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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
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To All Area Residents / Business Owners / Tenants / Agencies:

**Re: Bell Farm Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Phase 3 & 4
Public Information Centre**

The Corporation of the City of Barrie (City) is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address transportation improvements on Bell Farm Road, as recommended in the City's Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP) pursuant to the approved procedures, as defined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment dated June 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011. This letter is to advise you of the upcoming activities for this Class EA.

The MMATMP completed Phases 1 & 2 of the Class EA process and was endorsed by Council on December 2, 2013 (Council Direction Memorandum 13-G-289). The MMATMP recommended that the west section of Bell Farm Road be widened to 3-lanes with bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The east section of Bell Farm Road would be widened to include buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road (4-lanes would be maintained). Please refer to Figure 1 attached to this document identifying the east and west sections of Bell Farm Road.

The City is now proceeding with Phases 3 & 4 of the Municipal Class EA process and has retained the consulting firm BTE Engineering Ltd. to develop and evaluate various alternative designs and complete the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

The public is invited to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) to review and provide comments on preliminary alternative road cross-section concepts. Project team members will be available at the PIC to answer questions and discuss any concerns the public may have. The PIC is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 23, 2016, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the Rotunda at City Hall (1st Floor)**. Comments and responses received from this PIC will be considered in the development of a preliminary preferred design alternative which will be presented to the public at a second PIC in 2017.

A Study Design Report is available on the City's web site at www.barrie.ca/eastudies under the project heading "Bell Farm Road & Ross/Collier/Bayfield Streets Transportation Improvements". This document outlines the study process and road cross-section alternative concepts.

A comment sheet has been included with this letter to allow the public and review agencies the opportunity to provide input / comments regarding this study and indicate if they would like to be kept informed. Please return comment sheets by **December 7, 2016**.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Brett Gratrix at (705) 739-4220, extension 5117, or e-mail Brett.Gratrix@barrie.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Gratrix", written over a horizontal line.

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Figure 1

Map of Study Area

