

Appendix I: Notice of Study Completion

BACKGROUND

The Town of Hanover has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA Study) Schedule B planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to determine the preferred method of improvement to four trail bridges along the south line section of the Hanover Community Trails System, in the Town of Hanover in Grey County. **The preferred solution is to replace bridges 1 and 2 with single lane structures, rehabilitate bridge 3 and replace bridge 4, re-using the existing truss span.** The findings of the Class EA process have been documented in the Project File Report.

PROJECT CONTACTS

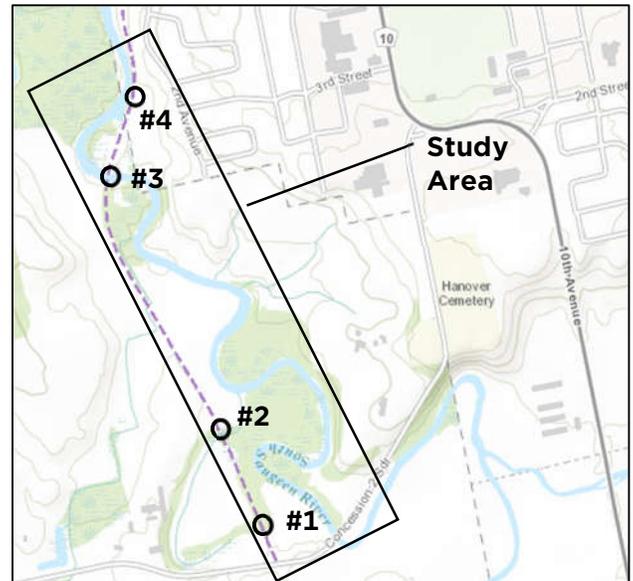
The Project File Report will be available on the Town's website at <https://www.hanover.ca/parks-and-trails>. Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **July 16, 2022**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Sherri Walden at the Town of Hanover. Project contact information is below:

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

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

The request should be sent in writing or by email to both contacts below:

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Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
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Requests should also be copied to the Town of Hanover by mail or by e-mail. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order>

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (S. 37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

This notice was issued June 16, 2022.

**Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks**

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March 7, 2022

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**Re: Hanover Community Trail Bridges Replacement
Town of Hanover
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – Schedule B
Project Review Unit Comments – Draft Project File Report**

Dear Sherri Walden,

Thank you for providing the ministry with an opportunity to comment on the draft Project File Report (Report) for the above noted Class Environmental Assessment (EA) project. Our understanding is that in order to improve four trail bridges, one which crosses the South Saugeen River and the three which cross the adjacent floodplain, the Town of Hanover (the proponent) has determined that the preferred alternative is to replace Trail Bridges 1, 2 & 4 and rehabilitate Trail Bridge 3. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) provides the following comments for your consideration.

General

- 1) Section 5.2.1 of the Report touches on requirements of the “PPS”. Although the acronym is defined in Appendix F Environmental Impact Study where these Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) requirements are elaborated upon, it is recommended that acronyms in the body of the Report be defined at the first instance of their use.

Indigenous Consultation

- 2) The proponent should continue to engage with all communities that have been engaged with to date as the Class EA process proceeds.

- 3) Please continue reaching out to communities if there are any substantial changes to the project/process or if the proponent is applying for subsequent permits from the ministry that may be of interest or concern to communities. We recommend that the proponent include the record of consultation with any subsequent applications to the ministry to help in our review of those applications.

Excess Materials and Waste

- 4) In December 2019, the ministry released a new regulation under the Environmental Protection Act, titled *On-Site and Excess Soil Management* (O. Reg. 406/19) to support improved management of excess construction soil. The regulation is being phased in over time, with the first phase in effect on January 1, 2021. For more information, please visit www.ontario.ca/page/handling-excess-soil. Further to the discussion of soils analysis in Section 5.1 of the Report, the ministry recommends that the Report indicate that activities involving the management of excess soil will be completed in accordance with O. Reg. 406/19 and the ministry's current guidance document titled "[Management of Excess Soil – A Guide for Best Management Practices](#)" (2014). All waste generated during construction must be disposed of in accordance with ministry requirements.

Groundwater

- 5) Appendix E of the Report reports that two soil samples had measurements that exceeded Table 1 (Soil, Groundwater and Sediment Standards) and Table 2.1 (Excess Soil Quality Standards). The significance of these exceedances in contaminants should be assessed to limit the spread of contamination during the construction activities.

Noise and Vibration

- 6) Section 5.3 in the Report states, "noise impacts... will primarily be an issue during construction and can be mitigated by scheduling permitted construction hours" and noise impacts are then included in the evaluation of alternatives in Section 6.0. Considerations of impact assessment and mitigation for noise are not discussed further in the Report, including in Appendix F. Please note that noise control measures should be addressed in construction mitigation plans in order to mitigate adverse noise impacts to nearby residential land uses within the study area during construction activities.

Source Water Protection

- 7) In October 2015 the Municipal Engineers Association Parent Class EA document was amended to include reference to the Clean Water Act in Section A.2.10.6 (accessible online at <https://municipalclassea.ca/manual/page19.html>), which indicates that proponents of a Class EA project must identify early in their process whether a project is or could potentially be occurring within a vulnerable area. The ministry recommends that the proponent include a section on source water protection in the main body of Report in order to clearly document how the proximity of the project to any delineated vulnerable areas was considered and assessed.

- 8) For further information about the source protection plan and assistance in identifying all applicable policies and their requirements, proponents should contact source protection program manager for the applicable source protection region (resources available online: <https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/source-water-protection/source-protection-plans-and-resources/>).

Species at Risk

- 9) Section 1.3.2 of Appendix F: Environmental Impact Study of the Report states, “An authorization or permit between the proponent and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry is required to authorize activities that would otherwise be prohibited by subsection 9(1) and 10(1) of the ESA.” Please note that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks now has responsibility of Ontario’s Species at Risk program, rather than the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and this section should be revised accordingly.
- 10) Further to Section 5.2 and Appendix F of the Report, please note that if the proposed activities cannot avoid impacting protected species and their habitats, then the proponent will need to apply for an authorization under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). If the proponent believes that their proposed activities are going to have an impact or are uncertain about the impacts, they should contact SAROntario@ontario.ca to undergo a formal review under the ESA.

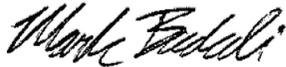
Surface Water

- 11) As part of the Class EA study, watershed information, drainage conditions, and other relevant background information for the water body are essential for assessing impacts to surrounding surface water. The environmental impact study should also investigate any surface water sources and/or discharges of water to this section of the water body. This will be helpful in identifying any other potential impacts due to changes in water quality and quantity due to bridge construction activities, especially when the construction is conducted in water.
 - 12) The environmental impact study should also identify any servicing infrastructure in the study area such as wastewater, drinking water, stormwater that may potentially be impacted by the project.
 - 13) In cases where significant surface water impacts are anticipated, it is recommended that a surface water monitoring program before and during the construction/installation of the new bridges is designed and implemented in order to establish baseline conditions as well as to track the changes in environmental conditions due to the construction activities. The ministry would like to review this monitoring program if/when it is developed.
 - 14) An approval to remove and relocate aquatic communities, if found present, during the dewatering and by-passing of the river water to facilitate the in-water construction phase is required from applicable review agencies. It is recommended that the ministry is regularly informed of critical updates/changes related to this aspect of construction work.
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Thank you for circulating this draft Report for the ministry's consideration. Please document the provision of the draft Report to the ministry as well as this Project Review Unit Comments letter in the final report, and please provide an accompanying response letter to support our review of the final report. A copy of the final Notice should be sent to the ministry's Southwest Region EA notification email account (eanotification.swregion@ontario.ca).

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at mark.badali1@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Badali". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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