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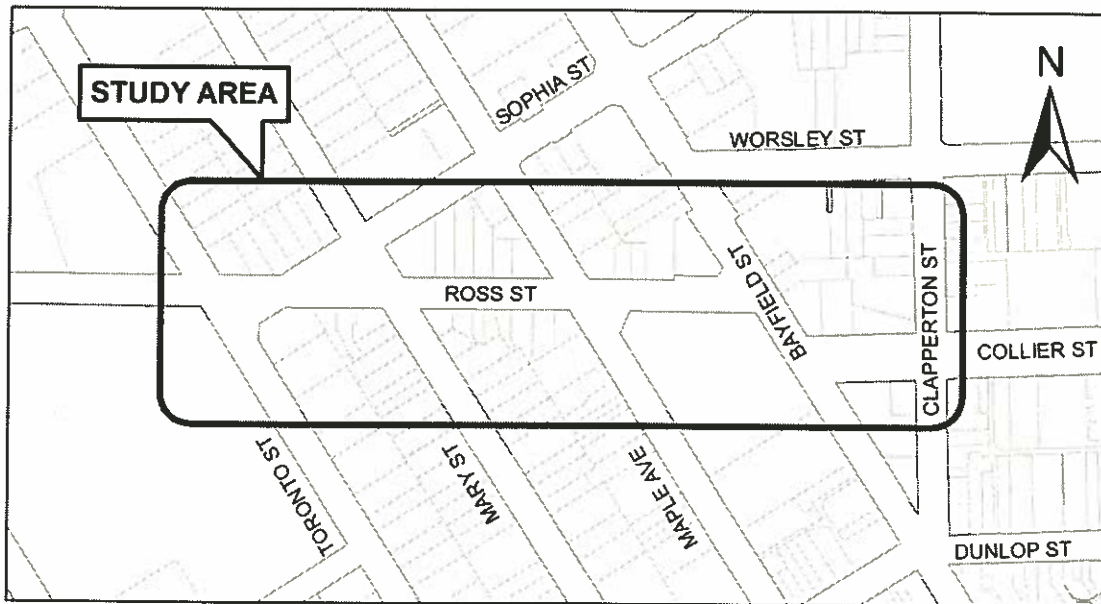
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To All Area Residents / Business Owners / Tenants / Agencies:

**Re: Ross Street / Collier Street / Bayfield Street
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Phase 3 & 4
Notice of Public Information Centre**

The Corporation of the City of Barrie is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address transportation improvements at the intersection of Ross Street, Collier Street and Bayfield Streets extending from Toronto Street to Clapperton Street (see Study Area figure below), as recommended in the City's Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP); <http://www.barrie.ca/City%20Hall/growth/Pages/DocumentsResources.aspx>.



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 commenced with Phases 3 and 4 of the Schedule "C" Municipal Class EA in September 2016. The MMATMP recommended the following:

- Ross/Collier/Bayfield Intersection – Realignment of Ross Street from Maple Avenue to Collier Street through 56 Bayfield to align with Collier Street;
- Ross Street – 27 m Right-Of-Way (ROW), 3 lanes, sidewalks on both sides and buffered bike lanes;
- Bayfield Street – 20 m ROW, 2 lanes, sidewalks on both sides and buffered bicycle lanes; and
- Collier Street – 30 m ROW, 3 lanes, sidewalks on both sides and buffered bicycle lanes.

On November 23, 2016, a Public Information Centre (PIC) was held at City Hall to present various alternative designs and background information. Subsequent to the PIC, the Consulting Team and City staff have identified a preliminary technically preferred alternatives derived from the evaluation of alternative designs and public input.

Ross Street, Collier Street, Bayfield Street
Class EA Phases 3 & 4

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A second PIC is scheduled for Wednesday May 3rd, 2017 in the Rotunda at City Hall, 70 Collier Street, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to present the preliminary technically preferred alternatives and solicit input from the community. The format of the PIC will be an informal drop-in session where individuals can review project display panels outlining the study process, alternative evaluation and technically preferred alternative. The Consulting Team and City staff will be available to answer questions and discuss any issues or concerns with members of the public.

The preliminary technically preferred alternatives are as follows:

Ross / Collier / Bayfield Street Intersection:

- 40 m Inscribed Circle Diameter Roundabout located at the intersection of Ross Street and Bayfield Street with the following associated improvements:

Street	From	To	Description
Ross Street	Toronto Street	Maple Avenue	Implement shared lane marking (sharrows) indicating the roadway is a shared lane route for both cyclists and automobiles. Maintain existing ROW.
Ross Street	Maple Avenue	Bayfield Street	Minor street realignment for the west roundabout approach. Minor property requirements for intersection improvements.
Bayfield Street	Sophia Street	Ross Street	Lane reduction (3 to 2) and parking stall removal (5 stalls) for the north roundabout approach. Maintain existing ROW.
Bayfield Street	Ross Street	Collier Street	Raised median to channelize westbound traffic into the roundabout. Maintain existing ROW.
Collier Street	Bayfield Street	Clapperton Street	Raised median to channelize westbound traffic into the roundabout. Westbound Collier Street to southbound Bayfield Street via roundabout. Minor property requirements for intersection improvements.

All improvements include sidewalks on both sides and provision for shared lane markings for cyclists where appropriate in consideration of the roundabout.

Detailed figures illustrating the proposed improvements and property requirements can be found in the draft Environmental Study Report and project display panels, which will be available on the project website at www.barrie.ca/eastudies under the project heading "Bell Farm Road & Ross/Collier/Bayfield Streets Transportation Improvements" on May 3, 2017. A comment sheet has been included with this letter. City staff kindly request that all comments be submitted no later than May 17, 2017. Comment sheets are also available online at the project website.

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

Yours truly,



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