October 29, 2010

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

RE: Harvie Road / Big Bay Point Road / Highway 400 Transportation Improvements
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA)
Public Information Centre

The Corporation of the City of Barrie is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address transportation issues on Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road at Highway 400 (see attached Figure 1) pursuant to the approved procedures, as defined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment dated June 2000 as amended in 2007. This letter is to advise you of the upcoming activities for this Class EA.

The Problem Statement, which sets the framework for this Class EA, is as follows:

“That existing traffic and infrastructure deficiencies be corrected in an environmentally friendly manner which also meets future transportation needs.”

The purpose of this Class EA is to:

- Assess the existing transportation system in and adjacent to the study area;
- Identify deficiencies to the existing transportation system;
- Identify the location, extent, and sensitivity of the existing natural, social, heritage and economic environment within the study area;
- Establish appropriate measures required to mitigate any adverse impacts to property and the natural environment resulting from proposed transportation improvements; and
- Provide a conceptual design, cost estimates, and sequencing requirements associated with the proposed alternative solution.

The City of Barrie is updating Phase 2 of the Schedule “C” Municipal Class EA (October, 2000, as amended in 2007). The Corporation has retained the consulting firm Morrison Hershfield to develop/evaluate alternative solutions, recommend a Preferred Alternative Solution and document the entire Class EA planning process in a report.

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, in the Sir Robert Barrie Room, located on the 2nd Floor, City Hall, 70 Collier Street, to receive comments regarding the proposed alternative solutions (including the potential for a new highway crossing or highway interchange) in the draft Harvie Road / Big Bay Point Road / Highway 400 Transportation Improvements Class EA report. These comments will be used to develop a Preferred Alternative Solution.

The draft Class EA document will be available online at www.barrie.ca on Friday, November 5, 2010. A copy of the draft Class EA document outlining the planning, approval, problem identification, and preliminary impact assessments of the various alternatives, will also be available for review on Friday, November 5, 2010, at the following locations:

| City of Barrie Clerk’s Office 1st Floor City Hall 70 Collier Street | City of Barrie Engineering Department 6th Floor City Hall 70 Collier Street | Barrie Public Library Information Desk 60 Worsley Street |
The following alternatives will be presented at the PIC (please see draft Class EA document for additional information).

**Alternative 1 - “Do Nothing”**
The “Do Nothing” option corresponds to the existing conditions. Under this option, no improvements or changes to the road system would be made to solve the identified problem and, as such, the problem would remain and, in fact, worsen as traffic volumes continue to increase over time.

**Alternative 2 - Highway Crossing**
Three (3) lanes per direction with additional turning lanes crossing Highway 400 with no access onto Highway 400.

**Alternative 3 - Highway Interchange**
Three (3) lanes per direction with additional turning lanes crossing Highway 400 with access onto and from Highway 400.

Following the completion of the PIC, and in consideration of all concerns raised through review agency and public comment, the preferred alternative solution will be identified and appropriately documented in the Class EA report. This report and accompanying recommendations will then be submitted to City Council for ratification. Those individuals and parties that requested to be kept informed of the Class EA process will be notified of the date that General Committee will be presented the preferred alternative solution so that deputations can be coordinated at the next scheduled Council session, if required.

Upon approval of the preferred alternative solution, the study will continue in accordance with Phases 3 and 4 of the Class EA process which will develop and evaluate alternative design concepts to implement the preferred alternative solution. Additional public consultation and coordination with City of Barrie Staff and Council will occur throughout these stages, culminating with a preferred design for the road improvements.

A comment sheet has also been included to allow the public and government review agencies the opportunity to provide input/comments regarding this study. All comment sheets are to be returned by **Friday, December 3, 2010**, to:

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Should you wish any further information, please contact the above.

Yours truly,

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