

The County of Peterborough Public Works Department will complete an update of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process and ensure all individuals and groups who made submissions to County Council, and anyone else interested in following the process who have registered with the Clerk are updated every 60 days. These updates will be sent on the 15th of May, 2010 and subsequently every second month on or around the 15th. **This is the fourth and final update as part of the process.**

From this point forward, we would encourage all interested parties to follow the progress of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment on the County of Peterborough web site: www.county.peterborough.on.ca

Construction at the Airport site is well underway, including the construction of the turning circles (cul-de-sacs) at each point of closure. The City of Peterborough's contractors have been working diligently to complete their project and City staff are confident they will meet their proposed completion date. The cul-de-sacs have been graded and the paving will take place soon.

County staff have conducted pre-road closure and post road closure traffic counts and turning movement counts at the intersection of County Road 28 and Airport Road as the first step in conducting a technical analysis of the impact of the road closure on the safe operation of the intersection. Staff presented the results in a report to County Council at the meeting of September 1. County Council passed a resolution directing staff to install a flashing beacon at the intersection of Airport Road and County Road 28. Staff have completed the communication and design phase of this operation and have awarded the work. We expect the installation of the flashing beacon to be complete by mid-December.

County staff have also completed the grading, paving and ditching in the vicinity of the intersection of Airport Road and Bartlett Road and plan to complete the guiderail adjustment within the next few weeks. This work will mitigate the spring seasonal flooding that takes place some years.

Public Works staff developed the Terms of Reference for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Consulting Engineering Services for the County Transportation Network in the General Area of the Peterborough Regional Airport. The contract for the completion of this project was awarded to Genivar Consultants LP and work has commenced on the Environmental Assessment. Genivar is still in the process of collecting technical information related to the project. The initial Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives of the County of Peterborough, Townships of Cavan-Monaghan and Otonabee-South Monaghan, City of

Peterborough, and the Ministry of Transportation met on August 31 to initiate the process. Subsequent meetings of the group have taken place on October 18 and November 18 to review the Draft Study Design, discuss traffic issues in the area, proposed environmental field reviews the study commencement notice and Public Information Centre (Public Meeting) letter, and initial alternatives screening discussions.

The Public Notification to Commence the Project will be issued within the next week.

The 1st Public Information Centre meeting will be held at:

**The Orange Lodge
9 Whitfield Road
Fraserville, Ontario**

on

**Thursday, December 9, 2010
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

We encourage all interested individuals to attend the meeting to meet representatives of the County of Peterborough and our consultants, Genivar Consultants LP. We will have exhibits which will provide details of the project and staff will be available to discuss the project and any concerns you might have with you.

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) is a process that was developed jointly by the Ministry of the Environment and Municipal Engineers Association to facilitate the planning, design and construction of road, water and wastewater projects. The Class EA document is prepared by the proponent in accordance with the approved terms of reference. The Class EA document outlines the planning process to be followed, as well as the categorization of projects. It is submitted to the Ministry for review and a decision following the EA process. Once approved, the proponent can follow the streamlined EA process as outlined in the approved Class EA document to plan the listed activities.

The appeal mechanism for Class EA projects is a Part II Order request. The request must be made in writing to the Minister of the Environment or delegate. Ministry staff will review the request, consult with appropriate persons, and make a recommendation to the Minister or delegate who is ultimately responsible for making a decision.

For more information on the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, go to <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/eaab/class-environmental-assessments.php>

At any time, should there be questions related to this project, please contact Chris Bradley, Director of Public Works.

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