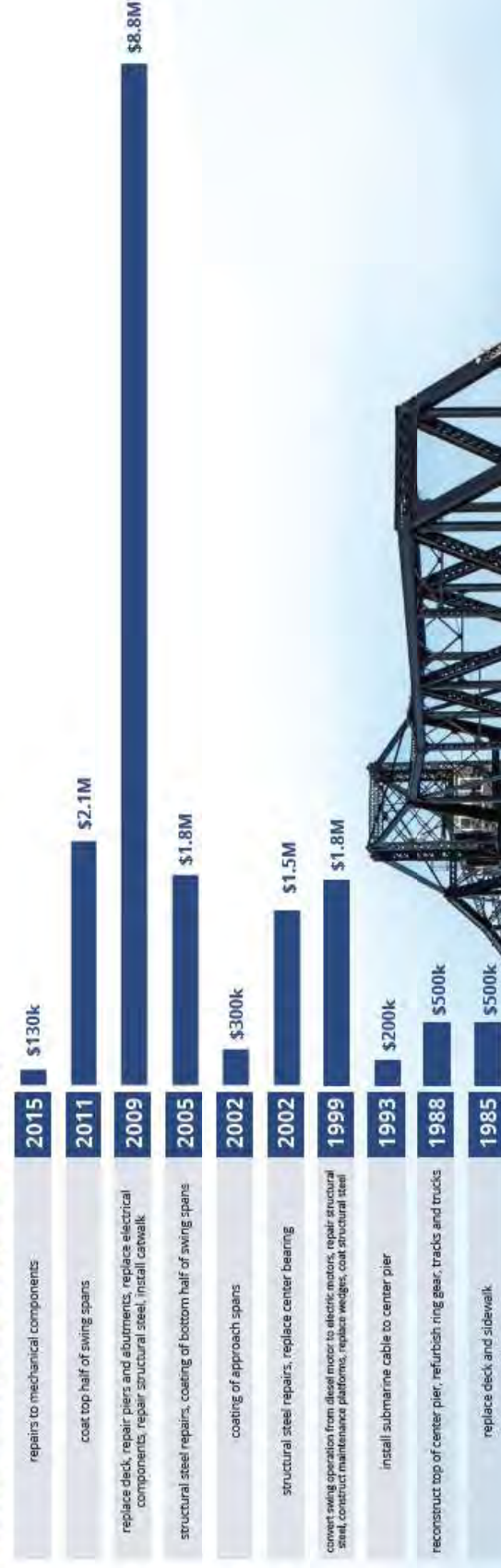
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There are opportunities to improve traffic operations and access for all users, reduce operating and maintenance costs, and improve reliability of the crossing.

Problems and Opportunities

Maintenance and repair history:



Alternatives to the Undertaking

The Class EA process requires that all ‘reasonable alternatives’ be considered to address the identified problems.

This involves two levels of analysis:

1. **Alternatives to the Undertaking** considers a broad range of alternatives that could address the project needs
2. **Alternative Methods of Carrying Out the Undertaking** are studied once the best Alternative to the Undertaking is selected

Alternatives to the Undertaking

Do Nothing



Maintain the existing single-lane structure and provide ongoing maintenance and repairs to the structure, as required.

Replace with a Ferry



A ferry that will carry traffic from Goat Island to Little Current; will require docking terminals on both sides of the shore, and loading and queuing areas for vehicles.

Replace with a 2-lane Tunnel



The tunnel will provide year-round vehicular access via a two-lane tunnel.

Replace with a Moveable Bridge



A two-lane structure with pedestrian and vehicular facilities that could be a lift bridge, a swing bridge, or a bascule bridge.

Replace with a 2-lane Fixed Bridge



A fixed structure with a higher vertical clearance to provide clearance for boat navigation and will require long approaches to meet safety and geometric standards.

Investigations



Engineering

- Traffic and safety
- Bridge
- Foundations
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Natural Environment

- Terrestrial Ecosystems
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Socio-economic

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Public Information Centre 1 (PIC 1)

- The first PIC is scheduled for August 22, 2018 at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre
 - Agency Session 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - Public Session 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- The purpose of the first PIC is to present and seek input on the problem and opportunity statements, the alternatives to the undertaking, existing conditions and answer questions
- Notification about the PIC will be sent out to agencies, stakeholders and the public via mail, newspaper advertisement, and project website update



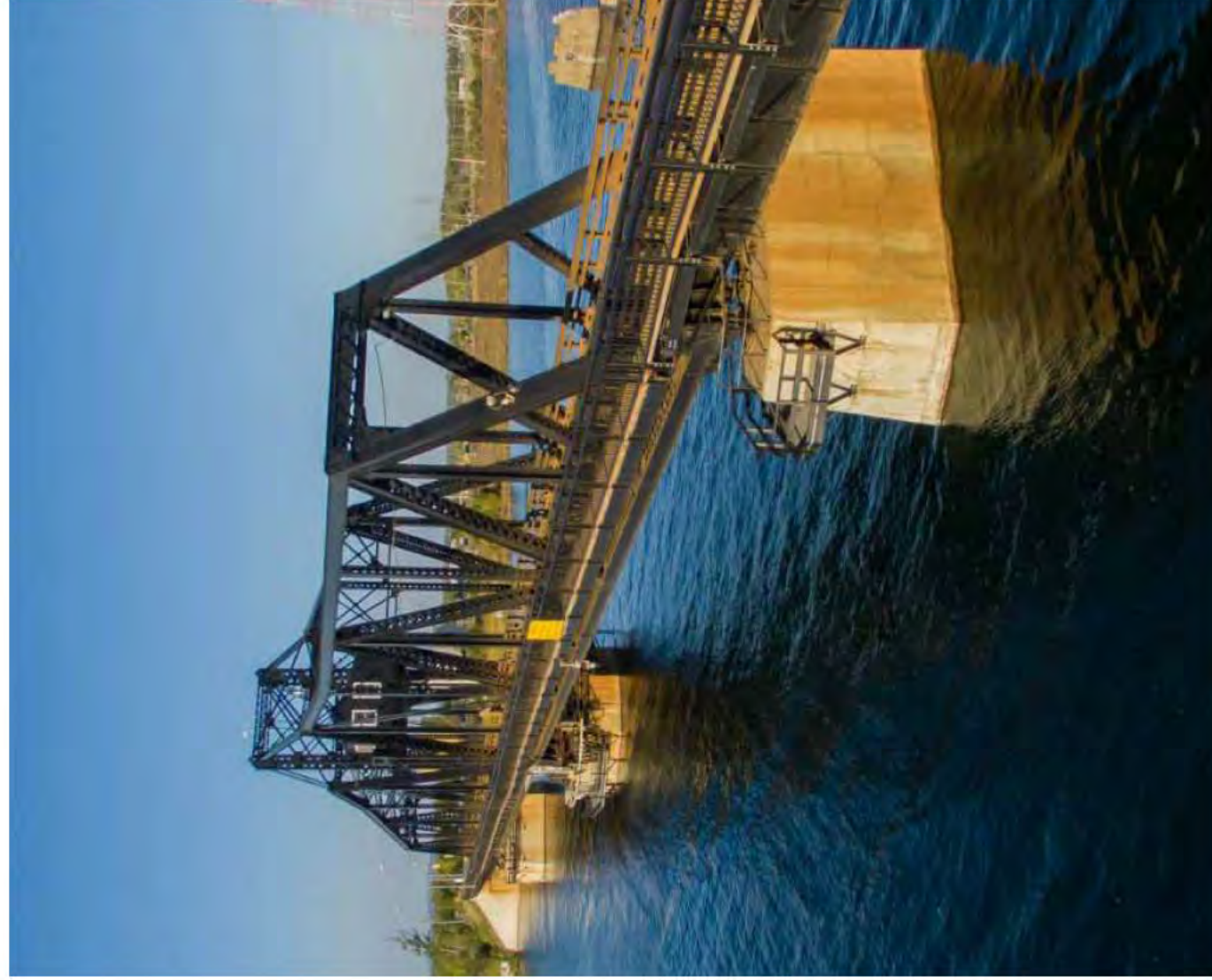
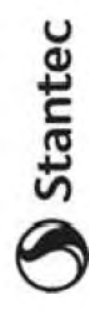
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NEMI Council Presentation

July 16, 2019



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30-day
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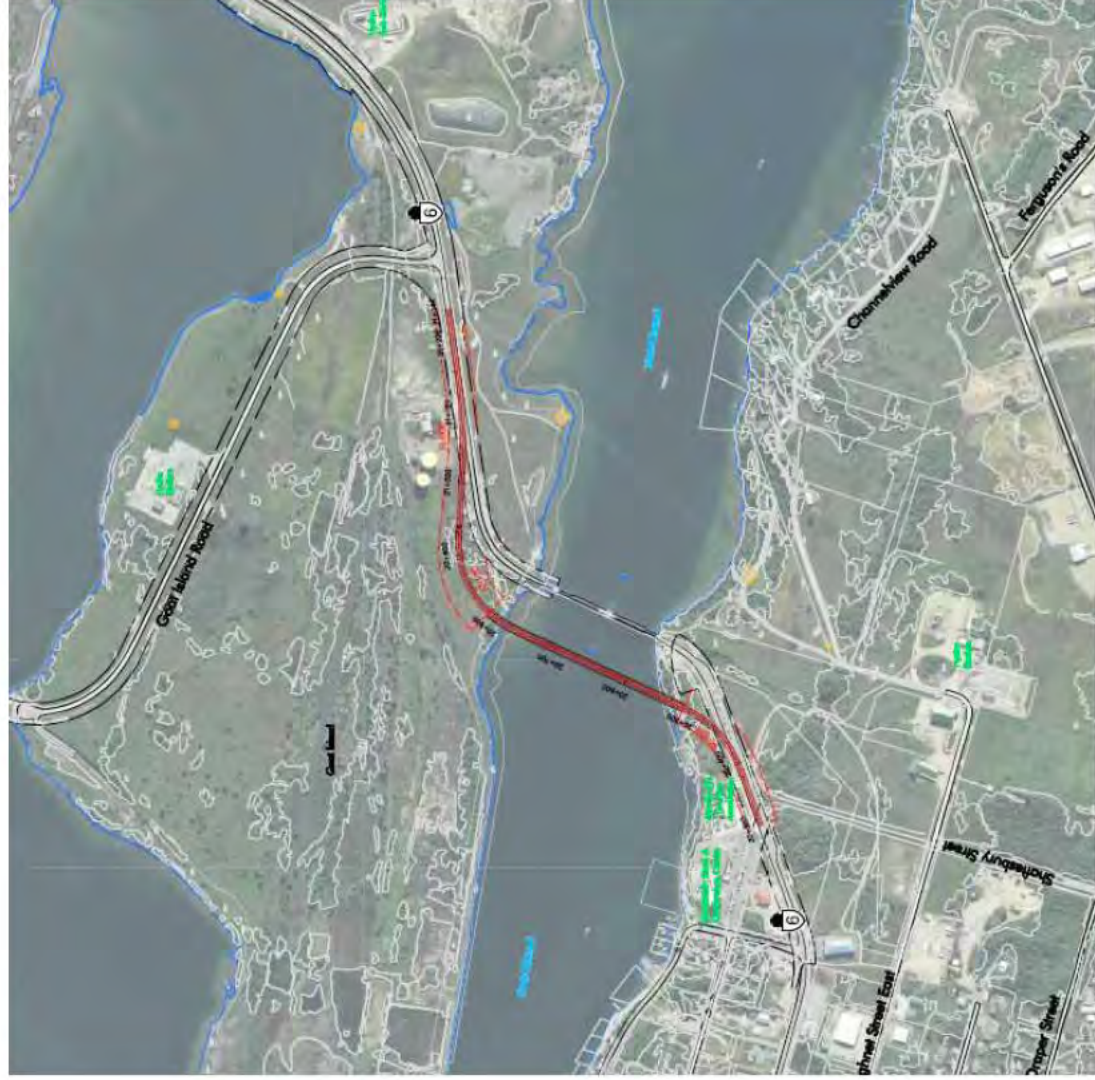
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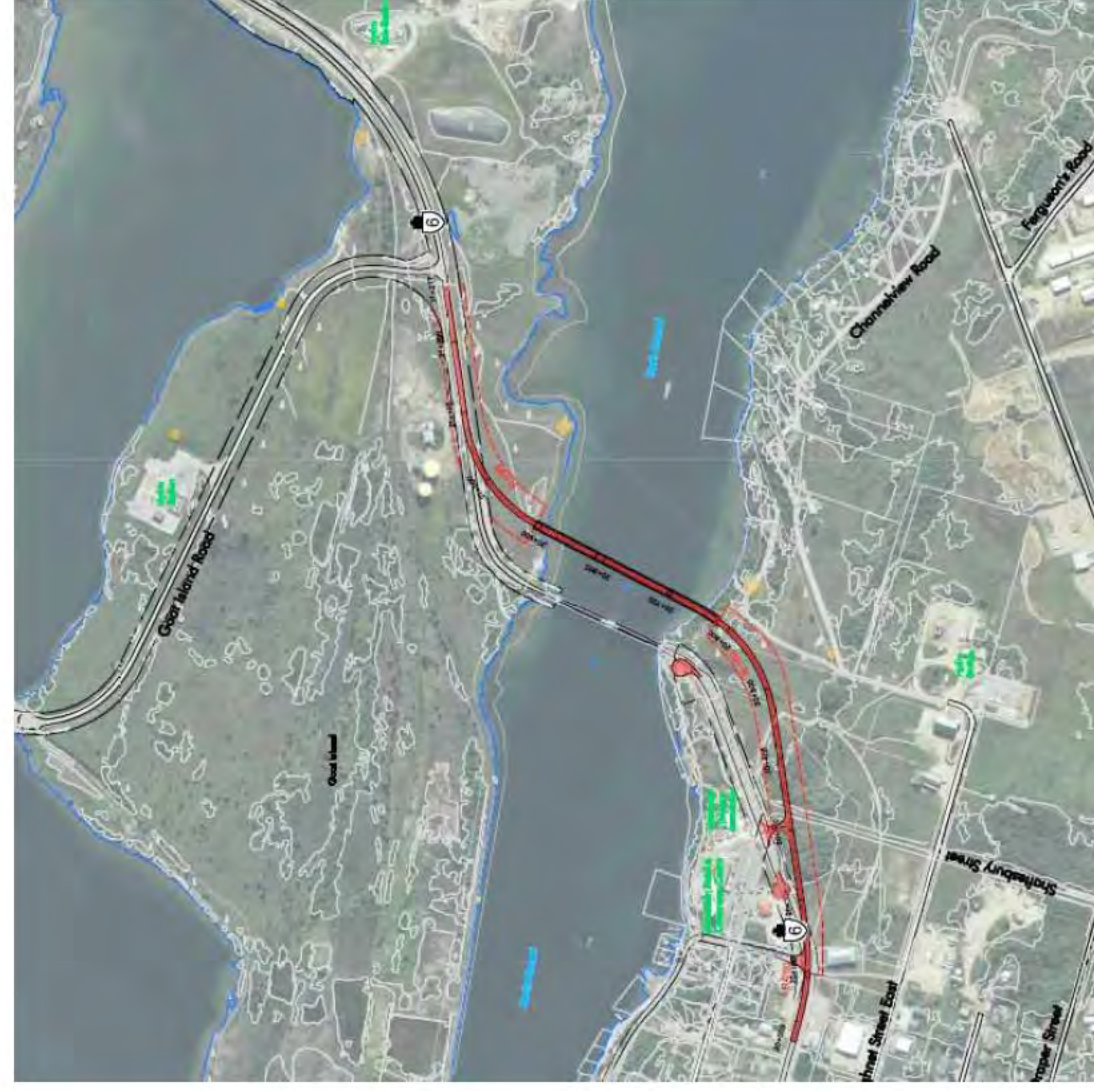
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Alternative 2



Alternative 4



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Fixed Bridge



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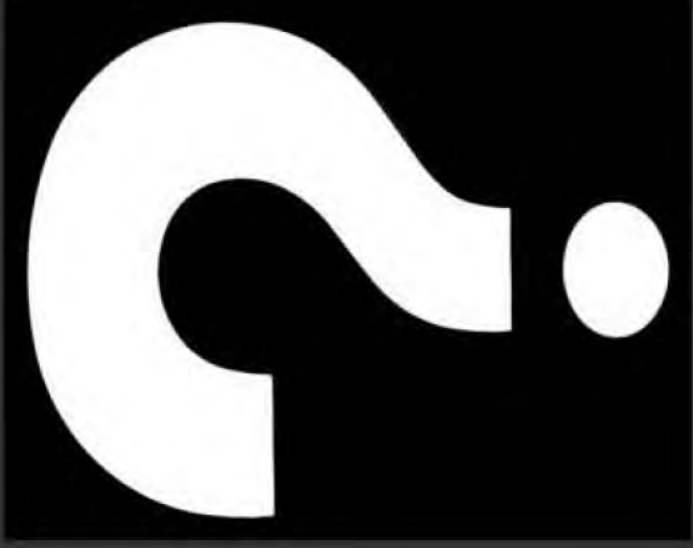
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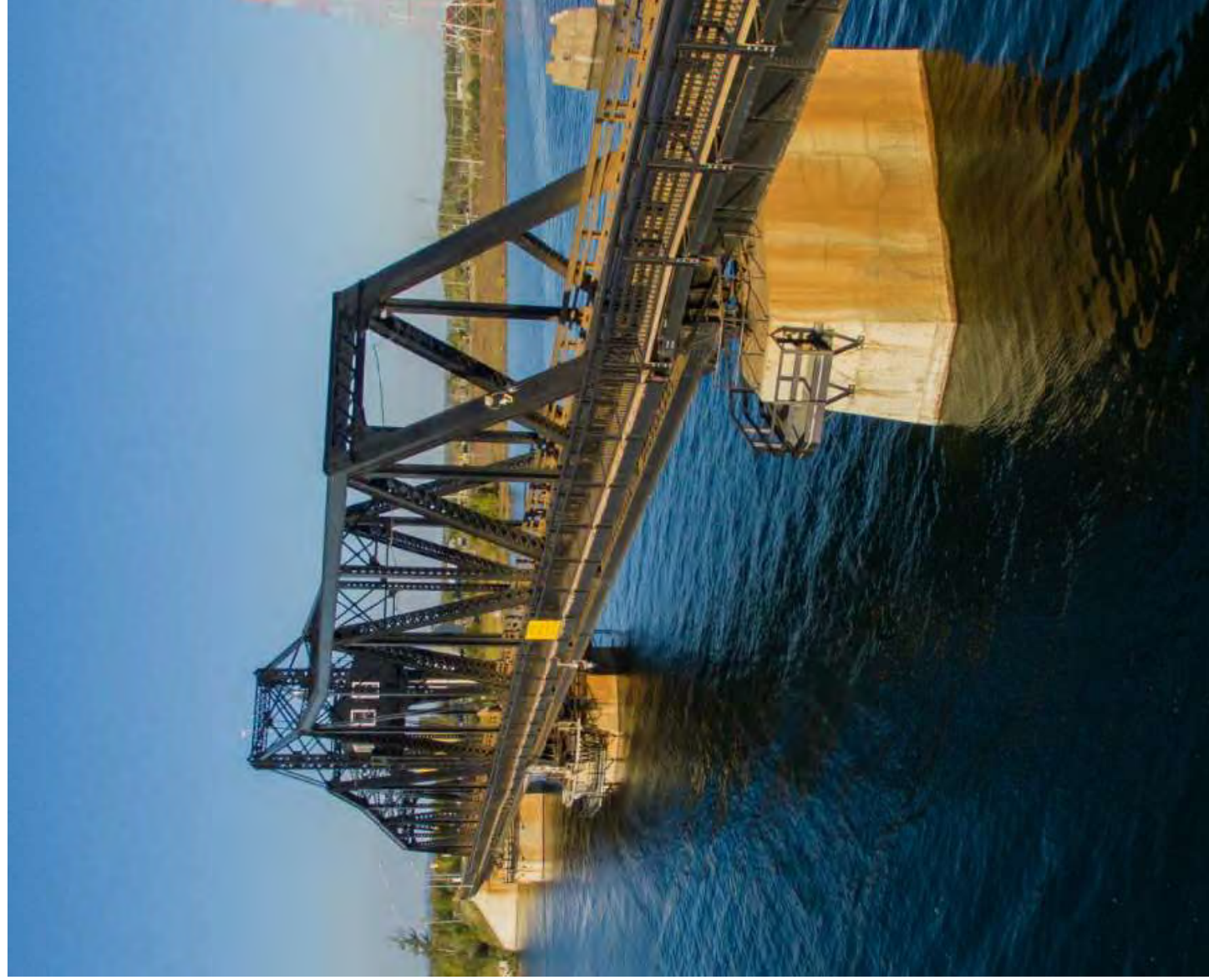
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LITTLE CURRENT SWING BRIDGE STUDY

MMA Council Presentation

April 21, 2021



Agenda

- Study Background
- Alternatives
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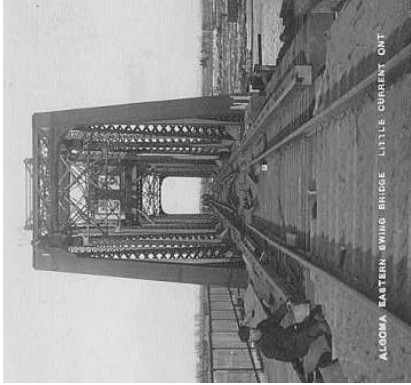
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Alternatives

Heritage Bridge Conservation Options



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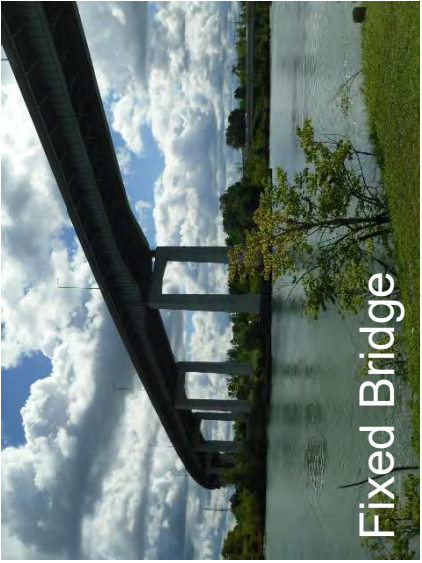
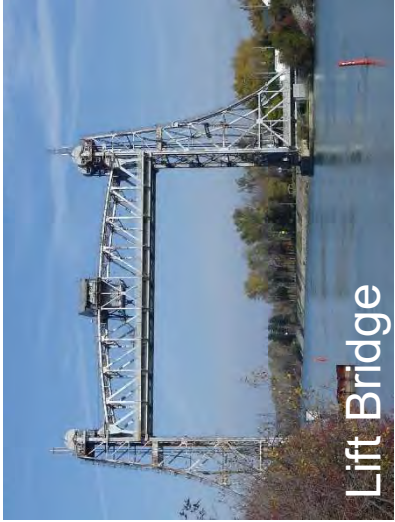
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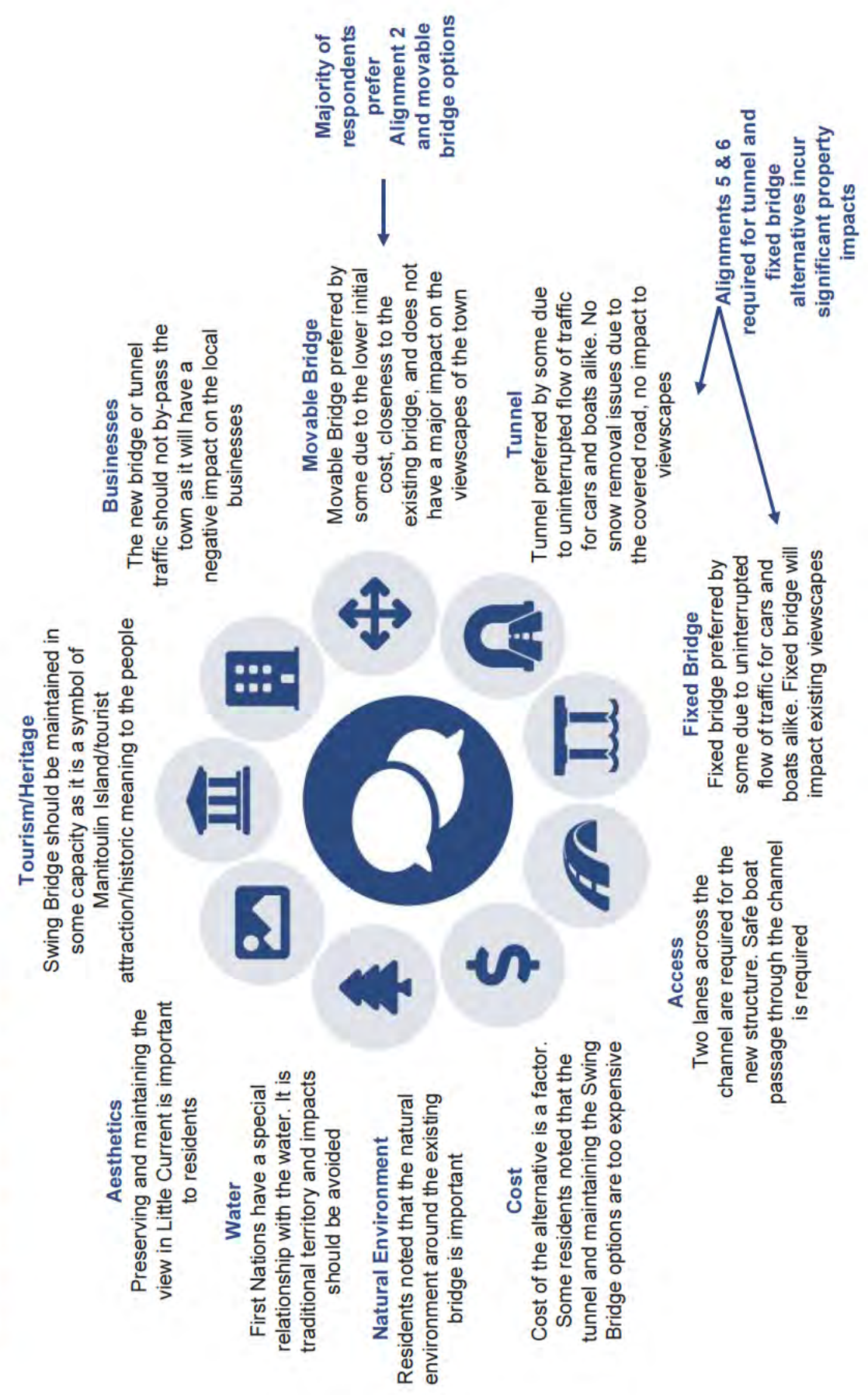
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Bridge Alternatives



Feedback Summary

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Evaluation Process

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A detailed evaluation of alternatives has been carried out to identify an improvement plan that is cost-effective, addresses structural needs, provides safe operations, and provides reasonable local access, while minimizing the effects on the natural, social and cultural environments. This is accomplished by identifying evaluation criteria along with their relative importance, and then ranking the overall scores of the design alternatives.



Identify Criteria

Evaluation Criteria are established through:

- Public Input
- Similar Projects
- Provincial Guidelines
- Existing Conditions



Weigh Criteria

Each criterion is assigned a weight factor that best reflects its relative importance



Evaluate Alternatives

The sum of the weighted scores provides a total score for each alternative. This is the basis for ranking the alternatives and identifying the recommended plan



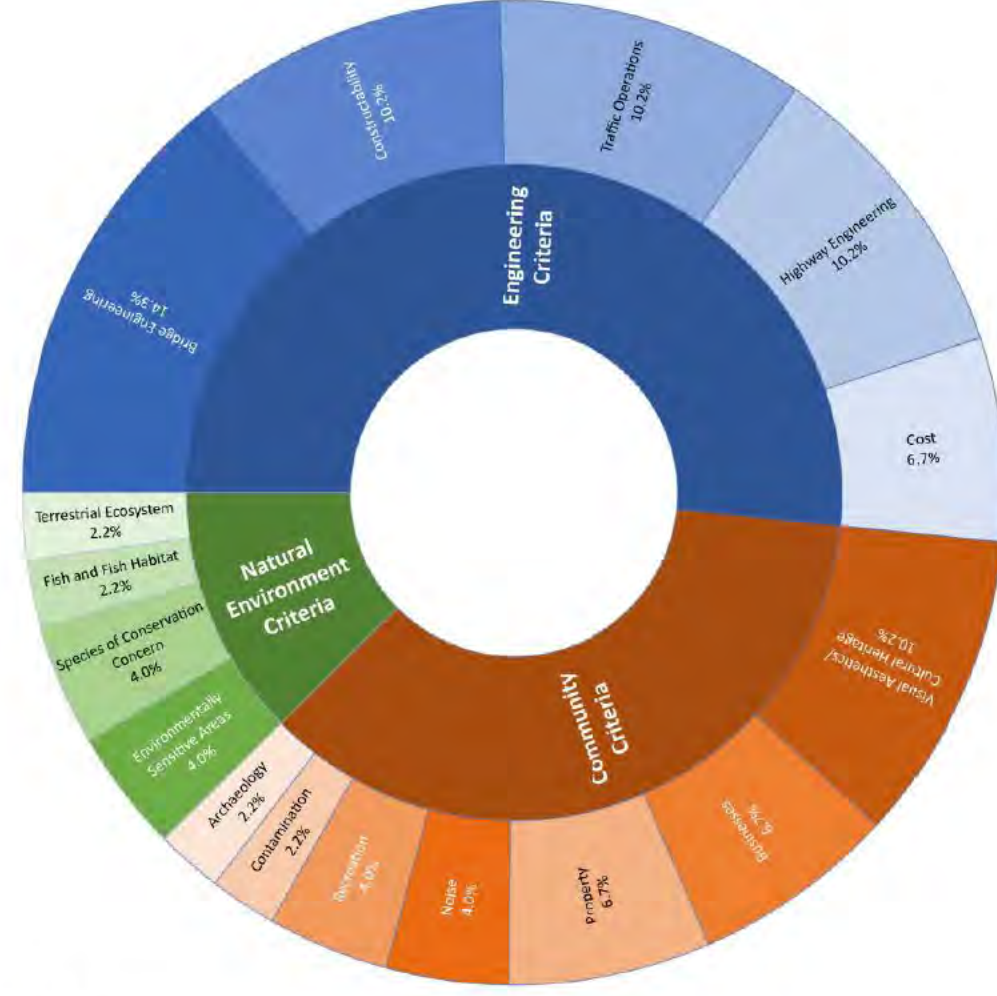
The highest scoring alternative

The recommended plan

The concluding step in the analysis is the selection of a recommended plan.

This process includes:

- Reviewing the results of the analysis and evaluation based on the specialist work and input received during the study
- Determining which criteria have the most influence on the outcome of the evaluation process
- Considering the sensitivity of the alternatives
- Considering public/stakeholder response to the evaluation process



Preliminary Evaluation of Alternatives

Evaluation Summary by Category



Evaluation Summary

A Swing Bridge on Alignment 2 is preferred because:

- The new bridge accommodates two lanes of traffic, which will improve traffic operations
- Maintains existing grades for active transportation users, such as pedestrians and cyclists
- Impacts are minimized to the existing roadway network
- There are no impacts to existing utilities
- Construction cost is lower when compared to other alternatives
- Lowest impacts to existing residential properties
- Lowest impacts to noise sensitive areas

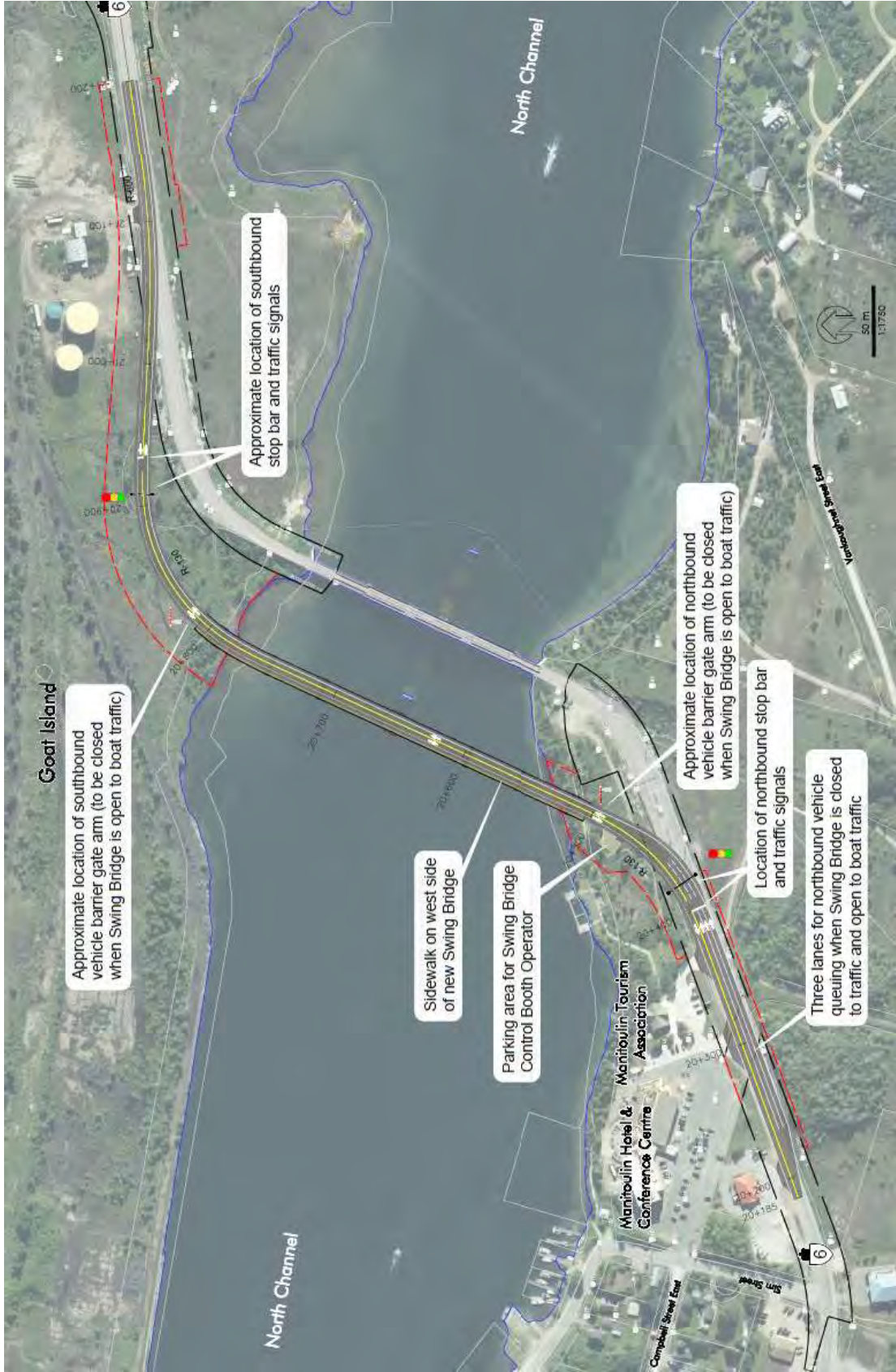
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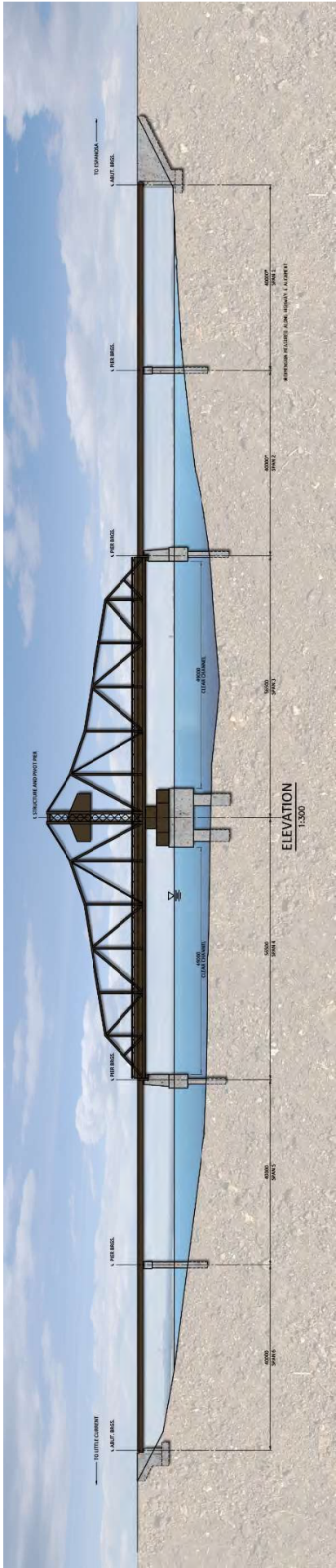
- No change to access to Little Current business areas
- Minimizes impacts to existing viewscaapes from Little Current and the North Channel
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- Lowest potential to impact wildlife habitat and Species at Risk
- Avoids impacts to the high quality Alvar community

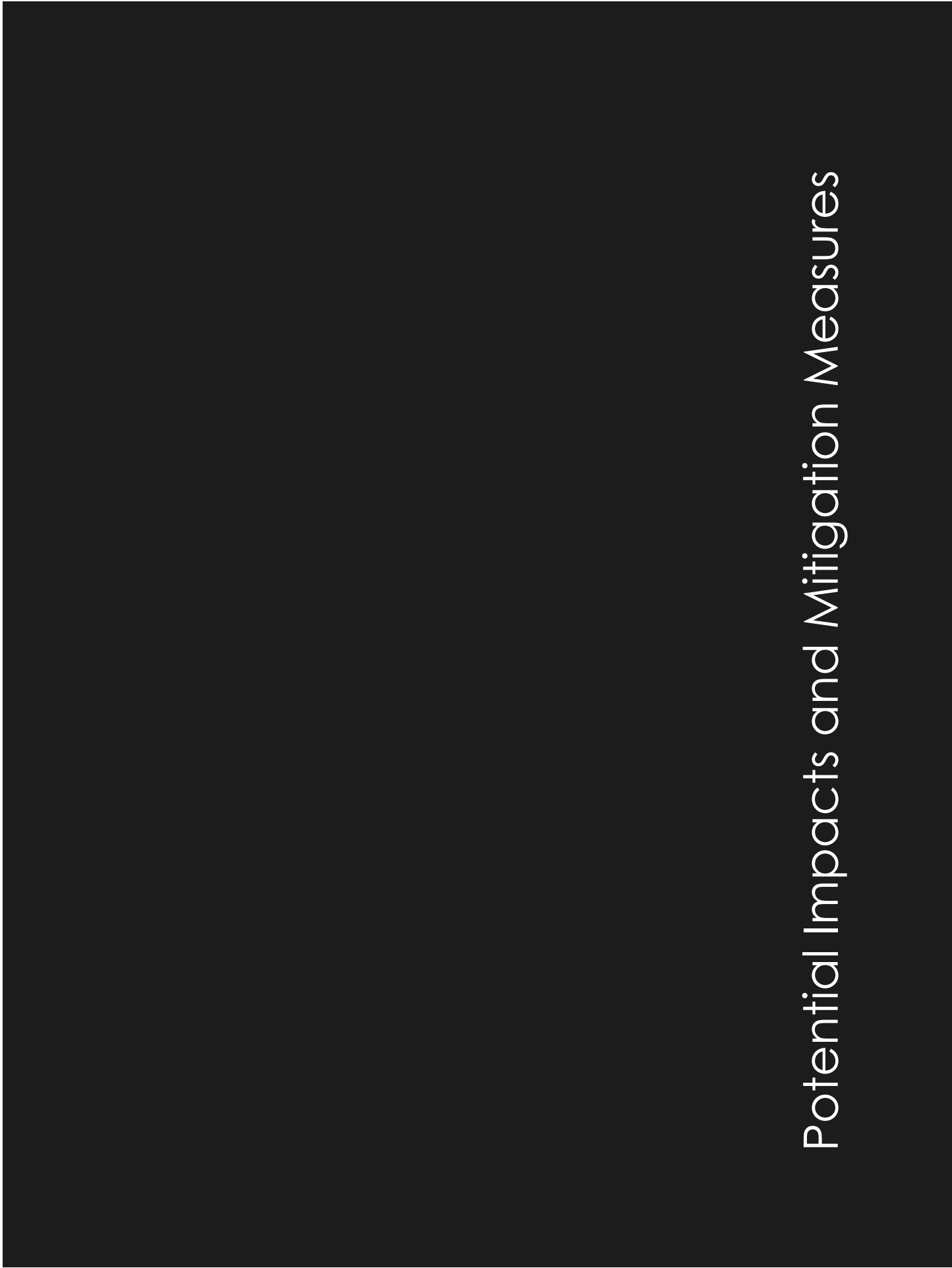
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Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Environmental Impacts and Mitigation

Potential Impact	Preliminary Proposed Mitigation Measures
Aquatic Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">Species at Risk (Lake Sturgeon)Fish/Fish Habitat (warm, cool and cold-water species)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In-water works will conform to the restricted activity windows for this area (i.e., between July 16 through August 31)Sediment and erosion control measures will be implemented to prevent sediments entering the waterbodyDebris will be prevented from entering the water during bridge removal and/or constructionAll works will be planned in consultation with the MNRF, UCCMM Tribal Council and Wiikwemkoong First Nation leadership
Terrestrial Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">Loss of alvar habitat along the existing Highway 6 right-of-waySpecies at Risk and habitat along the existing Highway 6 right-of-way (i.e., Houghton's Goldenrod)Significant Wildlife Habitat / Habitat for Species of Conservation Concern (i.e., Common Nighthawk)Small area of woodland along the existing Highway 6 right-of-way	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduce encroachment into alvars, Species at Risk habitat and Significant Wildlife Habitat / Habitat for Species of Conservation ConcernAuthorize the project under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 including preparation of a mitigation plan to address adverse effects on Houghton's Goldenrod and its habitat; mitigation may include relocation of individual plants to outside the work area, assisted seed dispersal, localized removal of competitive plants, and monitoringAvoid vegetation removal during sensitive wildlife periods such as the breeding season for Common Nighthawk and migratory birds that are protected by the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994Manage introduction of invasive plant species by washing and visually inspecting all machinery prior to entry onto the site, and revegetating disturbed areas
Archaeology <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discovery of archaeology finds during construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments and a Marine Archaeological Overview Assessment was completed for the Preferred Plan areaWhile the discovery of archaeological finds is not expected, if archaeological resources are encountered during construction, all activities impacting archaeological resources will cease and the UCCMM Tribal Council and Wiikwemkoong First Nation leadership, as well as MHSTCI, will be contacted immediately
Air/Noise <ul style="list-style-type: none">Changes in noise/air quality associated with construction and/or operation of project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An Air Quality Assessment is being completed in accordance with Provincial guidelines to assess potential changes in local and regional air quality, and to determine if mitigation measures are requiredPotential changes in traffic noise associated with the Preferred Plan are currently being reviewed in accordance with Provincial guidelines to determine if measure are required to mitigate potential increases in traffic noise

Heritage Impacts and Mitigation

- The Preferred Plan includes the removal of the existing bridge
- The design of new bridge will be sympathetic to the existing bridge
- Feasibility of using new design or salvaged materials to commemorate, interpret, or pay homage to existing bridge to be explored
- Photographic documentation and measured drawings are to be prepared in accordance with applicable guidelines
- Salvage and relocation of the existing bridge, in whole or in part, to a publicly accessible location, supplemented with a commemorative strategy
- Opportunities for the public to offer input to long-term conservation and commemoration of the bridge

Next Steps

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Event/Activity	Approximate Date
PIC and CISS 1	August 2018 ✓
SDR 30-day Review	Fall 2018 ✓
PIC and CISS 2	July 2019 ✓
Online PIC 3	March 30 - April 30, 2021
TESR 30-day Review	Summer 2021



Next Steps

- Project Website: www.swingbridgestudy.ca
- Public Information Centre 3: Online PIC 3
- Contact the project team:

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Ms. Melissa Delfino, P.Eng.
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Questions

D.5 Agency Correspondence





Stantec Consulting Ltd.

200 – 835 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek ON L8J 0B4

June 14, 2018
File: 165001086

Attention: Ms. Felicia Minotti, Deputy Director, Energy and Environment
Global Affairs Canada
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa ON K1A 0G2

Dear Ms. Minotti,

**Reference: Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)
Agency Pre-Consultation**

Stantec Consulting Ltd. has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) 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 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, as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network.

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

This letter is being sent to you in advance of the formal Notice of Study Commencement for the project to initiate agency-to-agency discussions regarding permitting requirements under the *Boundary Waters Treaty Act* and the International Joint Commission's Order of Approval process. All information for this project will be collected as part of the public record.

The project team will be following up via telephone to provide additional project information and discuss permitting requirements.

Please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

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Ms. Felicia Minotti, Deputy Director, Energy and Environment
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Regards,
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June 14, 2018
File: 165001086

Attention: Ms. Trish Morris, Director
International Joint Commission
100 Ouellette Avenue, 8th Floor
Windsor ON N9A 6T3

Dear Ms. Morris,

**Reference: Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)
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Attention: Ms. Julie McFarling, District Planner
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry- Sudbury District
3767 Highway 69
Sudbury ON P3G 1E7
Email: julie.mcfarling@ontario.ca

Dear Ms. McFarling,

**Reference: Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study
(MTO GWP 5268-14-00);
Natural Heritage Information Request**

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 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, as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network. This study will review existing conditions and conduct a Transportation Needs Assessment to determine the scope and extent of crossing requirements. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.

Prior to the formal Notice of Study Commencement consultation, the project team is contacting specific agencies to obtain secondary source data as part of the existing conditions data collection 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. The study area is shown below.

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Ms. Julie McFarling, District Planner
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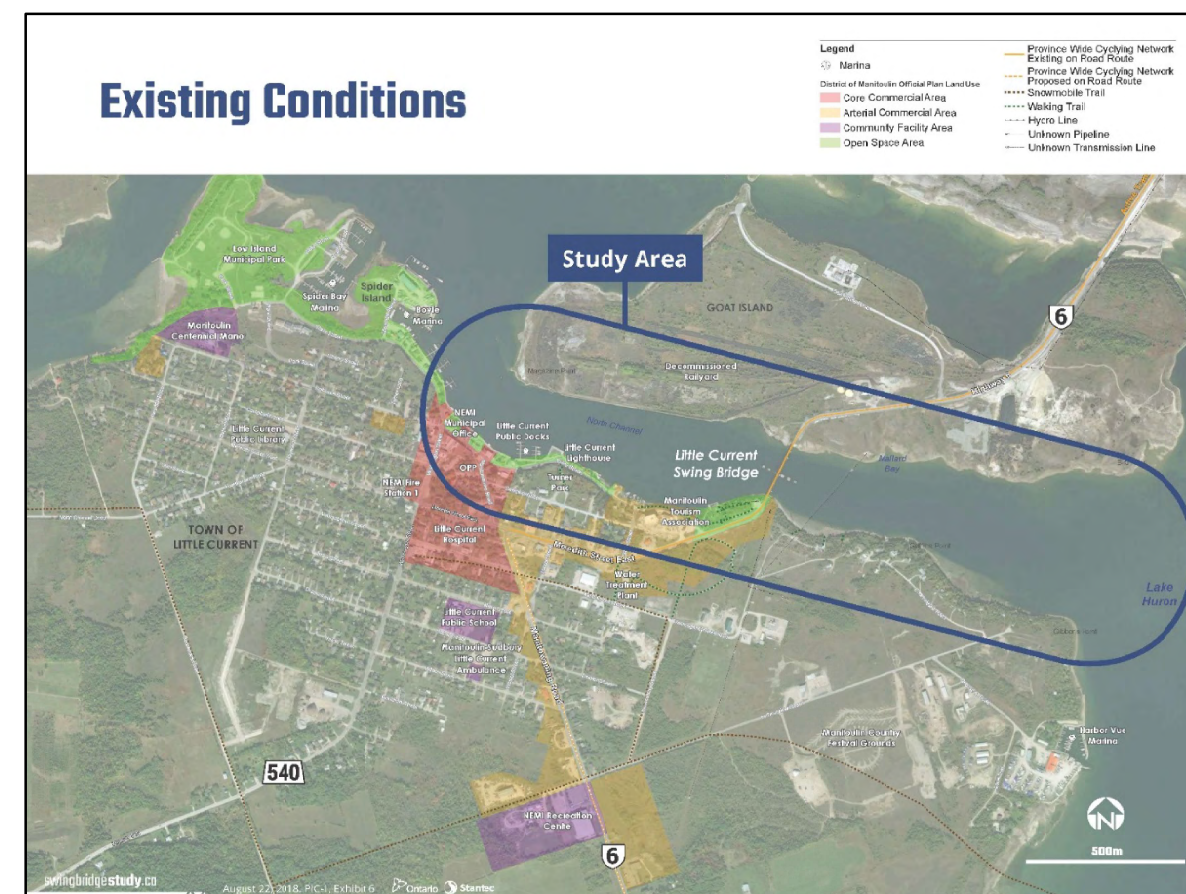


Figure 1. Study Area

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The purpose of this letter is to seek your input on the existing conditions within the limits of the study area identified in Figure 1, and to identify any issues, concerns, or approval requirements that the MNRF may have. We would like to request the following natural heritage information from your office for the study area as identified. This information is required to complete our natural heritage update and review and all information will be collected as part of the public record.

Aquatic Resources

- Species/community information including any aquatic Species at Risk
- Watercourse thermal regime(s) and flow regime(s)
- Special habitat features
- Construction timing window(s)
- Important/exceptional fish habitat (e.g. groundwater upwelling, spawning areas, refugia, migratory routes)
- Presence/absence of aquatic invasive species
- MNRF fisheries management objectives, if applicable

The existing bridge crosses the North Channel of Georgian Bay on Lake Superior. Based on a preliminary screening of the MNRF's Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) database, Lake Sturgeon habitat may occur within the study area.

Terrestrial Resources

- Species/community information including any terrestrial Species at Risk
- Natural heritage features (e.g., ANSIs, Provincially Significant Wetlands, conservation areas, other wetlands)

We respectfully request this information and the identification of any additional information you may have for the study area, including Species at Risk. Your input is requested by July 13, 2018.

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If you would like further information regarding the study, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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June 14, 2018
File: 165001086

Attention: Tania Havelka, Navigable Waters Protection Officer
Navigation Protection Program
Transport Canada
100 Front Street South
Sarnia ON N7T 2M4

Dear Ms. Havelka,

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

This letter is being sent to you in advance of the formal Notice of Study Commencement for the project to initiate agency-to-agency discussions regarding design/permitting requirements, obtaining boating traffic information for the North Channel, and horizontal and vertical navigational clearances at a preliminary level. Please confirm that you are the appropriate contact at the Navigation Protection Program office for this project, and please let us know if you will be able to provide the above-mentioned information. All information for this project will be collected as part of the public record.

The project team will be following up via telephone to provide additional project information and discuss permitting requirements.

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

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Tania Havelka, Navigable Waters Protection Officer
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EXTERNAL AGENCY COMMENT SHEET

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

Please submit your comments before August 3, 2018. Use the other side if required.
With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Comments may be submitted by mail, fax or email to:

Nevena Gazibara, B.Sc., MREM, ENV SP, Environmental Planner
Stantec Consulting Ltd., 200-835 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek ON L8J 0B4
Tel. (905) 381-3249, Fax (905) 385-3534
Email: nevena.gazibara@stantec.com

Comments submitted by:

Name of Contact: Seija Deschenes
Organization: Manitowin Streams Improvement Association
Address (including Postal Code): 25B Spragge St. Box 238 Manitowin, ON
Telephone Number: (705) 859-1653 POP TWO
Email: streams@amtelecom.net

The contact name and mailing address for your organization/agency (please check one):

- ☒ Is correct; or
☐ Should be changed to:

Your interests or concerns regarding the study area or undertaking are (continue on back if required):

Manitowin Streams main concern is the substrate under and around the swing bridge. This provides habitat along with fisheries

Your organization/agency can provide the following environmental (i.e., natural, social, economic or cultural) information and requires the following permits/approvals:

I am providing a copy of background reports/existing information:

- ☐ With this comment sheet ☐ No background information available
☐ Via email / mail

The level of involvement you wish to have on this project is:

- ☐ Active participation ☐ None, please remove from mailing list
☒ Participation at key points

Additional comments:

the current that flows under the bridge for a prominent walleye population. We are concerned that this will be destroyed or disrupted during any construction or changes to the bridge + will impact the fishery. It also is important habitat for bass + other fish species. Diving ducks use the minnows etc as a forage base as well. Any erosion or sedimentation that occurs over this habitat could impact spawning or cover eggs. Manitowin Island also is home to many species at risk that should be identified + protected. MNRF should be contacted to determine any other important fisheries values within this area.



Kielstra, David

From: Gazibara, Nevena
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Kielstra, David
Subject: FW: Notice of Commencement-Highway 6 Swing Bridge, Little Current, Ontario

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi David,

If you have a few minutes today can you please save this email in the comments folder and update the mailing list with the MECP contacts?

I will get started on filling out a Project Information form.

Thanks,
Nevena

From: Wainio, Shelley (MECP) <Shelley.Wainio2@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 1:50 PM
To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca; Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>
Subject: Notice of Commencement-Highway 6 Swing Bridge, Little Current, Ontario

Thank you for the notice of commencement regarding the Planning and Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the Highway 6 swing bridge in Little Current.

For your information the process for submissions has changed, for all future submissions please follow the steps outlined below:

- As of May 1, 2018, proponents who are following the planning process set out in the approved class environmental assessment or electricity or waste management streamlined environmental assessment process must, send their notices (Notices of Commencement, Notices of Completion) and completed 'Project Information Form' to the ministry's Regional email address(es) according to where the project is located. This is in addition to the existing notification requirements in each class/streamlined environmental assessment process. Complete information on this process can be found at Ontario.ca.
- Key steps in the process includes:
1. Completing a 'Project Information Form' – guidance on filling out the form can be found in a worksheet within the form itself
 2. In preparing the email, attach the completed 'Project Information Form,' a copy of the project notice in PDF format and include in the subject line of the email (in this order): 1) project location 2) type of streamlined environmental assessment and 3) project name
 3. Send the email to the appropriate ministry's Regional Office – the ministry's Regional Office can be identified in the 'Project Information Form' within the "Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regions" worksheet.

As you prepare to carry out the Environmental Assessment, please note that I will function as the primary MECP contact, and should receive copies of all mandatory notices provided during the

process. Please also provide copies of all notices and correspondence to Steven Moggy, Senior Environmental Officer, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, Sudbury Office, 199 Larch Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 5P9.

In addition, please note that the proponent is required to consult with affected government agencies, including the appropriate regional office of the ministry, during the course of the review. Prior to issuing a Notice of Completion, proponents are strongly encouraged to circulate the draft Study Design Report and Transportation Environmental Study Report to the appropriate regional office of the Ministry, as well as to other government agencies and key interested persons, to ensure that concerns have been addressed.

Please also note that proponents subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act* must consult with interested persons, which may include First Nations and Métis communities.

I have included a list of items to consider in your planning:

- Potential permitting requirements** - Any water taken at a combined rate of over 50,000 litres per day requires a Permit to Take Water. This can include dewatering excavation or temporary stream diversions to facilitate in-water work (Ontario Water Resources Act, sec. 34).
- **Climate change** – The province has now finalized a guide “*Considering Climate Change in the Environmental Assessment Process*”, which is found online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/considering-climate-change-environmental-assessment-process>. The Guide sets out the MECP's expectation for considering climate change in the preparation, execution and documentation of environmental assessment studies and processes.
 - **Sediment and erosion control** – Sediment control plans are developed and implemented to prevent sediment from entering and degrading watercourses using existing best management practices and MECP's [Guideline B-6 – Guidelines for Evaluating Construction Activities Impacting on Water Resources](#).
 - **Spill prevention and response** – Spill contingency plans and strategies are in place to prevent and, if necessary, report and respond promptly to spills, e.g. locate equipment away from shorelines; use appropriate containment; have available adequate spill clean-up equipment and supplies; ensure appropriate trained personal. Available guides include: [Spills Reporting - A Guide to Reporting Spills and Discharges](#) and [Guideline for Implementing Spill Prevention and Contingency Plans Regulatory Requirements](#).
 - **Waste management** - Waste generated from the work are managed and disposed in an environmentally responsible manner, using licensed waste management facilities.
 - **Soils management** - Activities involving the management of excess soil should be completed in accordance with the MECP's current guidance document titled “Management of Excess Soil- A Guide for Best Management Practices” (2014) available online at <http://www.ontario.ca/document/management-excess-soil-guide-best-management-practices>.
 - **Waste management** - Waste generated from the work are managed and disposed in an environmentally responsible manner, using licensed waste management facilities.
 - **Air Quality, Dust and Noise**- If there are sensitive receptors in the surrounding area of this project, an air quality/odour/noise impact assessment may be useful to evaluate alternatives, determine impacts and identify appropriate mitigation measures.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Shelley Wainio

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Environmental Planner/EA Coordinator, Technical Support, Northern Region
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From: contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca <contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 1:15 PM
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form

from: Kristin Luoma
email: kristin.luoma@ontario.ca

message:

Could you please add me to your mailing list?

Thank you

-----Original Message-----
From: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF) <wayne.selinger@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:00 AM
To: projectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Cc: Boucher, Nikki (MNRF) <Nikki.Boucher@ontario.ca>; McFarling, Julie (MNRF) <Julie.McFarling@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: comments on swing bridge proejct

Dear Mr. Cooke and Ms. Delfino,

Please accept my sincere apologies for losing sight of your report on options for the Swing Bridge in Little Current. It has been a very busy summer and the documentation simply got buried in my inbox. Judith's response jogged my memory. I will review the application this week and provide comment through our District Planner Julie McFarling cc'd on this e-mail.

Suffice it to say for now that Judith Jones knows more about the ecology of the surrounding area than anyone that I am aware of. Her comments re: presence of protected species under the ESA are accurate and should be give full consideration as the study around options proceeds.

More to come,

Regards,

Wayne Selinger
Management Biologist
MNRF - Sudbury District
(705)564-7830

-----Original Message-----
From: Judith Jones [mailto:winterspider@eastlink.ca]
Sent: August-19-18 9:27 AM
To: projectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Cc: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF); Boucher, Nikki (MNRF)
Subject: comments on swing bridge proejct

Please find attached my comments regarding the Little Current Swing Bridge replacement study.

I'd appreciate an acknowledgment of receipt of this letter.

Thanks.

Judith Jones
Winter Spider Eco-Consulting
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From: dale scott <wmdalescott@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 8:07 AM
To: Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>
Subject: swing bridge project Little Current On.

Dear Nevena . My name is William Dale Scott a councillor with municipality of Central Manitoulin.
I recommend preserving the historical structure of the swing bridge or having the structure or portion of erected in the town of Little Current for future memorial.

765 Elliot rd. Mindemoya On. P0P1S0 705 377 4818

W.D.Scott

From: Eichenberger, Nicholle (IO) <Nicholle.Eichenberger@infrastructureontario.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 2:34 PM
To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: IO Response to EA Notice - Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study

Good afternoon,

Thanks for sending us the Notice of Study Commencement for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study.

Our records indicate that Ministry of Infrastructure property is not within your project’s study area. Since we are not a directly affected or interested stakeholder, the Infrastructure Ontario Environmental Management Team has no comments to provide on this project.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicholle Eichenberger
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From: contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca <contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 3:49 PM
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form

from: Mayor Alan MacNevin
email: amacnevin@townofnemi.on.ca

message:

As Mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands I would like to express our community's interest in actively participating in this study. Even though the Little Current swing bridge serves the population of all of Manitoulin Island, any decision to replace and or relocate the bridge will have a direct impact on our town. Changes to traffic patterns or highway access will create environmental, social and economic issues for our citizens and businesses alike. Consideration of the cultural and marine history and the effect of a bridge replacement on both commercial and recreational boating need to be closely evaluated. I understand that the project team will be meeting with our Council sometime in August of 2018 and I hope that this will take place. I feel that finding out the reasons for considering the replacement of an icon that has been so much a part of the identity of Manitoulin Island. I look forward to seeing the results of the study and working with you to mitigate the impact of the changes that may be put forward as the process unfolds.

**Ministry of Tourism,
Culture and Sport**

Heritage Program Unit
Programs and Services Branch
401 Bay Street, Suite 1700
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**Ministère du Tourisme,
de la Culture et du Sport**

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August 3, 2018 (EMAIL ONLY)

Nevena Gazibara, Environmental Planner
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RE: MTCS file #: 0009304
Proponent: Ministry of Transportation
Subject: Notice of Study Commencement
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study
Location: Town of Northeastern Manitoulin, Ontario

Dear Nevena Gazibara:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) with the Notice of Commencement for your project. MTCS's interest in this EA project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- Archaeological resources, including land-based and marine;
- Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,
- Cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on cultural heritage resources.

Project Summary

The project concerns the Little Current Swing Bridge, located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of the study is to identify a recommended plan that addresses the current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.

Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties

Please note that the [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#) (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)*, came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs with respect to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

Archaeological Resources

The study area has archaeological potential per the MTCS [Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential](#) and as such, an archaeological assessment (AA) should be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *OHA*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MTCS for review. The AA should

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Nevena,

Thank you for providing the Notice of Commencement to MTCS for our review. Please see attached our preliminary comments and let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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be undertaken prior to the completion of the EA process as its results may impact the evaluation of alternatives. Our records indicate that a Stage 1/2 archaeological assessment was undertaken in the project vicinity in 2009 (PIF# 018-245-2008) – please review this report to determine whether it encompasses the study area. If the study area differs additional archaeological assessment will be required.

Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report was previously completed (Unterman McPhail Associates, 2009) on the bridge and determined that the property had cultural heritage value. The bridge was subsequently identified by the Heritage Bridge Committee to be a candidate for the Ontario Heritage Bridge List. MTCS has shared a copy of the 2009 report with Stantec.

The Ministry of Transportation should apply Ontario Regulation 9/06 and 10/06 to determine whether the bridge property is a Provincial Heritage Property (of local significance or provincial significance). Once that is determined, the Ministry of Transportation should include the bridge property on the list of provincial heritage properties maintained by MTCS.

A Strategic Conservation Plan and/or Heritage Impact Assessment shall be undertaken, depending on the proposed undertaking – please see attached MTCS guidance on those technical cultural heritage studies (Info-Bulletin 2: Strategic Conservation Plans and Info-Bulletin 3: Heritage Impact Assessments, January 31, 2017).

Please note that provision F.4 of the S&G’s identifies that ministries and prescribed public bodies shall only consider removal or demolition as a last resort, after all other alternatives having been considered. Proposed demolition or removal would be subject to heritage impact assessment and public engagement, with use of best efforts to mitigate loss of cultural heritage value.

In addition, if the bridge is identified as a provincial heritage property of provincial significance, Provision F.5 of the S&G’s states that the consent of the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport must be obtained before removing or demolishing buildings or structures on the property, or before transferring the property from provincial control. Consents should be obtained prior to the completion of an EA process.

In addition to the bridge, the project may have the potential to impact other cultural heritage resources. The MTCS [*Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes*](#) should be completed to help determine whether your EA project may impact cultural heritage resources. Further guidance is described in MTO’s Environmental Guide for Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes (2007). Should a Cultural Heritage Assessment Report or any additional technical cultural heritage studies be undertaken, please send to MTCS and the local municipality for review, and make it available to local organizations or individuals who have expressed interest in heritage.

Environmental Assessment Reporting

All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects. Please advise MTCS whether any technical cultural heritage studies will be completed for your EA project, and provide them to MTCS before issuing a Notice of Completion. If your screening has identified no known or potential cultural heritage resources, or no impacts to these resources, please include the completed checklists and supporting documentation in the EA report or file.

It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their EA report or file is accurate. MTCS makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the EA process, and in no way shall MTCS be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Please notify MTCS if archaeological resources are impacted by EA project work. All activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and a licensed archaeologist is required to carry out an archaeological assessment in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

If human remains are encountered, all activities must cease immediately and the local police as well as the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MTCS should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Thank you for consulting MTCS on this project. MTCS would be happy to clarify any of the comments above and any requirements of the Standards & Guidelines and the EA process. MTCS looks forward to advising the Ministry of Transportation and its consultant on this project.

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Information Bulletin 2

Strategic Conservation Plans for Provincial Heritage Properties

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide guidance on preparing a *Strategic Conservation Plan* to meet the requirements of the *Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties*.

Purpose

The conservation of Ontario's cultural heritage resources is a matter of public and provincial interest. The purpose of the *Standards & Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties* (S&Gs) is the conservation and good stewardship of provincial heritage properties – properties that the Government of Ontario owns or controls that have cultural heritage value or interest. Working together with other government legislation, regulations and policies, the S&Gs provide a framework for the consistent protection, maintenance, use and disposal of these properties. They are intended to ensure that decisions about these properties are made in an open and accountable way.

Context

Under section C.1. of the S&Gs, ministries and prescribed public bodies are required to prepare a *Strategic Conservation Plan*¹ for *provincial heritage properties* to provide guidance on conserving, maintaining, using and disposing of them.

As a guiding document, a *Strategic Conservation Plan* must be in place prior to any actions or decisions are made that could affect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property. The requirements of the S&Gs, including safeguarding a *provincial heritage property* from deterioration or damage, apply whether or not a *Strategic Conservation Plan* is in place.

For each *provincial heritage property of provincial significance*, the *Strategic Conservation Plan* must be submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) for approval.

What is a Strategic Conservation Plan?

Strategic planning involves setting a long-term vision for an organization or property and defining, in broad terms, the steps or actions required to achieve that vision.

Under the S&Gs, a *Strategic Conservation Plan* documents how the requirements found in the S&Gs will be addressed and implemented in the management of a specific property. It is not intended to capture all possible operational requirements for a property; rather, it is a framework for decision-making. It articulates the overall objectives and goals for a *provincial heritage property*, explains how the property's cultural heritage value or interest will be conserved, and sets out strategies to guide decision-making to achieve

¹ Italicized terms are defined in the Glossary section of the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties* document [link]

those goals. Commitment to the *Strategic Conservation Plan* and alignment with a ministry or prescribed public body's mandate and its cultural heritage conservation policy are critical factors for its success.

Under the S&Gs, a *Strategic Conservation Plan*:

- is based on the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*
- is prepared by a *qualified person(s)*
- is tailored to a property or to a grouping of properties²
- considers the property as a whole and addresses all cultural heritage aspects of the property whether *built heritage*, *cultural heritage landscape* and/or *archaeological resources*
- is an integral part of a ministry or prescribed public body's overall business planning³
- identifies and anticipates a future plan for the property as well as program and operational needs (e.g. accessibility requirements)
- articulates approaches the ministry or prescribed public body will take to manage change to the property and guide how that change will be implemented within realistic timelines
- provides guidance on other technical studies that may be required (e.g. Heritage Impact Assessments, archaeological assessments)
- takes into account the views of interested persons or communities.

When to prepare a Strategic Conservation Plan

A *Strategic Conservation Plan* must be prepared:

- once a property has been evaluated and identified as having cultural heritage value or interest, or
- in accordance with the timeframe identified for its completion in a ministry or prescribed public body's cultural heritage conservation policy and procedures, if they are in place.

Who prepares a Strategic Conservation Plan

A *Strategic Conservation Plan* is prepared by one or more *qualified person(s)* with individual expertise, recent experience and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources⁴ being considered.

A person qualified to work on a *provincial heritage property* will demonstrate:

² Properties may be grouped when they are of the same type, share similar physical characteristics and heritage attributes or as otherwise mutually agreed on with MTCS.

³ See paragraph e. Responsibilities of Deputy *Ministers* of Ministries and Executive Leads of Prescribed Public Bodies of the S&Gs (page 10)

⁴ Provincial heritage properties include three types of cultural heritage resources: built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes, and archaeological sites (see page 3 of S&Gs).

- qualifications and expertise gained through having personally worked on cultural heritage resources in the past (i.e. individual credentials and personal experience must be demonstrated over that of the consulting firm that may employ the individual)
- expertise that is relevant to the type of resource and the nature of the activity or project being considered
- recent experience in the *conservation* of cultural heritage resources (i.e. within the last three to five years)
- in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, only a licensed archaeologist may alter or disturb an *archaeological site*. If an archaeological site may be impacted, altered or disturbed in any way, the only *qualified person* is a licensed archaeologist⁵.

The expertise of more than one *qualified person* working in a multi-disciplinary team may be required. For example, a complex property with more than one type of cultural heritage resource may require a historian, a professional engineer, an architect, a licensed archaeologist, a landscape architect, a specialist in historic preservation, conservator, heritage planner, or other. Similarly, determining appropriate solutions to address specific issues, such as accessibility, security, way finding system, signage, may also require specialized qualifications.

Before undertaking the development of a *Strategic Conservation Plan* the *qualified person(s)* must have a thorough understanding of the property, its cultural heritage value or interest and the level of significance. This would require review of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*, any other existing documents, reports or technical studies such as archaeological assessment(s) and site investigation(s).

Qualified person(s) must also have an understanding of the ministry or prescribed public body’s heritage management process, and mandate, needs and objectives as they relate to the property. The ministry or prescribed public body should ensure that its consultant(s) is provided with all available documents, reports and information they may require.

Community Engagement

Under the S&Gs, ministries and prescribed public bodies are required to take into account the views of interested individuals and communities with associations to the *provincial heritage property* when making decisions about its future. Community engagement protects the public interest in identifying and protecting cultural heritage resources, while helping to ensure that any concerns are identified and appropriately addressed.

In the case of *Strategic Conservation Plans* engagement could include local communities (including Indigenous communities⁶), stakeholders, local government, other ministries and agencies, such as:

- municipal staff (e.g. municipal heritage planners and/or Municipal Heritage Committees)

⁵ Archaeological assessment reports must conform to the MTCS’s *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (2011) [link]

⁶ The Crown has a duty to consult with Indigenous communities when it has knowledge, real or constructive, of an Aboriginal right or treaty right and the Crown contemplates conduct that might adversely affect the right in question.

- local neighbourhood or residential community
- heritage interest groups that operate locally or in the larger area
- those that may be affected by anticipated *alterations* or changes (e.g. affected users in implementing accessibility standards – see Provision E.5.)
- any person who is responsible for *maintenance*, inspection and *alterations* of the property, such as facility managers, service providers and/or maintenance personnel.

Community engagement should:

- provide for early and ongoing dialogue to inform appropriate strategies
- explain the purpose of the engagement and how the community’s input will be used
- respect a community’s preferences regarding information exchange (e.g. formal or informal face-to-face meetings, presentations, written communiqués, interviews and surveys).

Conclusions and recommendations should be shared with the consulted community to allow for further review, consideration and response. Conclusions and recommendations may have to be amended based on the community’s response.

Content of a Strategic Conservation Plan

An effective *Strategic Conservation Plan* requires a thorough understanding of the property, its cultural heritage value or interest and the conditions affecting it, including physical, program or legislative. Consideration of some of the information listed below may be undertaken concurrently.

A *Strategic Conservation Plan* should include:

1. *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*
2. Condition Assessment – Current and Future
3. Conservation Strategies
4. Action Plan
5. Summary of Community Engagement
6. Implementation
7. Monitoring

1. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

The *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* is the starting point in developing a *Strategic Conservation Plan*. It is based on the evaluation of the property using the ministry or prescribed public body’s Identification and Evaluation process, and explains why a *provincial heritage property* is of cultural heritage value or interest, describes its *heritage attributes* and explains its level of significance.

A full copy of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*, as approved by the ministry or prescribed public body, should be included. Supplementary material (e.g. a site plan, photographs and a key map) that can assist the reader in understanding the property, cultural heritage value or interest, *heritage attributes* and

the areas that may be affected by future plans for the site should also be included. The ministry or prescribed public body should ensure that its consultant(s) is provided with the approved *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* and all available documents, reports and information they require.

Technical heritage studies and reports developed under the S&Gs are meant to be complementary and not duplicative. In developing a *Strategic Conservation Plan* the cultural heritage value or interest of the property should not be re-evaluated and the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* should not be modified. If new information comes to light that could affect the reliability of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* the qualified person(s) should inform and seek advice from the ministry or prescribed public body.

2. Condition Assessment – Current and Future

Assessment of condition involves understanding the relationship between the physical condition of the property and the ongoing or future uses and program needs. It should address each of the property's heritage attributes reflected in the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*. *Heritage attributes* include the physical features or elements that contribute to a property's cultural heritage value or interest, and may include the property's built or manufactured elements, as well as natural landforms, vegetation, water features, and its visual setting.

Condition assessment should consider the property as a whole and within the context of its surroundings. For example, the property may be located in a rural setting, within a Heritage Conservation District, or adjacent to another heritage property. The provincial heritage property's relationship to other properties should also be considered (e.g. a court house may be located in proximity to a jail, town office).

The condition of the *provincial heritage property* should be assessed and documented under the following headings:

- a) Program needs and property uses
- b) Physical condition
- c) Legislative and policy considerations
- d) Future plans and needs (opportunities and constraints)

a) Program needs and property uses

The condition assessment should consider how the ministry or prescribed public body's program needs and property uses may affect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property. It should describe and address:

- the property's current use, occupancy status, current policy and program needs
- whether the current use is long-standing or the cultural heritage value or interest of the property is because of that use
- whether a property's current use will continue
- if program needs or use is likely to change, identify what areas of the property are sensitive to change and why.

b) Physical condition

The condition of the material components of the property should be assessed to a level sufficient to understand and identify:

- whether that condition is permanent, temporary or intermittent
- the need for actions prioritized as to urgency
- how well the physical conditions can accommodate the needs of a program or use that is currently operating on the property or may be contemplated in future
- the stage to which any archaeological assessment has been carried out, its results and any recommendations for further assessment.

c) Legislative and policy considerations

Ministries and prescribed public bodies are often required to address legislative or policy requirements, or other government priorities that may affect the provincial heritage property. These should be identified and considered in writing as part of the conditions assessment. These may include, but not be limited to:

- Building Code or Fire Code requirements, accessibility requirements, *health and safety requirements*, energy-saving upgrades
- municipal planning requirements (e.g. Official Plan Policies)
- current or anticipated operating needs or requirements (may include situations, such as multiple ownerships or leases, complex management arrangements, or acquisition and/or consolidation of properties)
- ministry or prescribed public body's mandate or priorities set out in a mandate letter or results based plan.

d) Future plans and needs (opportunities and constraints)

As part of the *Strategic Conservation Plan*, the ministry or prescribed public body's future short, medium and long-term needs and key objectives for the *provincial heritage property* should be identified and considered in writing. These may include, but not limited to:

- continuing its current active use
- anticipated future use(s) – confirmed uses as well as potential uses
- anticipated projects, interventions and *alterations*
- requirements for interpretation and presentation of the property's *cultural heritage value or interest*
- other factors that may affect the *provincial heritage property*.

3. Conservation Strategies

Conservation strategies recognize, manage and use *provincial heritage properties* as assets, and recommend actions to manage and use the properties in a manner that can support ministry or prescribed public body mandates, physical needs, key objectives and program requirements.

Conservation strategies set out the goals or objectives for a property followed by general direction and short and long-term guidelines for their achievement. These guidelines in turn recommend appropriate actions and timelines for their implementation, and may include funding.

Conservation strategies describe what needs to be done to conserve the property's cultural heritage value or interest and *heritage attributes* – which may include its buildings, structures, archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential, natural landforms, vegetation, water features or its visual setting – regardless of changes in use or program needs.

Conservation strategies should also address *areas of archaeological potential* or *archaeological sites* that have been identified. They should describe any short-term protection measures that have been taken for identified sites and include mapping that clearly delineates those parts of the property that are of further archaeological concern and those that are not of further concern. Conservation strategies should clearly identify any activities that may require excavation or land disturbance in an *area of archaeological potential* or the location of an *archaeological site*.

Conservation strategies provide general direction and short and long-term guidelines for a property's conservation, use, maintenance and disposal (if applicable). For example, a conservation strategy may be required for:

- routine *maintenance* – inspection and monitoring, including how and when it will be done
- capital repairs or other actions – works that address problems revealed in the conditions assessment, prioritized as to urgency
- accessibility requirements – emergency egress, public access, security
- *alterations* – introduction of new systems or materials for health and safety requirements, energy-saving upgrades, building performance upgrades, security upgrades, servicing needs
- risk preparedness and emergency management plans – this anticipates and plans for risks and emergency situations from natural events such as frost, flooding, storms or unforeseen events such as, fire and vandalism
- use – how will the current use of the property be managed and how will any proposed new uses will be accommodated. This may include direction on appropriate types of alternate uses for the property or uses that would be considered to be inappropriate. These could include appropriate interim uses (i.e. temporary uses that may occur between a current use and an intended future use). Explain the efforts that have been made or are being made to continue the property's current use, or the efforts to find an adaptive re-use.
- managing change – how will new uses and *adaptive re-use*, changes, additions or alterations to existing buildings or landscapes, addition of new buildings or structures on the property, parking expansion or circulation be managed

- interim protection measures – including stabilization, *maintenance*, *mothballing*, securing the property against the weather, vandalism or any other threats
- interpretation – potential for interpretation and enhancing public understanding of the property, including archaeology
- disposal – where disposal of all or parts of a property is anticipated, describe the process or steps to ensure ongoing protection of the cultural heritage value or interest of a property. Also indicate whether MTCS Minister's consent will be required.

4. Action Plan

The Action Plan provides guidance on how and when strategies will be put into action. This may be in the form of a table, chart or list and should include:

- a logical and practical sequence of actions to be undertaken, including a brief description of the required actions and an explanation of how those actions will help achieve the stated objectives
- priorities for work based on urgency or need
- effective timelines
- direction for special qualifications for anyone responsible for detailed conservation work
- strategies for ensuring appropriate funding requirements will be met.

5. Summary of Community Engagement

A summary of the community engagement should include:

- groups and individuals who were engaged
- how and when community engagement was undertaken
- the results of the engagement, including responses, comments or concerns expressed
- how they were considered (a detailed summary can be attached as an appendix).

6. Implementation

The *Strategic Conservation Plan* should articulate the management structures and decision-making processes that are in place or will be established to ensure that the conservation strategies will be integrated into and synchronized with all facilities planning. This should include how the ministries and prescribed public bodies will:

- approve and adopt the guidelines set out in the *Strategic Conservation Plan*
- ensure that relevant staff, contractors, consultants, lessees, occupants and decision makers are aware of the content of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* and the recommended conservation strategies outlined in the plan prior to decisions or actions that may affect the property being taken

- ensure that the *Strategic Conservation Plan* is placed in a permanent archive and make it publicly accessible, observing security, privacy and other requirements (C.2.)
- file the *Strategic Conservation Plan* with the MTCS property record in PastPort⁷.

7. Monitoring

This section describes how the actions and outcomes of the *Strategic Conservation Plan* will be monitored and reported on a regular basis, and includes, at a minimum:

- a commitment to review and amend the *Strategic Conservation Plan* as necessary or every five (5) years to monitor compliance and to ensure commitment to continual improvement
- a commitment to document successes or problems arising from applying the *Strategic Conservation Plan*. This will provide valuable information for the next iteration of planning. The cyclical nature of planning and continuous improvement provides opportunities to learn from each process.

Resources

Useful guides and or resources when developing conservation strategies include:

MTCS Resources

- *Eight Guiding Principles in the Conservation of Historic Properties* – http://www.culture.gov.on.ca/english/heritage/info_sheets/info_sheet_8principles.htm
- *Heritage Conservation Principles for Land Use Planning* – http://www.culture.gov.on.ca/english/heritage/info_sheets/info_sheet_landuse_planning.htm

Other Resources

- *Fram, M. (2003) Well-preserved: The Ontario Heritage Foundation's Manual of Principles and Practice for Architectural Conservation. (2ndEd.) Firefly Books Ltd.*
<http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/Resources-and-Learning/Free-publications/Well-Preserved.aspx>
- *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada* – <http://www.historicplaces.ca/media/18072/81468-parks-s+g-eng-web2.pdf>
- Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Architectural and Engineering Documentation - http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_6.htm
- *Preservation Brief 31: Mothballing Historic Buildings* (National Park Service (US))
<http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/31-mothballing.htm>

In the event that any of these resources provides advice that is inconsistent with the direction, policies or terminology of the Ontario *Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties*, then the Ontario S&Gs are considered the authoritative statement on that matter.

⁷ PastPort refers to the Heritage Properties Module of Ontario's Past Portal (PastPort), a web based tool developed to assist government with the management of provincial heritage properties. Ministries and prescribed public bodies will have on-line access to Past Port.

Submission Requirements

All *Strategic Conservation Plans* for provincial heritage property of provincial significance must be approved by MTCS. Deputy Minister's approval has been delegated to the Director of Programs & Services Branch, Culture Division. For further information refer to MTCS Approvals and Consents (February 2011).

Ministries and prescribed public bodies are encouraged to share a draft *Strategic Conservation Plan* with the appropriate MTCS Heritage Advisor for comments and feedback prior to submitting it for MTCS approval.

Once approved, MTCS will retain a copy of the *Strategic Conservation Plan* for information purposes and may use it to supplement advice to the Minister for requests for consent for *disposal*, demolition or removal.

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APPENDIX: Outline for a *Strategic Conservation Plan* for a *Provincial Heritage Property*

MTCS recommends that this format be used for *Strategic Conservation Plans* for all *provincial heritage properties* including those of *provincial significance* that are to be submitted for MTCS' approval.

Executive Summary (1-2 page maximum)

The Executive Summary provides a brief summary and key recommendations of the report.

Confirmation of Ministry or Prescribed Public Body Review and Acceptance of *Strategic Conservation Plan*

Include confirmation that the ministry or prescribed public body has reviewed the *Strategic Conservation Plan* and accepts the strategies set out in the report.

1.0 Introduction

The introduction provides an overview and the context for the *Strategic Conservation Plan*. It provides benchmark information about the property, the ministry or prescribed public body's overall objectives for the property and highlights key issues that shaped the development of the conservation strategies.

2.0 Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

A full copy of the approved *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* is to be included and any supplementary material to assist with understanding the property, its cultural heritage value or interest, *heritage attributes* and key strategies.

3.0 Condition Assessment

The section provides an overview of the current condition and future needs or plans for the *provincial heritage property*, and includes:

- a) Program needs and use
- b) Physical conditions
- c) Legislative and policy consideration
- d) Future plans and needs (opportunities and constraints)

4.0 Conservation Strategies

This section provides a practical, overall direction for how the cultural heritage value or interest and *heritage attributes* of the property will be conserved, maintained, used or *disposed of* (if applicable) while achieving the ministry or prescribed public body's key objectives and program needs.

5.0 Action Plan

This section outlines how the conservation strategies will be put into action and provides concise direction and guidance on priorities, specialized conservation treatments, timelines and funding approaches.

6.0 Community Engagement

This section provides a brief summary of the groups and individuals who were engaged, how and when community engagement was undertaken and the results of the engagement, including responses, comments or concerns expressed and how they were considered (a detailed summary can be attached as an appendix).

7.0 Implementation

This section outlines how the *Strategic Conservation Plan* will be integrated into and synchronized with other facilities plans for the property. It should include:

- how the ministry or prescribed public body will approve and adopt the *Strategic Conservation Plan*
- the ministry or prescribed public body's commitment to ensure relevant staff, service providers, contractors, consultants, lessees, occupants and decision makers are made aware of the content of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* and the strategies recommended by the *Strategic Conservation Plan*
- how and where the *Strategic Conservation Plan* will be filed and the information made publicly accessible.

8.0 Monitoring

This section outlines a monitoring cycle for review of the property and the progress on and compliance with implementing the *Strategic Conservation Plan*. The *Strategic Conservation Plan* should be reviewed and amended as necessary, at a minimum of every five (5) years.

APPENDICES**References/Bibliography**

This section will provide a list of the documents referenced in the *Strategic Conservation Plan*.

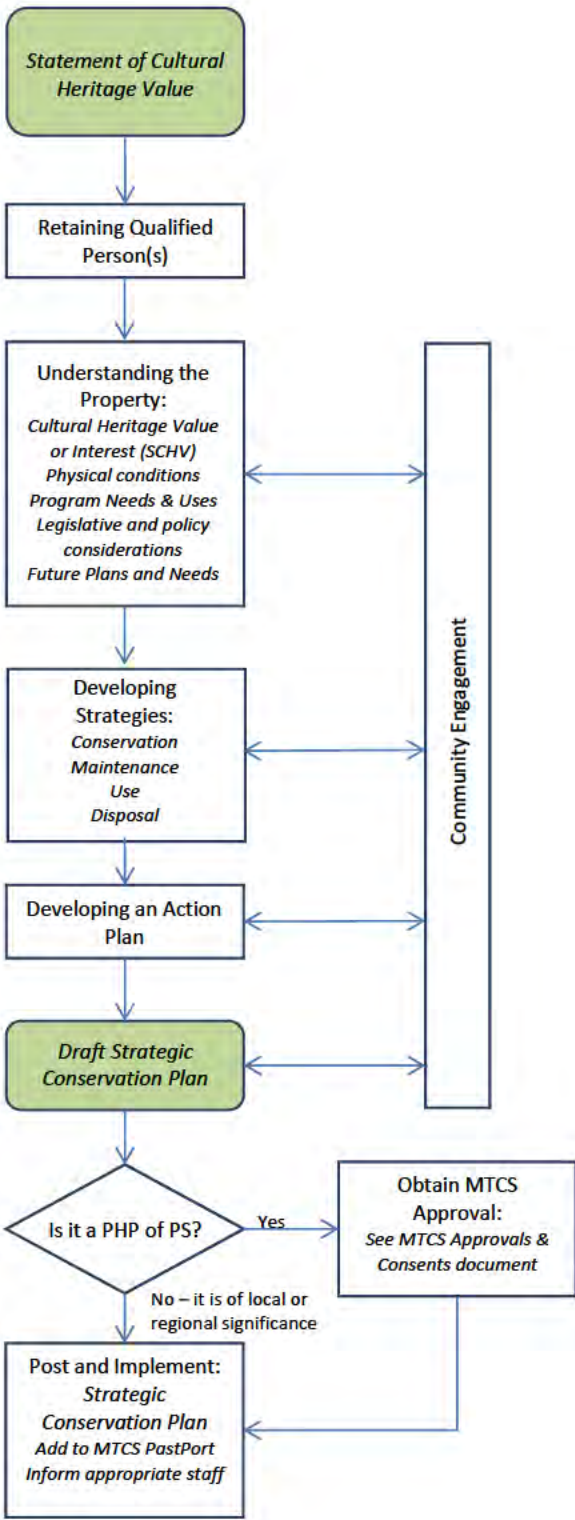
Project Personnel

List the personnel involved in preparing the report, indicating their qualifications and their role in preparing the report.

Supplementary Documents/Reports

Ministries and prescribed public bodies should list all supplementary materials and studies, such as engineering or structural reports, previous heritage reports, condition assessments, that have led to the development of the *Strategic Conservation Plan*. Please note MTCS may request any of these supplementary documents to assist its review.

Strategic Conservation Plan Process



Information Bulletin 3

Heritage Impact Assessments for Provincial Heritage Properties

The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide guidance on preparing a Heritage Impact Assessment to meet the requirements of the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation Provincial Heritage Properties*.

Purpose

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Context

The S&Gs contain a principle that requires the assessment of impact of proposed activities that may affect the cultural heritage value or interest and the *heritage attributes of a provincial heritage property*¹ and inform decisions that may affect them. .

Provision F.4. requires that, the removal or demolition of any building or structure on a *provincial heritage property* be considered a last resort after all other alternatives have been considered, subject to heritage impact assessment and public engagement. Ministries and prescribed public bodies are required to use best efforts to mitigate loss of cultural heritage value or interest.

Provision F.5. requires that, in the case of a *provincial heritage property of provincial significance*, the consent of the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) be obtained before removing or demolishing buildings or structures on the property or before transferring the property from provincial control. A Heritage Impact Assessment will provide the documentation and rationale for applications for MTCS Ministers' Consent.

What is a Heritage Impact Assessment?

A Heritage Impact Assessment is an independent study to determine the impacts of a proposed activity on a *provincial heritage property*. It will recommend options and mitigation measures, consistent with the property's *Strategic Conservation Plan*, in order to reduce negative impacts, and *conserve its cultural heritage value or interest*.

A Heritage Impact Assessment under the S&Gs:

- is based on the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*

¹ Italicized terms are defined in the Glossary section of the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties* document [link]

- is prepared by a *qualified person(s)*
- considers impacts to the whole property even if the proposed activity only directly affects a portion of it
- considers and recommends alternatives and mitigation measures that are consistent with the strategies articulated in the *Strategic Conservation Plan* approved by the ministry or prescribed public body and/or MTCS, if it is a *provincial heritage property of provincial significance*
- considers the relevant findings of any archaeological assessment(s) and other technical studies that have been undertaken
- takes into account the views of interested persons or communities.

When to Prepare a Heritage Impact Assessment

A Heritage Impact Assessment will be prepared when an activity is proposed for a *provincial heritage property* that may affect its cultural heritage value or interest and/or *heritage attributes* and:

- a Strategic Conservation Plan is not yet in place
- the adopted *Strategic Conservation Plan* directs that a Heritage Impact Assessment be prepared for a proposed activity (e.g. the removal or demolition of a building or structure on a *provincial heritage property*)
- the adopted *Strategic Conservation Plan* did not anticipate or consider in detail the proposed activity or cannot be followed for reasons that were unforeseen when it was completed.

Ministries and prescribed public bodies are encouraged to seek advice from MTCS to determine whether a Heritage Impact Assessment should be prepared.

Who prepares a Heritage Impact Assessment

A Heritage Impact Assessment is prepared by a *qualified person(s)* with individual expertise, recent experience and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources² being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.

A person qualified to work on a *provincial heritage property* will demonstrate:

- qualifications and expertise gained through having personally worked on cultural heritage resources in the past (i.e. individual credentials and personal experience must be demonstrated over that of the consulting firm that may employ the individual)
- expertise that is relevant to the type of resource and the nature of the activity or project being considered
- recent experience in the *conservation* of cultural heritage resources (i.e. within the last three to five years)

² Provincial heritage properties include three types of cultural heritage resources: built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes, and archaeological sites (see page 3 of S&Gs).

- in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act*, only a licensed archaeologist may alter or disturb an *archaeological site*. If an archaeological site may be impacted, altered or disturbed in any way, the only *qualified person* is a licensed archaeologist³.

The expertise of more than one *qualified person* working in a multi-disciplinary team may be required. For example, a complex property with more than one type of cultural heritage resource may require a historian, a professional engineer, an architect, a licensed archaeologist, a landscape architect, a specialist in historic preservation, conservator, heritage planner, or other. Similarly, determining appropriate solutions to address specific issues, such as accessibility, security, way finding system, signage, may also require specialized qualifications.

Before undertaking the preparation of a Heritage Impact Assessment the *qualified person(s)* must develop a thorough understanding of the property, its cultural heritage value or interest and the level of significance. In addition to site investigation(s), this would require review of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*, the *Strategic Conservation Plan*, and any other existing documents, reports or technical studies such as archaeological assessment(s) provided to them by the ministry or prescribe public body.

Qualified person(s) must also have an understanding of the ministry or prescribed public body's heritage management process, and mandate, needs and objectives as they relate to the property. The ministry or prescribed public body should ensure that its consultant(s) is provided with all available documents, reports and information they may require.

Community Engagement

Under the S&Gs, ministries and prescribed public bodies are required to engage with and take into account the views of individuals and communities when making decisions about a property's future and when considering alterations that may affect property users (E.5.). Community engagement protects the public interest in identifying and protecting cultural heritage resources, while helping to ensure that any concerns are identified and appropriately addressed.

In the case of Heritage Impact Assessments engagement could include local communities (including Indigenous communities⁴), stakeholders, local government, other ministries and agencies, such as:

- municipal staff (e.g. municipal heritage planners and/or Municipal Heritage Committees)
- local neighbourhood or residential community
- heritage interest groups that operate locally or in the larger area
- those that may be affected by anticipated *alterations* or changes (e.g. affected users in implementing accessibility standards – see Provision E.5.)
- any person who is responsible for *maintenance*, inspection and *alterations* of the property, such as facility managers, service providers and/or maintenance personnel.

³ Archaeological assessment reports must conform to the MTCS's *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (2011) [link]

⁴ The Crown has a duty to consult with Indigenous communities when it has knowledge, real or constructive, of an Aboriginal right or treaty right and the Crown contemplates conduct that might adversely affect the right in question.

Community engagement should:

- provide for early and ongoing dialogue to inform appropriate strategies
- explain the purpose of the engagement and how the community's input will be used
- respect a community's preferences regarding information exchange (e.g. formal or informal face-to-face meetings, presentations, written communiqués, interviews and surveys).

Conclusions and recommendations should be shared with the consulted community to allow for further review, consideration and response. Conclusions and recommendations may have to be amended based on the community's response.

Coordination with other Planning Processes, Activities or Requirements

Under certain circumstances, a proposed activity may require a ministry or prescribed public body to follow and comply with legislative or regulatory requirements such as the Environmental Assessment Act, the Planning Act, and the Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) regulation. Where appropriate and to avoid duplication, common process elements, such as preparation of a Heritage Impact Assessment and the requirement for public or community engagement, may be coordinated, while ensuring that the requirements of the S&Gs are met.

Content of a Heritage Impact Assessment

The Heritage Impact Assessment must consider how the cultural heritage value or interest and *heritage attributes* identified in the approved *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* will be affected by the proposed activity. The *qualified person(s)* are to develop a thorough understanding of the property, its cultural heritage value or interest and the level of significance. This requires a thorough review of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*, and other relevant documents, reports or technical studies such as archaeological assessment reports, as provided by the ministry or prescribed public body, as well as site investigation(s).

A Heritage Impact Assessment under the S&Gs includes:

1. Introduction
2. *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*
3. Assessment of Existing Conditions
4. Description and Purpose of Proposed Activity
5. Impact Assessment
6. Considered Alternatives and Mitigation Measures
7. Summary of Community Engagement
8. Recommendations

1. Introduction

The introduction provides an overview and context for the report that follows and includes:

- a brief description of the property, including its level of significance (i.e. provincial, regional or local significance)
- a brief summary of the proposed activity and the purpose for the activity. This may include a ministry mandate or priority.
- other applicable processes or requirements (e.g. Environmental Assessment, Renewable Energy Approval, Realty Directive)
- reference to the *Strategic Conservation Plan* and the applicable strategy
- a brief overview of the potential impacts to the property's cultural heritage value or interest
- a brief summary of the recommended mitigation measures
- if the removal or demolition of a building or structure is being proposed, provide a statement that all the other alternatives have been considered and rejected and that removal or demolition is the best alternative and a last resort
- if MTCS Minister's consent is being sought, provide rationale for Minister's approval for removal/demolition.

2. Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

A full copy of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*, as approved by the ministry or prescribed public body, should be included. Supplementary material, such as site plan, photographs and a key map that can assist the reader in understanding the property, cultural heritage value or interest, *heritage attributes* and the areas that may be affected by the proposed activity should also be included.

Technical heritage studies and reports developed under the S&Gs are meant to be complementary and not duplicative. In preparing the Heritage Impact Assessment the cultural heritage value or interest of the property should not be re-evaluated and the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* should not be modified. If new information comes to light that could affect the reliability of the *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* the *qualified person(s)* should inform and seek advice from the ministry or prescribed public body.

3. Assessment of Existing Conditions

A concise written and visual description of the property in its current condition should be included in the Heritage Impact Assessment and details of the on-site investigation(s) including:

- any significant changes in the current physical or material condition of the property from that depicted in the approved *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value*
- how, when and who conducted the on-site investigation(s)
- any limitations of the on-site investigation(s), such as limited access.

4. Description and Purpose of Proposed Activity

A written description of the proposed activity and its purpose should be provided and include:

- the rationale, purpose and need for the proposed activity

- how the proposed activity fits within the ministry or prescribed public body's objectives for the property
- where there is an adopted *Strategic Conservation Plan*, how the proposed activity fits within the ministry or prescribed public body's objectives as articulated in the *Strategic Conservation Plan*
- supporting graphic materials, such as site plans, design drawings and specifications, photographs and detailed descriptions supporting drawings and graphics as appropriate
- how the proposed activity fits within the physical context of the overall property, even if only a portion of the property will be directly impacted
- how the proposed activity fits within a broader community and land use planning context
- any other applicable considerations or planning process requirements or required permits or approvals, such as municipal planning considerations, Environmental Assessment, Renewable Energy Approval

5. Impact Assessment

The impact assessment will identify and assess the proposed activity to determine any impacts – positive or negative, direct or indirect – the proposed activity may have on the property's cultural heritage value or interest. For the purposes of this document, an impact is a change in an identified cultural heritage resource resulting from a particular activity.

In order to make predictions about potential impacts, additional factors should be considered. Factors may include the scale or severity of impacts, whether they are to be temporary or permanent, reversible or irreversible, etc.

A direct adverse impact would have a permanent and irreversible negative affect on the cultural heritage value or interest of a property or result in the loss of a *heritage attribute* on all or part of the *provincial heritage property*. Examples of direct adverse impacts on a *provincial heritage property* may include, but are not limited to:

- removal or demolition of all or part of any *heritage attribute*
- removal or demolition of any building or structure on the *provincial heritage property* whether or not it contributes to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property (i.e. non-contributing buildings)
- any land disturbance, such as a change in grade and/or drainage patterns that may adversely affect a *provincial heritage property*, including archaeological resources
- alterations to the property in a manner that is not sympathetic, or is incompatible, with cultural heritage value or interest of the property. This may include necessary alterations, such as new systems or materials to address health and safety requirements, energy-saving upgrades, building performance upgrades, security upgrades or servicing needs
- alterations for access requirements or limitations to address such factors as accessibility, emergency egress, public access, security

- introduction of new elements that diminish the integrity of the property, such as a new building, structure or addition, parking expansion or addition, access or circulation roads, landscape features
- changing the character of the property through removal or planting of trees or other natural features, such as a garden, or that may result in the obstruction of significant views or vistas within, from, or of built and natural features
- change in use for the *provincial heritage property* that could result in permanent, irreversible damage or negates the property's cultural heritage value or interest
- continuation or intensification of a use of the *provincial heritage property* without conservation of *heritage attributes*.

An indirect adverse impact would be the result of an activity on or near the property that may adversely affect its cultural heritage value or interest and/or *heritage attributes*. Examples of indirect adverse impacts include, but are not limited to:

- shadows that alter the appearance of a *heritage attribute* or change the visibility of an associated natural feature or plantings, such as a tree row, hedge or garden
- isolation of a *heritage attribute* from its surrounding environment, context or a significant relationship
- vibration damage to a structure due to construction or activities on or adjacent to the property
- alteration or obstruction of a significant view of or from the *provincial heritage property* from a key vantage point.

Positive impacts are those that may positively affect a property by conserving or enhancing its cultural heritage value or interest and/or *heritage attributes*. Examples of positive impacts may include, but are not limited to:

- changes or alterations that are consistent with accepted conservation principles, such as those articulated in MTCS's *Eight Guiding Principles in the Conservation of Historic Properties*, *Heritage Conservation Principles for Land Use Planning*, Parks Canada's *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*
- *adaptive re-use* of a property – alteration of a *provincial heritage property* to fit new uses or circumstances of the of property in a manner that retains its cultural heritage value of interest
- public interpretation or commemoration of the *provincial heritage property*.

6. Considered Alternatives and Mitigation Measures

The Heritage Impact Assessment must describe the alternative options and mitigation measures that were assessed in order to avoid or reduce any negative impacts to the property's cultural heritage value or interest. These should be consistent with the relevant conservation strategies established in the adopted *Strategic Conservation Plan* where one exists.

Where a proposed activity may result in a negative, irreversible impact to the property's cultural heritage value or interest or *heritage attribute(s)*, the report should explain why the proposed course of action is the

only viable solution and why other alternatives that do not involve negative impact are not viable. In addition, the report should describe proposed mitigation measures and provide evidence as to why they should be adequate. The specific negative impacts should be listed, with statements made under each as to why they cannot be avoided, and what steps have been planned to mitigate their effects.

In cases where the proposed activity will result in the demolition or removal of a building or structure and/or MTCS Minister's Consent is being sought, the Heritage Impact Assessment must clearly demonstrate the efforts that have been made to mitigate the loss of cultural heritage value or interest, including but not limited to:

- the alternative options that were considered and why they were not feasible
- why the building(s) or structure(s) cannot be adapted to fit new uses
- why retention and/or modification of the building(s) or structure(s) is not viable
- that demolition or removal is the only viable option, and the last resort.

7. Summary of Community Engagement

The Heritage Impact Assessment should provide a brief summary of the steps and results of the community engagement and include:

- the groups and individuals who were engaged
- how and when community engagement was undertaken
- whether stakeholder and community engagement was combined with another planning process, such as Environmental Assessment, Renewable Energy Approval
- the results of the engagement, including responses, comments or concerns expressed and
- how they were considered (a detailed summary can be attached as an appendix).

8. Recommendations

The best alternative to the proposed activity should be summarized, describing how the proposed activity should proceed and the mitigation measures that are proposed. The recommendations should demonstrate how they are consistent with the objectives and strategies outlined in the adopted *Strategic Conservation Plan* where one exists. The recommendations should also provide direction for additional requirements such as:

- any required approvals and permits, such as municipal approvals/permits, federal permits, etc.
- special qualifications required for anyone responsible for conservation work
- further technical studies that may be required such as archaeological assessment(s).

Ministry or Prescribed Public Body Review and Acceptance of Recommendations

On completion of the Heritage Impact Assessment the ministry or prescribed public body should attach a written confirmation that it has reviewed the completed report and has accepted the *qualified person(s)* final recommendations on the preferred alternative and/or mitigation measures that will be implemented.

Submission Requirements

In the case of *provincial heritage properties of provincial significance* or properties not yet evaluated, MTCS Minister's consent is required before removing or demolishing buildings or structures on the property, whether or not they contribute to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property (i.e. non-contributing buildings, or before transferring the property from provincial control).

The Heritage Impact Assessment adopted/approved by the ministry or prescribed public body must accompany any application for MTCS Minister's consent.

For further information refer to MTCS Approvals and Consents (February 2011).

Ministries and prescribed public bodies are encouraged to seek the advice of MTCS Heritage Advisors and to share a draft of the Heritage Impact Assessment for comments and feedback prior to submitting application for MTCS Minister's Consent.

Contact us:

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

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APPENDIX: Outline for a Heritage Impact Assessment for a Provincial Heritage Property

MTCS recommends that this format be used for Heritage Impact Assessments for all *provincial heritage properties* including those of *provincial significance* that are to be submitted for MTCS' approval.

Executive Summary (1-2 page maximum)

The Executive Summary provides a brief summary and key recommendation(s) of the report.

Confirmation of Ministry or Prescribed Public Body Review and Acceptance of Recommendations

Provide confirmation that the ministry or prescribed public body has reviewed the Heritage Impact Assessment report and accepts the recommendations and mitigation measures articulated in it.

1.0 Introduction

The introduction provides an overview and context for the Heritage Impact Assessment. It includes benchmark information about the property, the activity being proposed, reference to the *Strategic Conservation Plan* and the applicable strategy, and the recommended mitigation measures.

The introduction should also state whether the removal or demolition of a building or structure is being proposed, provide a statement that all the other alternatives have been considered and rejected and that removal or demolition is the best alternative and a last resort.

If MTCS Minister's consent is being sought, provide rationale for Minister's approval for removal/demolition.

2.0 Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

A full copy of the approved *Statement of Cultural Heritage Value* is to be included and any supplementary material to assist with understanding the property and its cultural heritage value or interest, *heritage attributes* and the areas that may be affected by the proposed activity.

3.0 Assessment of Existing Conditions

This section provides a written and visual description of the cultural heritage resource(s) in its current condition, identifies any significant changes to the property, and provides key information about the on-site investigation(s).

4.0 Description and Purpose of Proposed Activity

This section provides a detailed written and visual description of the proposed activity, and the rationale, purpose and need for the proposed activity.

5.0 Impact Assessment

This section identifies and articulates how the proposed activity will affect the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and assesses impacts, whether positive or negative, direct or indirect.

6.0 Considered Alternatives and Mitigation Measures

The section provides details of alternative options that were considered and that would reduce or mitigate negative impacts. This section should also demonstrate how the alternatives or mitigation measures are consistent with conservation strategies established in the adopted *Strategic Conservation Plan*.

If the proposed activity will result in the demolition or removal of a building or structure, demonstrate why:

- the alternative options that were considered and why they were not feasible
- why the building(s) or structure(s) cannot be adapted to fit new uses
- why retention and/or modification of the building(s) or structure(s) is not viable
- that demolition or removal is the only viable option, and the last resort.

7.0 Summary of Community Engagement

This section provides a brief summary of the groups and individuals who were engaged, how and when community engagement was undertaken and the results of the engagement, including responses, comments or concerns expressed and how these were considered (a detailed summary can be attached as an appendix). Also indicate whether engagement was combined with the requirements of another process such as an Environmental Assessment.

8.0 Recommendations

This section describes how the proposed activity may proceed, the mitigation measures that are to be implemented, and provide direction for any additional requirements.

APPENDICES**References/Bibliography**

Provide a list of the documents referenced in the Heritage Impact Assessment report.

Project Personnel

List the personnel involved in preparing the report, indicating their qualifications and their role in preparing the report.

From: Susan Schrempf <susan.schrempf@ontarioferries.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 4:28 PM
To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: External Agency Comment Sheet

Good Afternoon,

I have attached the External Agency Comment Sheet on behalf of the Owen Sound Transportation Company (Chi-Cheemaun Ferry).

Kind Regards,
Susan Schrempf



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EXTERNAL AGENCY COMMENT SHEET

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

Please submit your comments before August 3, 2018. Use the other side if required.
With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Comments may be submitted by mail, fax or email to:

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The contact name and mailing address for your organization/agency (please check one):

- ☒ Is correct; or
☐ Should be changed to:

Your interests or concerns regarding the study area or undertaking are (continue on back if required):

OUR INTEREST IS TO STAY AHEAD OF HOW THE UNDERTAKING MAY IMPACT FERRY DEMAND AND OUR ABILITY TO SUPPLY TRANSPORTATION DURING FUTURE CONSTRUCTION, HIGHWAY DIVERSIONS, ETC.

Your organization/agency can provide the following environmental (i.e., natural, social, economic or cultural) information and requires the following permits/approvals:

I am providing a copy of background reports/existing information:

- ☐ With this comment sheet ☐ No background information available
☐ Via email / mail

The level of involvement you wish to have on this project is:

- ☐ Active participation ☐ None, please remove from mailing list
☒ Participation at key points

OUR INTEREST IS LIMITED TO PROPOSALS REGARDING ALTERNATE ACCESS ROUTES TO THE ISLAND IN THAT IT MAY AFFECT FERRY.

From: contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca <contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 8:14 PM
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form

from: Melissa Peters
email: lissa_peters@hotmail.com

message:

Hello

I'm a councillor in the Town of NEMI. A power point presentation was done.....I couldn't get half the information provided. Could you please email the presentation to me?

Thank you.

Melissa

From: Carrie Lewis, CMO <clerk@gordonbarrieisland.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:40 AM
To: Town of Gore Bay Annette Clarke <aclarke@gorebay.ca>; Bonnie Bailey <bbaileyburpeemills@gmail.com>; Patsy Cress <twptehk@amtelecom.net>; Ruth Frawley <centralm@amtelecom.net>; Jeremy Rody <jrody@assignack.ca>
Cc: Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>
Subject: Swing Bridge

Please find letter from Council attached regarding Swing Bridge Comments.
Thank you
Carrie

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Office of the Clerk-Treasurer

August 9/2018

RE: Little Current Swing Bridge Comments

To All Parties Concerned:

At the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island on August 7, 2018 the issue of comment on the Manitoulin Swing Bridge was discussed at length.

Council feels strongly that it is extremely important to realize it is the only access point to Manitoulin for most of the year; and they are in full support of new infrastructure that would serve Manitoulin's future needs.

For future development on Manitoulin we need a secure, dependable access link to Highway 17. We strongly support new infrastructure to replace the Manitoulin Swing Bridge. This structure has served Manitoulin well for over a century, but it is now time to move forward with a transportation link that will serve the future needs of both vehicular and marine traffic. It is important to recognize the needs of all modes of transportation, whether it be bicycle, transport, car, marine pleasure craft or cruise ship etc.

Council urges all parties, when considering this planning/design process, to please include all aspects of how this vital link connects Manitoulin Island to the rest of Northern Ontario and beyond.

Sincerely,

Carrie Lewis, CMO
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

cc. Municipalities, Stantec Consulting, MPP, MP

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Vanhell, Shane

From: Gazibara, Nevena
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 4:28 PM
To: Vanhell, Shane
Subject: FW: comments on swing bridge project (Little Current Swing Bridge Study GWP 5268-14-00)

Hi Shane,

Can you please save this comment in the PIC 1 folder and add to comments and responses table?

Thanks,
Nevena

-----Original Message-----

From: McFarling, Julie (MNRF) <Julie.McFarling@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 3:28 PM
To: Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>
Subject: RE: comments on swing bridge project (Little Current Swing Bridge Study GWP 5268-14-00)

Hi Nevena,
MNRF has the following comments and information. Thank you for your patience regarding our response!
Please let me know if you have any questions.
Julie

Aquatic Resources

- ☐ Species/community information including any aquatic Species at Risk
No specific sampling records for this location; however, the North Channel of Lake Huron supports a diverse fish community characterized by warm, cool, and cold water species. Common sportfish include small and largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, muskellunge, lake trout, rainbow trout, and pacific salmon. Lake Sturgeon may also utilize the general area and the Great Lakes – Upper St. Lawrence Population is presently designated as Endangered under the ESA.
- ☐ Watercourse thermal regime(s) and flow regime(s)
As per above, the North Channel supports warm, cool, and cold water species. Currents in the Channel can change from westerly to easterly depending on wave action and seiche.
- ☐ Special Habitat Features
We have no records of critical fish habitat in the immediate area; however, the absence of mapped values by no means indicates absence of sensitive habitat more so that the area has not been surveyed. If there is going to be significant in-water work, a new or expanded in-water footprint, or potential for input of sediment/debris, a survey of fisheries habitat values within the expected impact zone may be required to evaluate project implications. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will need to be engaged to explore the implications of and potentially secure approval for in-water works.
- ☐ Construction Timing Window(s)
The standard in-water work window for this area would be July 16th through August 31st depending on the scope of the work and mitigation proposed. We await confirmation of project details and mitigation prior to finalizing our recommendations on this front.
- ☐ Important/exceptional fish habitat (e.g. groundwater upwelling, spawning areas, regugia, migratory routes)
As per above under Special Habitat Features.
- ☐ Presence/absence of aquatic invasive species
Not possible to provide a complete list but the Great Lakes are home to 200 aquatic invasive species give or take. Of concern locally are zebra and quagga mussels, round goby, rusty crayfish, spiny water flea, etc. It is also possible that Phragmites and / or other invasive plants could be present in the work area. The primary consideration for any

decommissioning or construction works would be measures to ensure no transfer of such species to other areas through subsequent use of exposed/contaminated equipment at alternate work locations.

☐ MNRF fisheries management objective, if applicable
Suggest contacting the Upper Great Lakes Management Unit for any relevant fisheries management objectives. An appropriate contact would be Dave Gonder - Resource Management Supervisor (david.gonder@ontario.ca 519-371-5596).

Terrestrial Resources

☐ Species/community information including any terrestrial Species at Risk
Most notably there is an area of sensitive alvar habitat located immediately east of the existing bridge along the northern shore extending westward on Goat Island some 500+ meters. And, there are additional alvar communities located just to the northeast of the defined study area on Goat Island and just south of the study area along Harbour View Road. These communities could come into play should the project include works to realign the transportation corridor to the east of existing.

With regard to Species at Risk, in addition to Lake Sturgeon discussed under Aquatic Features, there are a number of records of other protected species within and immediately adjacent to the defined study area.

Two plant species associated with the alvar communities referenced above - Gattinger's Agalinis and Houghton's Goldenrod are protected under the ESA (listed as Endangered and Threatened respectively).

Several Blanding's Turtle (Threatened) occurrences have been recorded within and adjacent to the study area and we have mapped habitat associated with those occurrences.

Barn Swallow (Threatened) sightings are also on record within / adjacent to the study area. If the existing bridge structure is to be decommissioned or repaired it should be surveyed for Barn Swallow nests and appropriate measures taken to mitigate any potential impacts to the species.

NOTE: If more detailed information (e.g. exact locations, observation details, etc.) for Species at Risk is required please:
1. Contact the Natural Heritage Information Centre (nhicrequests@ontario.c) to complete data sensitivity training; and,
2. Contact Sudbury District MNRF GIS Data Technician, Stephanie Korhonen (Stephanie.korhonen@ontario.ca) to enter into a Sensitive Data-sharing Agreement.

Finally, as per input provided by Judith Jones on August 20, 2018 a number of other rare species not presently listed under the ESA are present in the general area including but perhaps not limited to Prairie Dropseed, Grooved Yellow Flax, Slender Blazing Star, Lake Huron Single-spiked Sedge, Houghton's Flatsedge, and Red-tailed Prairie Leafhopper. With respect to the input provided by Judith Jones (cc'd to MNRF), she is more knowledgeable about the ecology of the surrounding area than anyone that we are aware of. We recommend that her comments re: presence of sensitive habitats, protected and rare species be given full consideration as the study around options proceeds.

☐ Natural heritage features (e.g. ANSIs, Provincially Significant Wetlands, conservation areas, other wetlands)
We have no record of other identified Natural Heritage Features beyond the sensitive alvar habitats and protected/rare species discussed above; however, once again a lack of identified features does not necessarily mean an absence of other values.

As this is a request for additional information/values and MTO has not brought forward any route/project alternatives as of yet, it is difficult to assess ESA authorization requirements. Once the preliminary design(s) and TESR have been completed, ESA authorization options/requirements can be explored with more certainty.

Julie McFarling
District Planner
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Sudbury District
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-----Original Message-----
From: Gazibara, Nevena [mailto:Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com]
Sent: September-11-18 3:44 PM
To: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF)
Cc: McFarling, Julie (MNRF); Boucher, Nikki (MNRF)
Subject: RE: comments on swing bridge project (Little Current Swing Bridge Study GWP 5268-14-00)

Good afternoon Mr. Selinger,

I'm following up from your previous email to see whether you will be able to provide input and review our information request for the above-mentioned study.

Kind regards,
Nevena Gazibara, B.Sc., MREM, ENV SP
Environmental Planner

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From: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF) <wayne.selinger@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:00 AM
To: projectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Cc: Boucher, Nikki (MNRF) <Nikki.Boucher@ontario.ca>; McFarling, Julie (MNRF) <Julie.McFarling@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: comments on swing bridge proejct

Dear Mr. Cooke and Ms. Delfino,

Please accept my sincere apologies for losing sight of your report on options for the Swing Bridge in Little Current. It has been a very busy summer and the documentation simply got buried in my inbox. Judith's response jogged my memory. I will review the application this week and provide comment through our District Planner Julie McFarling cc'd on this e-mail.

Suffice it to say for now that Judith Jones knows more about the ecology of the surrounding area than anyone that I am aware of. Her comments re: presence of protected species under the ESA are accurate and should be give full consideration as the study around options proceeds.

More to come,

Regards,

Wayne Selinger
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-----Original Message-----
From: Judith Jones [mailto:winterspider@eastlink.ca]
Sent: August-19-18 9:27 AM

To: projectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Cc: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF); Boucher, Nikki (MNRF)
Subject: comments on swing bridge proejct

Please find attached my comments regarding the Little Current Swing Bridge replacement study.

I'd appreciate an acknowledgment of receipt of this letter.

Thanks.

Judith Jones
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Vanhell, Shane

From: Gazibara, Nevena
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Vanhell, Shane
Subject: FW: 0009304 - Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)
Attachments: 0009304 - Hwy 6 Little Current Swing Bridge.pdf

[Please save this letter in the PIC comments.](#)

From: Elkow, Jeff (MTCS) <Jeff.Elkow@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4:26 PM
To: Gazibara, Nevena <Nevena.Gazibara@stantec.com>
Cc: Zirger, Rosi (MTCS) <Rosi.Zirger@ontario.ca>; Barboza, Karla (MTCS) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>; Kenedi, Walter (MTO) <Walter.Kenedi@ontario.ca>; McDermid, Jacqueline (MTO) <Jacqueline.McDermid@ontario.ca>; Delfino, Melissa (MTO) <Melissa.Delfino@ontario.ca>; Haddow, Jane (MTO) <Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: 0009304 - Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

Nevena,

Thank you for providing MTCS with the Notice of Public Information Centre 1 for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the PIC materials and would like to arrange a conference call next week to discuss our expectations from a cultural heritage perspective for the project, review our previous comments (attached) and next steps.

Please let me know what dates and times you may be available next week.

Thank you,

Jeff Elkow, M.A.
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August 3, 2018 (EMAIL ONLY)

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RE: MTCS file #: 0009304
Proponent: Ministry of Transportation
Subject: Notice of Study Commencement
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study
Location: Town of Northeastern Manitoulin, Ontario

Dear Nevena Gazibara:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) with the Notice of Commencement for your project. MTCS's interest in this EA project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- Archaeological resources, including land-based and marine;
- Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,
- Cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on cultural heritage resources.

Project Summary

The project concerns the Little Current Swing Bridge, located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of the study is to identify a recommended plan that addresses the current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.

Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties

Please note that the [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#) (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)*, came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs with respect to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

Archaeological Resources

The study area has archaeological potential per the MTCS [Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential](#) and as such, an archaeological assessment (AA) should be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *OHA*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MTCS for review. The AA should

be undertaken prior to the completion of the EA process as its results may impact the evaluation of alternatives. Our records indicate that a Stage 1/2 archaeological assessment was undertaken in the project vicinity in 2009 (PIF# 018-245-2008) – please review this report to determine whether it encompasses the study area. If the study area differs additional archaeological assessment will be required.

Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report was previously completed (Unterman McPhail Associates, 2009) on the bridge and determined that the property had cultural heritage value. The bridge was subsequently identified by the Heritage Bridge Committee to be a candidate for the Ontario Heritage Bridge List. MTCS has shared of copy of the 2009 report with Stantec.

The Ministry of Transportation should apply Ontario Regulation 9/06 and 10/06 to determine whether the bridge property is a Provincial Heritage Property (of local significance or provincial significance). Once that is determined, the Ministry of Transportation should include the bridge property on the list of provincial heritage properties maintained by MTCS.

A Strategic Conservation Plan and/or Heritage Impact Assessment shall be undertaken, depending on the proposed undertaking – please see attached MTCS guidance on those technical cultural heritage studies (Info-Bulletin 2: Strategic Conservation Plans and Info-Bulletin 3: Heritage Impact Assessments, January 31, 2017).

Please note that provision F.4 of the S&G's identifies that ministries and prescribed public bodies shall only consider removal or demolition as a last resort, after all other alternatives having been considered. Proposed demolition or removal would be subject to heritage impact assessment and public engagement, with use of best efforts to mitigate loss of cultural heritage value.

In addition, if the bridge is identified as a provincial heritage property of provincial significance, Provision F.5 of the S&G's states that the consent of the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport must be obtained before removing or demolishing buildings or structures on the property, or before transferring the property from provincial control. Consents should be obtained prior to the completion of an EA process.

In addition to the bridge, the project may have the potential to impact other cultural heritage resources. The MTCS [Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes](#) should be completed to help determine whether your EA project may impact cultural heritage resources. Further guidance is described in MTO's Environmental Guide for Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes (2007). Should a Cultural Heritage Assessment Report or any additional technical cultural heritage studies be undertaken, please send to MTCS and the local municipality for review, and make it available to local organizations or individuals who have expressed interest in heritage.

Environmental Assessment Reporting

All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects. Please advise MTCS whether any technical cultural heritage studies will be completed for your EA project, and provide them to MTCS before issuing a Notice of Completion. If your screening has identified no known or potential cultural heritage resources, or no impacts to these resources, please include the completed checklists and supporting documentation in the EA report or file.

It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their EA report or file is accurate. MTCS makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the EA process, and in no way shall MTCS be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Please notify MTCS if archaeological resources are impacted by EA project work. All activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and a licensed archaeologist is required to carry out an archaeological assessment in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

If human remains are encountered, all activities must cease immediately and the local police as well as the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MTCS should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Thank you for consulting MTCS on this project. MTCS would be happy to clarify any of the comments above and any requirements of the Standards & Guidelines and the EA process. MTCS looks forward to advising the Ministry of Transportation and its consultant on this project.

Sincerely,

Jeff Elkow
Heritage Planner
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Copied to: Melissa Delfino, MTO Senior Project Engineer
 Jane Haddow, MTO Environmental Planner
 Jacqueline McDermid, MTO Heritage Specialist
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 Rosi Zirger, MTCS Heritage Advisor

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Vanhell, Shane

From: Gazibara, Nevena
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 6:36 AM
To: Vanhell, Shane
Subject: FW: Gore Bay council invote

FYI- another comment to save and add to the comments and responses table. I will be following up via telephone with the clerk and will pass along the telephone conversation notes to you to document.

Thanks!
Nevena

From: Stasia Carr <scarr@gorebay.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2018 11:44 AM
To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: Gore Bay council invote

Good morning,
We would like to extend an invitation to attend Gore Bay Council on September 10th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the swing bridge study.
Please notify by this Friday if you are willing to attend.
Regards,

Stasia Carr
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August 12, 2019

From: Hutchison, Carrie (MECP) <carrie.hutchison@ontario.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 4:21 PM
To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: Hwy 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study

Hello Gregg Cooke, and Melissa Delfino,

I would like to just connect with you regarding my role within the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) as this relates to the Hwy 6 Little Current Swing Bridge study (and generally for Class EA projects in the Sudbury and North Bay MECP Districts).

As Environmental Assessment Coordinator, my role is to ensure that the correct people review documentation regarding your project in order to assist you with considering the mandate of our ministry through the process.

To that end, I am requesting that you provide notices related to your project when they are issued, and especially as these relate to your agency webcasts, to me so I am aware of when they are to occur.

Please let me know if you have any concerns with meeting my request, or if you have questions. Please also confirm if you are able to provide me directly notices for this project.

Many thanks,

Carrie

Carrie

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Dear Ms. Gazibodra

Mayor and Council would like to thank your representatives for the recent update and presentation on the Little Current Swing Bridge Study. This is a very important part of our community and we take the replacement of this structure extremely seriously as it has the potential to be detrimental to our community if the wrong decision is made.

The following resolution was past at a recent meeting of Council;

Resolution No. 214-08-2019

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: D. Orr

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports a two lane bridge in close proximity to the existing bridge ensuring that it does not by-pass any of the local businesses, with the option 2 being the preferred choice of location and the bascule bridge being the preferred style of bridge.

Carried

We hope that you strongly take into consideration the comments made by all of our residents.

Looking forward to hearing from you with further updates.

Yours truly,

Al MacNevin
Mayor





Meeting with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI)

Little Current Swing Bridge Study
Planning, Preliminary Design & Class Environmental Assessment
GWP 5268-14-00, Assignment Number 5016-E-0033, Stantec File 1650.01086

From: contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca <contactform@swingbridgestudy.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 11:50 AM
To: projectteam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: swingbridgestudy.ca contact form

from: Ruth Frawley-MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
email: centralm@amtelecom.net

message:

At the last regular meeting of Council held on October 10, 2019 the following motion was made:
290-19 MOTION: Farquhar and Scott
That Council supports the lift bridge option as a replacement for the swing bridge in Little Current ...
carried.

Regards,

Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

Date/Time:	November 14, 2019 / 2:00 PM	
Place:	Conference Call	
Next Meeting:	TBD	
Attendees:	Melissa Delfino	MTO Project Manager
	Walter Kenedi	MTO Head, Bridge Rehabilitation & Heritage Bridge Committee
	Michelle Hedges	MTO Environmental Planner - Heritage
	Barbara Brownlee	MTO Head, Environmental Services
	Denise McGuire	MTO Regional Archaeologist
	Jane Haddow	MTO Environmental Planner
	Rosi Zirger	MHSTCI Heritage Advisor
	Karla Barboza	MHSTCI Team Lead - Heritage
	James Hamilton	MHSTCI Manager- Heritage Planning Unit
	Kimberly Livingstone	MHSTCI Heritage Planner
	Gregg Cooke	Stantec Project Manager
	Tim Belliveau	Stantec Assistant Project Manager
	Nevena Gazibara	Stantec Environmental Team Lead
	Meaghan Rivard	Stantec Heritage Specialist
Distribution:	Project Team	

Item:	Action:
1. Nevena Gazibara provided a brief overview of the project. The presentation was not available to all participants due to Skype issues; however, a copy of the presentation is attached to the meeting notes. A copy of the Comparison of Bridge Improvement Alternatives Relating to the OHBG Conservation Options was also provided in advance of the meeting.	
2. This Planning and Preliminary Design Study was initiated by the Ministry of Transportation to address the identified problems and opportunities as documented at the first Public Information Centre and in the Study Design Report.	
3. The Little Current Swing Bridge provides year-round, single-road access between Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northeastern Ontario. Currently road access is not available for 15 minutes of each daylight hour during the summer months, to provide boat access to the North Channel. Continuous road access with traffic signals is provided at night and during the winter months when the bridge is closed to boat traffic. The existing bridge requires significant and ongoing maintenance in order to maintain a safe and	

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- reliable connection between Manitoulin Island and the mainland. Given the bridge's age, there is significant risk of mechanical breakdown to what is the only permanent link to the mainland from the island. There is also potential for disruptions to emergency service providers and access if the bridge has a mechanical breakdown.
4. This EA study is being completed as a Group A project under the MTO *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities* and includes undertaking environmental investigations and studies including archaeological and cultural heritage studies, developing a set of preliminary design alternatives, completing, evaluating the alternatives and selecting a preferred plan and completing a *Transportation Environmental Study Report* (TESR). The findings of the technical heritage studies will be documented in the TESR. Currently we have a set of alignment and structure types developed that we presented to the public this past summer at PIC 2 and we are in the process of collecting data for our evaluation of alternatives process and developing a framework on how we will be evaluating the new alternatives.
 5. This project also includes an extensive consultation program with the public and with indigenous communities in the study area. Consultation with agencies, community members, municipalities is taking place throughout the entire duration of the project and to-date we have held two public meetings and one agency webinar. The third public meeting is planned for next summer and the purpose of the meeting will be to present the evaluation of alternatives and the preferred plan to the public.
 6. To-date, members of the public have voiced many opinions and comments regarding the existing bridge, the importance of the bridge to Little Current, and the importance of protecting the heritage of the bridge. We have also heard comments regarding lack of reliability of the existing bridge, concerns with the bridge being single-lane, traffic concerns, and access for EMS providers. The Town of NEMI has passed a council resolution in support of a replacement bridge (basculle) to replace the existing swing bridge, and a few other municipalities have also made resolutions for other types of replacement movable bridges.
 7. The project team has also actively consulted with indigenous communities in the study area in the form of community information sharing sessions, meetings with elders, and with the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising. General comments from the indigenous communities included preferences for a new crossing that would minimize traffic impacts, would not break down or cause delays, would be aesthetically pleasing, and would provide a safe and reliable crossing. We have also engaged the communities to participate in our environmental field investigations for the study.
 8. Stantec provided an overview of the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) completed. The CHER was completed in January 2019 to update the previous 2009 report and to evaluate the bridge in accordance with Ontario Reg. 9/06, 9/10 and the Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines. The bridge met criteria under each of these regulations. The bridge is a rare remaining example

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- of a movable swing bridge type in the province, as well as the longest known example in province. It is also a landmark in the community. Based on its review of the CHER, the MTO Heritage Bridge Committee identified the Little Current Swing Bridge as a provincial heritage property of provincial significance.
9. The MHSTCI noted that the bridge being listed on the Ontario Heritage Bridge list is not considered a legal status. However, the MTO Heritage Bridge Committee identified the Little Current Swing Bridge as a provincial heritage property of provincial significance. As such, MHSTCI has previously noted that MTO must satisfy Provisions F.4. and F.5. of the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (S&Gs). Specifically, Provision F.4 of the S&Gs requires that ministries and prescribed public bodies shall only consider removal or demolition as a last resort, after all other alternatives having been considered. Proposed demolition or removal would be subject to heritage impact assessment and public engagement, with use of best efforts to mitigate loss of cultural heritage value. In addition, Provision F.5 of the S&G's requires that the consent of the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, Culture Industries, must be obtained before removing or demolishing buildings or structures on the property, or before transferring the property from provincial control. Further, MHSTCI have advised that Minister's Consent (if necessary) should be obtained prior to the completion of an EA process.
 10. Stantec provided an update on the status and timing of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment has been completed and the draft report is currently under review by MTO. Once the report has been approved and finalized the licensed archaeologist will submit the report to MHSTCI for review. A Stage 2 is recommended for portions of the study area. The MTO Environmental Services Branch requested that the Stage 1 Report and the Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment Report be sent to them for review.

Post Meeting Note – A digital copy of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment was submitted to MHSTCI on January 15, 2020. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report was also submitted directly to MHSTCI by Stantec's licensed archeologist (Patrick Hoskins) on January 8, 2020.
 11. Stantec provided an update on the status and timing of the marine archaeological assessment. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment identified that the underwater portions of the study area may retain potential for submerged cultural resources and recommends a Stage 1 marine archaeological assessment for underwater portions of the preferred alignment, when it is selected. The recommendation for a marine archaeological assessment will be carried forward to the Detail Design stage and will take place once a preferred plan is refined and potential impacts to areas of the North Channel are confirmed.
 12. Stantec provided an update on the status and timing of the *Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment Report* (CHRAR). The CHRAR has been completed and the draft report is currently under review by MTO. Once the report has been approved it will be sent to MHSTCI for review. The CHRA fieldwork was completed in September 2019 to identify built heritage and cultural heritage

Action:

Action Item: MTO (Michelle Hedges) will work with MHSTCI to include the Little Current Swing Bridge on the list of provincial heritage properties maintained by MHSTCI

Action Item: Archaeological reports to be submitted to MHSTCI

Action Item : The CHRAR report will be

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landscapes within the area of all alignment alternatives (presented at PIC 2). Based on the findings of the draft CHRAR, the potential cultural heritage resources identified as part of this study did not have cultural heritage value or interest according to O.Reg. 9/06.

Post Meeting Note - A digital copy of the Stage 1 CHRAR was submitted to MHSTCI for review on January 15, 2020.

13. There was a discussion regarding the draft Conservation Options table (from the Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines) circulated prior to today's meeting. Stantec noted that the table is a working draft and they would like some initial feedback from the MHSTCI. The key information in the table that we have collected and summarized is really with respect to the structural reliability of the existing bridge, reliability of the only permanent crossing, traffic capacity, emergency access. The additional heritage components and the HIA will feed into this conservation options table once they are completed. Post Meeting Note – MHSTCI provided initial feedback on the draft Conservation Options table on January 14, 2020.
14. There was a discussion regarding the need for a Strategic Conservation Plan (SCP). Stantec requested that MHSTCI provide clarification on the order of completion for the HIA and the SCP. MHSTCI noted that an SCP is not a requirement of an EA process. Therefore, MHSTCI advised that MTO and Stantec focus on the requirements of the EA.
15. MHSTCI noted that HIA should be a top priority, as the discussion of alternatives appears to be pointing toward demolition. The MHSTCI advised that a HIA needs to be prepared to demonstrate how the alternatives were considered and why demolition is the only alternative. Stantec noted that they will complete the HIA within the next month and once it has been approved by the MTO, it will be shared with the MHSTCI for review..
16. MHSTCI provided an example of a conservation options table to Stantec and noted that they expect that format and level of detail in Stantec's table. MHSTCI will provide some additional examples as guidance for Stantec.
17. Stantec noted that they will complete the HIA with the Conservation Options table before the evaluation of alternatives is finalized and before going to the public with the preferred plan. Further discussions will be held with the MHSTCI as the study progresses and once the HIA is complete.
18. MHSTCI advised that visual impacts on the existing bridge should be considered in a consistent manner. For example, the CHER and SCHV have identified the existing bridge as a landmark and identifying views from Highway 6 and Little Current among its heritage attributes. The TAC/PIC presentations included renderings of the existing bridge and proposed moveable bridges only from the approach. Views from the Town of Little Current toward the bridge also need to be considered.

Action:

sent to MHSTCI for review and comment

Action Item: Draft HIA will be sent to MHSTCI for review. If, after all other alternatives have been considered, demolition is the only option, then MTO will need to request Minister's Consent.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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Summary of Action Items

1. MTO (Michelle Hedges) will work with MHSTCI to include the Little Current Swing Bridge on the list of provincial heritage properties maintained by MHSTCI.
2. Licensee to submitted archaeological reports to MHSTCI for review.
3. Draft HIA to be sent to MHSTCI for review and comment. If, after all other alternatives have been considered, demolition is the only option, then MTO will need to request Minister's Consent.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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From: [Selinger, Wayne \(MNRF\)](#)
To: [Addley, Diana](#)
Cc: [McFarling, Julie \(MNRF\)](#); melissa.delfino@ontario.ca; [Haddow, Jane \(MTO\)](#); [Cooke, Gregg](#); [Belliveau, Tim](#)
Subject: Re: Highway 6/Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00) - In-Water Work
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:01:01 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Morning Diana and thanks for the additional information, much appreciated.

Based on the info provided, I see little if any risk in extending the 2020 in-water work window through to Sept 14th to accommodate the stated geotechnical investigation.

Is this e-mail sufficient to meet your needs?

Regards,

Wayne Selinger
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MNRF Sudbury District

From: Addley, Diana <Diana.Addley@stantec.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF) <wayne.selinger@ontario.ca>
Cc: McFarling, Julie (MNRF) <Julie.McFarling@ontario.ca>; Delfino, Melissa (MTO) <Melissa.Delfino@ontario.ca>; Haddow, Jane (MTO) <Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca>; Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>; Belliveau, Tim <tim.belliveau@stantec.com>
Subject: RE: Highway 6/Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00) - In-Water Work

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Good morning Wayne,

The scope of the in-water geotechnical investigation is limited to four (4) boreholes advanced within the proposed pier locations. Each borehole will be advanced from a barge, using a casing to drill and core the bedrock. Since limited overburden is expected at the bottom of the channel (primarily rock), minimal sediment is anticipated to be generated during the in-water investigation.

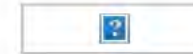
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Kind regards,

Diana Addley
Senior Environmental Planner

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From: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF) <wayne.selinger@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Addley, Diana <Diana.Addley@stantec.com>
Cc: McFarling, Julie (MNRF) <Julie.McFarling@ontario.ca>; melissa.delfino@ontario.ca; Haddow, Jane (MTO) <Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca>; Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>; Belliveau, Tim <tim.belliveau@stantec.com>
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Morning Diana,

Good thing you sent a reminder as I had missed your earlier e-mail in the scramble I guess. Sorry ... It was there but unread and buried so I would not likely have gotten back to it.

As we discussed on the phone a couple of months back, extending the in-water work window 2 weeks to mid-Sept would be relatively low risk most years in my opinion. I would, however, like to better understand the scope of work involved and ultimately the potential for sediment generation. I am assuming a few boreholes would not be a big deal at all but I really do not know what is involved and what mitigation can or cannot be employed. Can you shed any light on the process and potential for sediment generation? Just so we know what to expect.

Thanks,

Wayne

From: Addley, Diana <Diana.Addley@stantec.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Selinger, Wayne (MNRF) <wayne.selinger@ontario.ca>
Cc: McFarling, Julie (MNRF) <Julie.McFarling@ontario.ca>; Delfino, Melissa (MTO) <Melissa.Delfino@ontario.ca>; Haddow, Jane (MTO) <Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca>; Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>; Belliveau, Tim <tim.belliveau@stantec.com>
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sender.

Hello Wayne,

Could you kindly confirm your receipt of this email and associated request to obtain your approval to conduct an in-water geotechnical investigation between September 1st and 14th, 2020?

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any comments or questions, or would like to discuss anything in more detail.

Kind regards,

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From: Addley, Diana

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 11:35 AM

To: wayne.selinger@ontario.ca

Cc: julie.mcfarling@ontario.ca; Delfino, Melissa (MTO) <Melissa.Delfino@ontario.ca>; Haddow, Jane (MTO) <Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca>; Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>; Belliveau, Tim <tim.belliveau@stantec.com>

Subject: Highway 6/Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00) - In-Water Work

Good morning Wayne,

As you are aware, Stantec was retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge. As part of this Study, a geotechnical investigation is required to assess subsurface conditions and support the preliminary design for the preferred alternative, which includes advancing boreholes on land and in water (i.e., within the North Channel). As discussed, the project team wishes to schedule this investigation following the public and First Nations consultation events, tentatively scheduled for August 2020. However, based on correspondence received from MNRF to date, it is understood that the standard in-water work window for this area is July 16th through August 31st. Could we please obtain your approval to conduct the in-water geotechnical investigation between September 1st and 14th, 2020? At this time, it is anticipated that the boreholes will be advanced approximately within the area highlighted in red below. Please ensure that this potential location is held in confidence.



Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any comments or questions, or if you require any additional information.

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Robinson, Jennifer

To: Addley, Diana
Subject: RE: Hwy 6 Swing Bridge Study

From: Barbara Grigg <Deputyclerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Addley, Diana <Diana.Addley@stantec.com>
Subject: Hwy 6 Swing Bridge Study

Hi, Diana. We are in receipt of your letter of August 14, 2020 re an Update on the Swing Bridge Study addressed to Eric Russell, Reeve.

Please change your records to reflect David Jaggard as the new Reeve.

Thanks so much.

Barbara Grigg
Deputy Clerk-Administrator
Township of Tehkummah
705-859-3293

Robinson, Jennifer

From: Havelka, Tania <tania.havelka@tc.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 8:24 AM
To: Robinson, Jennifer; NPP ONT / PPN ONT
Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 3 - HWY 6 Little Current Swing Bridge EA Study
Attachments: OGN_1086_PIC3_fnl_20210122.pdf

Good morning,

Please note that I am no longer with the Navigation Protection Program. I have forwarded this email to their general email address (nppont-ppnont@tc.gc.ca).

NPP, this is for file # 8200-99-6812.

Thank you,
Tania

Tania Havelka

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations Unit - Ontario Region
Transport Canada / Government of Canada
tania.havelka@tc.gc.ca / Tel: 519-384-3339 / TTY: 1-888-675-6863

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From: Robinson, Jennifer [mailto:Jennifer.Robinson@stantec.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 5:53 PM
To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: Notice of PIC 3 - HWY 6 Little Current Swing Bridge EA Study

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Should you have any questions, comments and/or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the project team at ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca.

Kind Regards,

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Robinson, Jennifer

To: Addley, Diana
Subject: RE: Public Information Centre #3 (Virtual) - Little Current Swing Bridge Study Highway 6 GWP 5268-14-00

From: Haddow, Jane (MTO)
Sent: March 19, 2021 11:00 AM
To: 'mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca' <mmantha-qp@ndp.on.ca>
Subject: FW: Public Information Centre #3 (Virtual) - Little Current Swing Bridge Study Highway 6 GWP 5268-14-00

Mr. Mantha,

Attached, for your information, is the Notification for the virtual Public Information Centre #3 for the Little Current Swing Bridge Study by the Ministry of Transportation.

Jane Haddow
Senior Environmental Planner
MTO- Northeastern Region

Robinson, Jennifer

To: Addley, Diana
Subject: RE: Draft PIC Presentation- MHSTCI Recommendations- Highway 6/Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

From: Zirger, Rosi (MHSTCI) <Rosi.Zirger@ontario.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 9:37 AM
To: Addley, Diana <Diana.Addley@stantec.com>
Cc: Delfino, Melissa (MTO) <melissa.delfino@ontario.ca>; Haddow, Jane (MTO) <Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca>; Hedges, Michelle (MTO) <Michelle.Hedges@ontario.ca>; Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>; Belliveau, Tim <tim.belliveau@stantec.com>; Jones, Lashia <Lashia.Jones@stantec.com>; Rivard, Meaghan <Meaghan.Rivard@stantec.com>; Barboza, Karla (MHSTCI) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Draft PIC Presentation- MHSTCI Recommendations- Highway 6/Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

Good morning Diana

Thank you for sharing this material.

Regards
Rosi

Rosi Zirger | A/Heritage Advisor
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From: Addley, Diana <Diana.Addley@stantec.com>
Sent: March 30, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Zirger, Rosi (MHSTCI) <Rosi.Zirger@ontario.ca>
Cc: Delfino, Melissa (MTO) <Melissa.Delfino@ontario.ca>; Haddow, Jane (MTO) <Jane.Haddow@ontario.ca>; Hedges, Michelle (MTO) <Michelle.Hedges@ontario.ca>; Cooke, Gregg <gregg.cooke@stantec.com>; Belliveau, Tim <tim.belliveau@stantec.com>; Jones, Lashia <Lashia.Jones@stantec.com>; Rivard, Meaghan <Meaghan.Rivard@stantec.com>; Barboza, Karla (MHSTCI) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Draft PIC Presentation- MHSTCI Recommendations- Highway 6/Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

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Good morning Rosi,

Thank you for taking the time to review the presentation and provide comments on behalf of the MHSTCI.

As requested, please find a copy of a PDF version of the PIC displays for your files. The final presentation can be viewed on the project website ([Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study - Home](#)). In addition, the attached Comment/Response Table was developed to briefly describe how MHSTCI's comments were addressed in the final materials.

Kindly let us know if you have any questions and/or would like to discuss anything in more detail.

Thank you,

Diana Addley
Senior Environmental Planner
Direct: 905 415-6401
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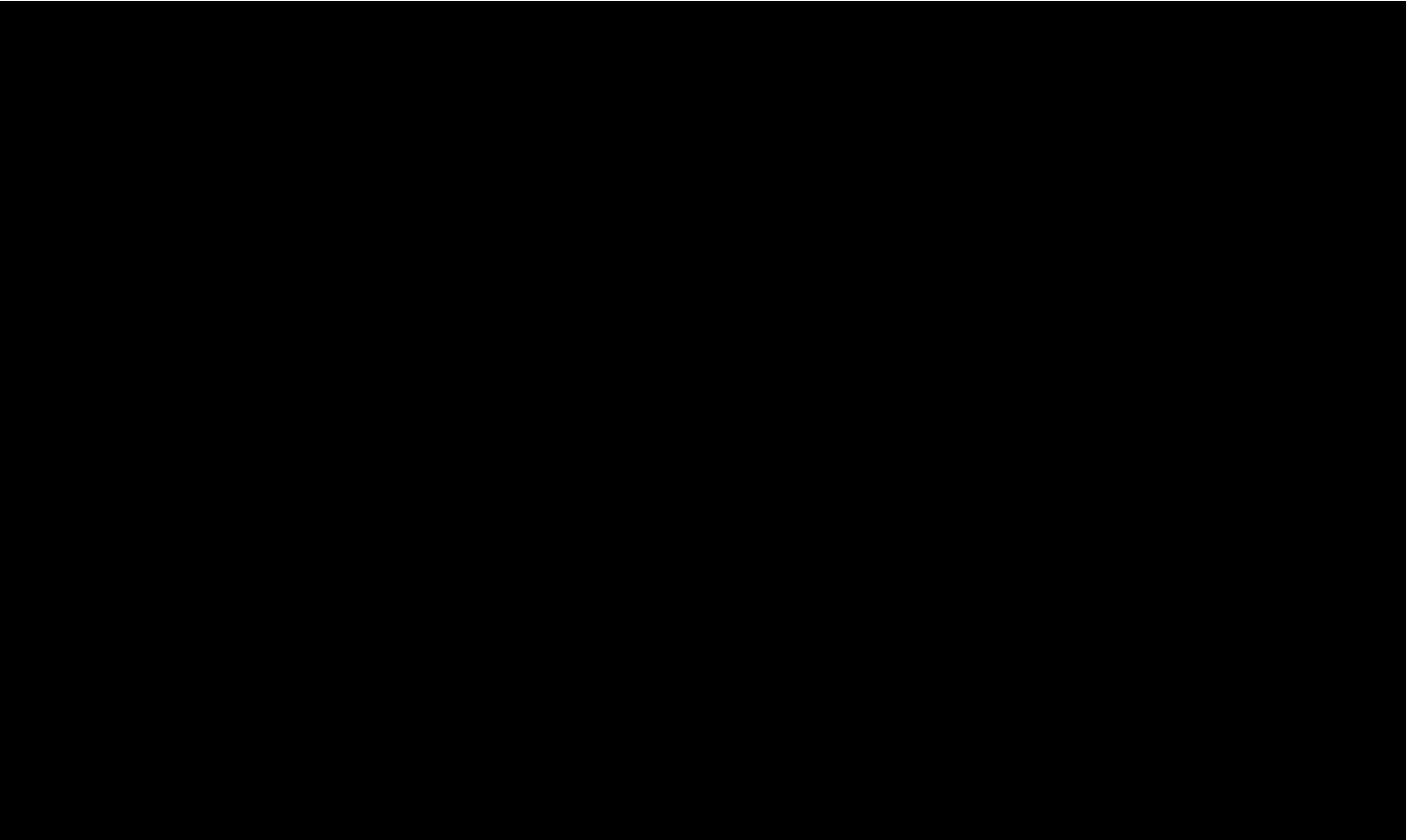
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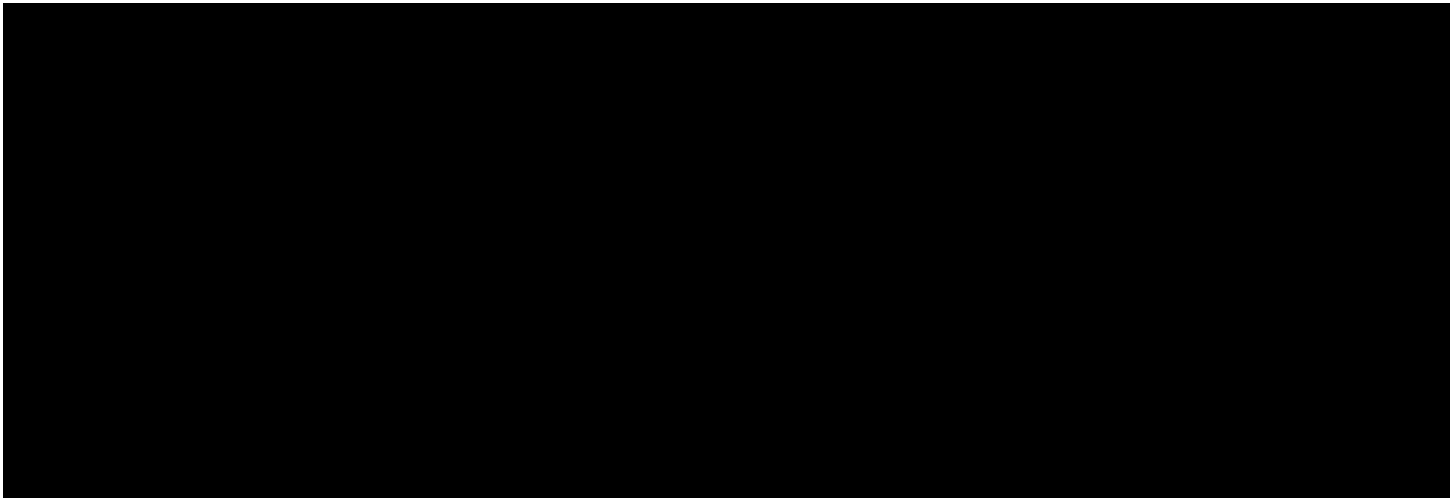
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Subject: Draft PIC Presentation- MHSTCI Recommendations- Highway 6/Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)

Good afternoon Diana

Thank you for the sending the Draft presentation material for the Online Public Information Centre 3 March 30, to April 30, 2021, available at <http://swingbridgestudy.ca/public/uploads/content/pic3/story.html>

We have reviewed the draft Presentation and provide the following recommendations:





Robinson, Jennifer

From: NPP ONT / PPN ONT <NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Robinson, Jennifer
Subject: RE: HWY 6 Little Current Swing Bridge EA

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Good morning Jennifer,

I can confirm that we have received the most recent EA study. Currently, there is no officer assigned because we have not received an application for approval. Please continue to submit stuff to our general inbox (NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca) and someone will respond.

Thank you,

Courtney Bice

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From: Robinson, Jennifer [mailto:Jennifer.Robinson@stantec.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:47 AM
To: NPP ONT / PPN ONT <NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca>
Subject: HWY 6 Little Current Swing Bridge EA

Hello,

Could you please confirm who is the new NPP contact for the file number 8200-99-6812?

We previously had Tania Havelka as our contact, but understand that she is no longer with NPP. As such we wanted to confirm who the updated contact is and ensure that they have received our recent Notice of Online PIC 3 for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge EA Study.

Thank you!

Jenn Robinson
Environmental Planner, Transportation GTA
OSEC, Markham Office
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Robinson, Jennifer

From: Robinson, Jennifer <Jennifer.Robinson@stantec.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: RE: Letter to swing bridge engineers

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study. Your comments regarding the accommodation of cyclists has been noted by the project team.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) recognizes that Highway 6 is designated as part of the Province-wide Cycling Network. The Preferred Plan, a new through-truss swing bridge, will maintain existing grades for active transportation users and is currently proposed to include a sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. In addition, a 1.5 m shoulder has been recommended on the structure that can accommodate cyclists, separated from pedestrians. The design of these active transportation facilities will be confirmed during detail design, the timing of which is currently unknown.

A portion of the existing park will be impacted to accommodate the preferred plan and associated parking area. However at this time, it is expected that the existing Highway 6 alignment in the vicinity of the existing bridge will be decommissioned following construction and operation of the new bridge, and new grass, shrubs and/or trees will be planted to mitigate the impacts to vegetation associated with the preferred plan. Site specific revegetation plans will be prepared and will use native plant species mixes. A preliminary visual representation of this transition is available for your review as part of Preferred Plan video presented on slide 19 of 23 of the Online Public Information Centre (PIC) 3 recorded presentation. Please visit the study website (www.swingbridgestudy.ca) to access a link to this presentation and video. We appreciate your suggestion of a trail connection beneath the future bridge and will keep your comment for consideration during the detail design phase of the project. As noted, the timing of this phase of project planning is currently unknown.

Thank you again for your interest in this study and for taking the time to provide your comments. With the exception of personal information, your comments will be included in the final Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). In addition, your contact information has been added to the project mailing list and you will be notified of future study milestones. Should you have any additional comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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From: Maja Mielonen <majasilk@amtelecom.net>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:56 PM

To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: Letter to swing bridge engineers

30 April 2021

Ms. Melissa Delfino, P.Eng.
Senior Project Engineer
Ministry of Transportation Northeastern Region
North Bay, ON P1B 9S9


Re: Concerns regarding cycling infrastructure on the proposed Little Current Swing Bridge

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We believe strongly in promoting physical activity and road safety in our local communities. It is with these principles in mind that we hope that our concerns will be addressed as to maximize public health, happiness, and well-being.

Regards,


President - Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates

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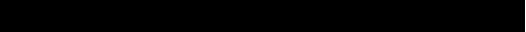
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From: 
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 4:53 PM
To: ProjectTeam@swingbridgestudy.ca
Subject: Concerns regarding cycling infrastructure on the proposed Little Current Swing Bridge

30 April 2021

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Board Member - Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates

Ms. Melissa Delfino, P.Eng.
Senior Project Engineer
Ministry of Transportation Northeastern Region
North Bay, ON P1B 9S9

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Regards,

Robinson, Jennifer

From: Wainio, Shelley (MECP) <Shelley.Wainio2@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 8:43 AM
To: Robinson, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 3 - HWY 6 Little Current Swing Bridge EA Study

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Hi Jennifer. I hope all is well. Could you please take Carrie Hutchison off the distribution list and replace it with my name. Thanks so much.

Regards,

Shelley Wainio
705-507-5136

Regional Environmental Planner

-----Original Message-----
From: Hutchison, Carrie (MNRF) <Carrie.Hutchison@ontario.ca>
Sent: July 15, 2021 2:14 PM
To: Wainio, Shelley (MECP) <Shelley.Wainio2@ontario.ca>; Majerovich, Mira (MECP) <Mira.Majerovich@ontario.ca>
Subject: FW: Notice of PIC 3 - HWY 6 Little Current Swing Bridge EA Study

Hi, hope you are doing well!

I just found the information below in my junk Email folder. You may require this, but I do hope you have it already!

C.

Carrie Hutchison
Regional Planning Coordinator
Natural Resources and Forestry Northwest Region Operations Division Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines,
Natural Resources and Forestry
Telephone: (807) 475-1522, Cell: (807) 629-7583

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D.6 Letter Notices of Study Updates





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200 – 835 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek ON L8J 0B4

August 14, 2020
File: 165001086

Attention: David Williamson, Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands
14 Water Street East
P.O. Box 608
Little Current ON P0P 1K0

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Attention: Pam Cress, Clerk

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14 Water Street East
P.O. Box 608
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Attention: Annette Clarke, CAO/ Clerk

Town of Gore Bay
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Attention: Stasia Carr, Deputy Clerk

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Municipality of Billings
15 Old Mill Road
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Attention: Bonnie Bailey, Clerk-Treasurer
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August 14, 2020
File: 165001086

Attention: William Dale Scott
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
765 Elliot Road
Mindemoya ON P0P 1S0

Dear Councillor Scott,

**Reference: Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study (GWP 5268-14-00)
Study Update**

Stantec Consulting Ltd. has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) 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 purpose of this study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing. This letter has been prepared to provide you with an update on the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study.

To date, two Public Information Centres (PICs) have been held for the study. The second PIC was held on July 17, 2019, and provided stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public with an opportunity to review the assessment of Alternatives to the Undertaking, the preliminary design alternatives, the proposed evaluation criteria and evaluation process, and to address questions or concerns directly with representatives of the project team.

Following the second PIC, the project team has been reviewing input from stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public, and is in the process of evaluating alternative design concepts. To support the evaluation process, archaeological and geotechnical field investigations will be undertaken this summer. This will include in-water and on-land geotechnical testing to determine the conditions of the subsurface and bedrock materials at the site, and Stage 2 land archaeological assessment at the north and south sides of the channel.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the third and final PIC has been delayed; however, it is anticipated that a preliminary preferred plan will be presented publicly in fall/winter 2020. The project team has been and will continue to evaluate the feasibility of in-person presentations for PIC 3; however, the team may seek to present the materials online depending on physical distancing requirements at that time. Additional information regarding PIC 3 will be provided as it becomes available. Consultation via letters, email, telephone, and the project website will continue throughout the study and the project website, www.swingbridgestudy.ca, will continue to provide project information and updates.

If you have further questions about the study, including the upcoming presentation or summer field investigations, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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November 22, 2022
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Attention: Mr. David Williamson
Chief Administrative Officer
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14 Water Street East, P.O. Box 608
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Attention: Ms. Pam Cress

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