

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



Niska Road Improvements from Ptarmigan Drive to the City Limits including Bridge Replacement over the Speed River

The Study

The City of Guelph (City) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for proposed improvements to Niska Road from Ptarmigan Drive to the City limits including replacement of the existing Bailey bridge over the Speed River. Both the roadway and the bridge are nearing the end of their useful life and require replacement due to deterioration and increasing maintenance costs. The City is proposing to replace the bridge with a two-lane bridge to provide one vehicle lane in each direction in keeping with current design standards. The City is also considering implementing sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the roadway and bridge. The site location and approximate extent of the Study Area are shown on the map.

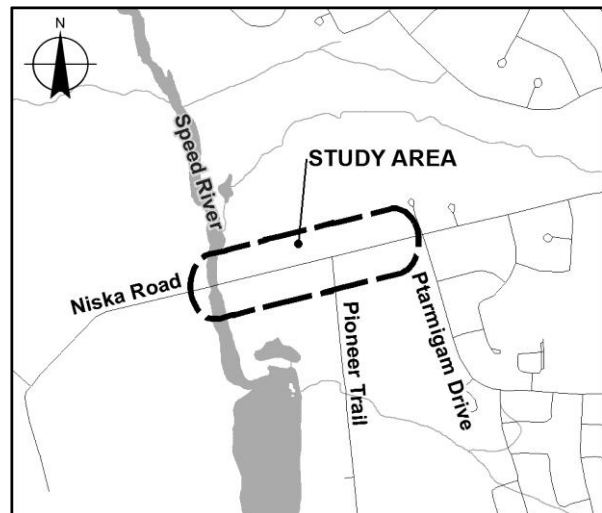
The Process

The Environmental Assessment will be conducted as a Schedule 'B' Project in accordance with the "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment" (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011) which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA process includes public and review agency consultation, an evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of potential environmental effects of the proposed improvements, and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts.

How to Participate

Later this spring, neighbourhood residents, community members and interested parties will be invited to attend a Public Information Centre to review and discuss issues related to the EA study.

The meeting date and details will be advertised and posted in the meeting and event calendar at guelph.ca. Meeting notices will also be circulated to neighbourhood residents.



For more information

Please contact either one of our project team members if you have questions, comments or would like to be added to the project mailing list.

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

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