

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



THE PROCESS

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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You are encouraged to visit the project website, www.swingbridgestudy.ca where project information is made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments to the Project Team on the project website.

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