



## MUNICIPAL CLASS EA PROCESS

### TOWN OF MATTAWA

# DORION ROAD HILL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

*The Town of Mattawa is undertaking the study of the proposed Reconstruction of the Dorion Road Hill and is planning this project under Schedule 'B' (Municipal Road Projects) in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class E.A.*

The proposed undertaking extends from Highway 17 approximately 450 meters southerly for roadwork that will involve reduction of the existing Dorion Road Hill gradient from approximately 12% to approximately 8% and will incorporate a new curve alignment at the top of the hill and improvements at the Highway 17 intersection. The Project Study Area extends to 750 meters southerly from Highway 17 and includes temporary storage of blast rock and excess soil.

The purpose of this handout is twofold:

- to provide an overview of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process; and
- to explain the role of the public in the process and opportunities to get involved

## ONTARIO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

The purpose of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) is “the betterment of the people of the whole or any part of Ontario by providing for the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment”. Environment is applied broadly and includes the natural, social, cultural, built and economic components.

Environment Assessment (EA) is a decision making process to promote good environmental assessment planning. The key features are:

- Early consultation
- Consideration of a reasonable range of alternatives
- Assessment of environmental effects
- Systematic evaluation of alternatives
- Clear documentation and traceable decision making

There are 2 basic types of EA processes:

- **Individual EA** · requires Terms of Reference approved by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE)  
· requires that EA report be submitted to MOE for review and approval by the province
- **Class EA** · Project is approved subject to compliance with an approved Class EA process for a group or “class” of projects

## MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Municipal Class EA is an approved Class EA process which applies to municipal infrastructure projects including roads, water, wastewater and transit.

**There are four types of projects or activities:**

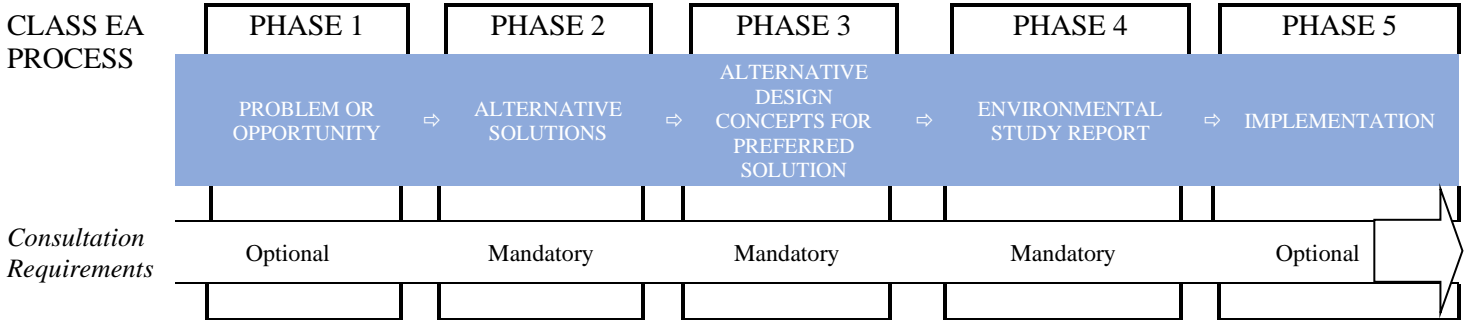
- Schedule 'A'** · municipal maintenance, operational and emergency activities  
· pre-approved therefore municipality can proceed without further approval under the EA Act
- Schedule 'A+'** · pre-approved, however, the public is to be advised prior to project implementation
- Schedule 'B'** · projects with the potential for some adverse environmental effects  
· these are approved subject to a screening process including consultation with directly affected public and agencies
- Schedule 'C'** · projects with the potential for significant environmental effects which must proceed under the planning and documentation procedures outlined in the Municipal Class EA document

**THE DORION ROAD HILL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A  
SCHEDULE 'B' PROJECT**

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The role of those members of the public with an interest in a study is to provide background information to advise the proponent of their support and concerns, and to review and provide comments and input about the study findings.

The opportunity to get involved will usually be done through notices in the newspaper. This is, however, the minimum and on many projects there will be additional opportunities for example, to attend public information centers, community workshops and/or municipal council meetings. Members of the public with an interest in the study should ask to be placed on the study mailing list to receive notification of the consultation opportunities for a specific project



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

To provide your comments or to be placed on the study mailing list, please contact the following:

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### *Change in Project Status – Appeal Provision*

*It is recommended that all stakeholders (including the proponent, public and review agencies) work together to determine the preferred means of addressing a problem or opportunity. If you have any concerns, you should discuss them with the proponent and try to resolve them. In the event that there are major issues which cannot be resolved, you may request the Minister of the Environment by order to require a proponent to comply with Part II of the EA Act before proceeding with a proposed undertaking which has been subject to Class EA requirements. This is called a Part II Order. The Minister will make one of the following decisions:*

1. *deny the request*
2. *refer the matter to mediation*
3. *require the proponent to comply with Part II of the EA Act by one of the following:*
  - *submitting the ESR for government review and approval; or*
  - *completing an individual EA for government review and approval; or*
  - *preparing a Terms of Reference governing the preparation of an Individual EA.*

*Additional information regarding this appeal process may be obtained from [https://www.ontario.ca/page/class\\_environmental\\_assessment\\_Part\\_II\\_order](https://www.ontario.ca/page/class_environmental_assessment_Part_II_order)*

*All stakeholders are urged to try to resolve issues since it is preferable for them to be resolved by the municipality in which a project is located, rather than at the provincial level.*