The Corporation of the City of Barrie is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address transportation improvements on Bell Farm Road (see Study Area Figure) to determine the most appropriate design for future reconstruction and widening, as recommended in the City’s Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP).

The preferred alternative solution from Phase 1 & 2 of the Class EA process completed as part of the MMATMP was endorsed by Council on December 2, 2013 (Council Direction Memorandum 13-G-289).

The City of Barrie is now proceeding with Phase 3 & 4 of the Class EA process as described in the Municipal Class EA document, published by the Municipal Engineers Association (revised 2015). The Corporation has retained the consulting firm Bytown Engineering to develop and evaluate various alternative designs and to complete the Environmental Study Report.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 2016, in the Rotunda at City Hall from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend the PIC to review and provide comments on alternative design concepts. Project team members from Bytown Engineering and City staff will be available to discuss issues and concerns with members of the public. 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 draft study design report and comment sheet is available at www.barrie.ca/eastudies under the Bell Farm Road & Ross/Collier/Bayfield Streets Transportation Improvements heading.

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