NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The Corporation of the City of Barrie is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the proposed improvements on Big Bay Point Road from Huronina Road to Bayview Drive and on Bayview Drive from Little Avenue to Big Bay Point Road, as recommended in the City’s Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP) which can be viewed on the City of Barrie’s website at www.barrie.ca/masterplans. The MMATMP identified Big Bay Point Road – Huronina Road to Bayview Drive and Bayview Drive – Little Avenue to Big Bay Point Road as key transportation corridors and recommended widening Big Bay Point Road to 7 lanes with buffered bicycle lanes and Bayview Drive to 3 lanes with bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides, within the 2031 time horizon. The purpose of the Class EA is to study and assess various alternative design concepts for the implementation of the noted improvements (i.e., the manner in which bicycle lanes, sidewalks and additional vehicular lanes can be accommodated) ensuring that the physical, social, economic, heritage and environmental effects are considered.

Map of Study Area

Other Considerations
Other infrastructure improvements being considered in conjunction with the transportation improvements include the replacement of existing infrastructure which has reached the end of its service life, a new trunk watermain on Bayview Drive and a review of the storm water conveyance system.

Study Process
The Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study will follow the planning and design process for Phases 3 & 4 of Schedule C projects as described in the Municipal Class EA documents for Municipal Road Projects (2005), published by the Municipal Engineers Association and revised in 2007 and 2011. This study will complement the Phases 1 & 2 requirements that were addressed as part of the MMATMP.

Purpose of Notice
The purpose of this notice is to invite public agency input and comment early in the Class EA process so as to inform of the development of the design alternatives. Further opportunity for public input and comment will be provided at a Public Information Centre (open house) during which time the various alternative design solutions and the assessment of each will be presented. Notice for the Public Information Centre (PIC) will be provided in advance.

Should additional information be required or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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