

HARVIE ROAD, ESSA ROAD AND BRYNE DRIVE MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY (PHASES 3 & 4)

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The City of Barrie is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to address transportation improvements along Harvie Road, Essa Road and Bryne Drive (See Figure 1 – Study Area). The purpose of this Notice is to announce the Study Commencement and the Public Information Centre (PIC) and to invite all those interested in the Study, to attend to review the material and provide comments.

Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA process were completed as part of the City's Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP), which recommended that the preferred solution is to widen these roadways to accommodate growth in the City of Barrie to 2031. The MMATMP was endorsed by Council on December 2, 2013 (Council Direction Memorandum 13-G-289). Subsequently, the City undertook an update to the Bryne Drive Master Plan in 2016, which included further investigations and recommendations for improvements within the Study Area.

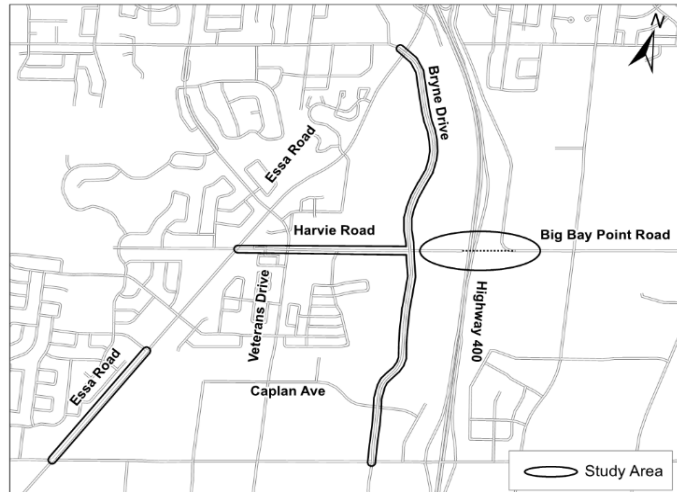


Figure 1: Study Area

The City of Barrie is now proceeding with Phases 3 and 4 of the Schedule 'C' Municipal Class EA (October 2000, as amended in 2015). The City has retained Hatch

Corporation to undertake the Class EA including the development and evaluation of alternative design concepts, while considering the impact on the natural, cultural, social and technical environments, as well as to document the planning and decision making process in an Environmental Study Report (ESR).

Hatch is also undertaking the Detailed Design of the Harvie Road - Big Bay Point Road - Highway 400 Overpass (See Figure 1). The overpass is proposed to connect Harvie Road (on the west) and Big Bay Point Road (on the east) as per the recommendations in the MMATMP. Information on the progress of this project will also be presented at the PIC, including detailed design, construction staging and future temporary road closures.

The Public Information Centre (PIC) has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday June 22nd, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Holly Community Centre – Multi-Purpose Room
 171 Mapleton Avenue, Barrie, Ontario

The PIC will consist of an informal drop-in session where attendees can review the project information and ask questions. Comments received from the PIC will be considered prior to identifying the preferred design concept. Both City staff and members of the Hatch Project Team will be available to discuss issues and concerns with all those in attendance. Should additional information be required, or should you wish to be added to the project contact list for future updates regarding the studies, please contact:

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Comments regarding this project are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all other information received may be included in project documentation and become part of the public record.

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