

# Appendix F: Consultation and Engagement

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# Birch Avenue Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

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Public Engagement and Communications Strategy



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# 1 Study Approach

## 1.1 Introduction

The City of Hamilton has retained IBI Group to conduct the Birch Avenue Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA). The City is planning to convert Birch Avenue from one-way to two-way traffic, and the MCEA is required to develop a preferred solution that resolves drainage and bridge clearance issues, and best accommodates all modes of travel including transit, traffic, walking and cycling.

This document is a Consultation and Engagement strategy for the MCEA. It includes two key components:

1. **Stakeholder Management Plan** - which provides an overview of the key audiences that will be engaged, and a demonstration of our commitment to the planning process; and
2. **Engagement and Communication Plan** – an overview of the proposed consultation and engagement techniques and tactics which will be used to gather input over the course of the study, including the proposed public information centre (PIC)

The strategy has been developed as a flexible guide for this study. It should be considered a living document that may evolve over time.

## 1.2 Background

Birch Avenue, between Burlington Street East and Barton Street East, currently has three lanes in the southbound direction. The Road was identified as a preferred candidate for two-way conversion in the City's 2018 Transportation Master Plan. While the conversion to two-way traffic is pre-approved under the MCEA process, there are a number of other physical and operational constraints to be resolved in the EA.

The road has three rail bridges referred to in the City's database as Bridges 330, 331, and 332. Bridge 330, south of Burlington Street E, is a CN spur line that serves industrial users in the area. Bridge 332 north of Barton Street is CN's mainline to the USA. Both Bridge 330 and Bridge 332 have vertical clearance below standards and are a safety risk for tall vehicles. Bridge 331 south of Brant Street is abandoned and slated for removal.

There are drainage and stormwater issues along the corridor and in particular at the rail crossings where the road elevation is below the water table. These areas are prone to flooding, and this complicates the bridge clearance issue as lowering the roadway to improve clearance will worsen the drainage issue.

The City has identified Birch Avenue as an active transportation corridor with preliminary plans for a multi-use trail along the west side of the road, though plans are to be reviewed and refined as part of the EA.

The City is also preparing for the construction of the Hamilton Transit Maintenance and Storage Facility at 80 Brant Street (with access off of Birch Avenue), which will generate bus traffic and employment traffic along the corridor. The EA will develop recommended traffic control and lane configuration for the road.

## 1.3 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Process

This plan assigns an appropriate level of engagement to each audience and provides a mechanism to gain input on the study. Specifically, the objective is to engage and consult with

stakeholders and the community in an open and transparent process. The process will adhere to relevant MCEA and regulatory requirements (e.g. AODA).

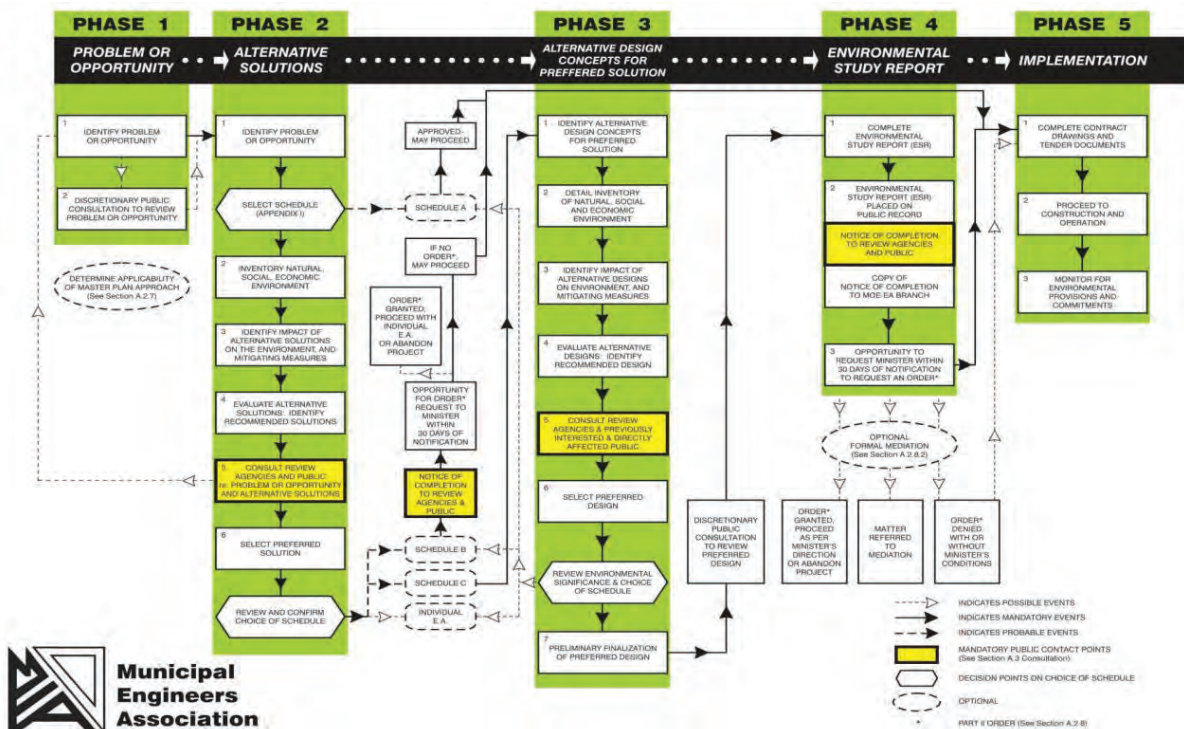
If the City proceeds with a road clearance solution that impacts stormwater management, potential options to address this may include works that require a Schedule B Environmental Assessment under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (2000, as amended to 2015).

The Schedule B process generally includes improvements and minor expansions to existing facilities where there is the potential for some adverse environmental impacts, and therefore, the municipality is required to proceed through a screening process including consultation with those who may be affected.

Schedule B covers the first two phases of the MCEA process (Exhibit 1):

- Phase 1 Problem or Opportunity:** which identifies the deficiency or opportunity. The problems or opportunities may or may not be evident to the public, but it is necessary to document factors which lead to the conclusion that an improvement or change is needed. The outcome of this phase is a clear statement of the problem or opportunity being addressed.
- Phase 2 Alternative Solutions:** develops alternative solutions that can solve the problem and evaluates them against natural, social and economic environments criteria. This step includes taking an inventory of the natural, social and economic environments and provides consultation with review agencies and the public to solicit comments and inputs. The outcome of this phase is the selection of the preferred solution.

Exhibit 1: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process



## 2 Stakeholder Management Plan

This section provides an overview of the key audiences and the level of engagement considered appropriate for each audience.

### 2.1 Audience Groups

The core audiences have been segmented into stakeholder groups that are internal to the City's public servants and external to it. The individuals and groups have been listed below.

#### **Project Management and Project Team**

The study will be carried out under the direction of the Project Team comprised of staff from the City of Hamilton and IBI Group:

- Megan Salvucci, Project Manager, Asset Management, City of Hamilton
- City of Hamilton representatives from:
  - Asset Management
  - Design
  - HSR
  - Hamilton Water
  - Cultural Heritage
  - Natural Heritage
  - Transportation Planning
  - Transportation Operations & Maintenance
- Bruce Mori, Project Director, IBI Group
- Scott Johnston, Project Manager, IBI Group
- Trevor Jenkins, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, IBI Group

The Project Management team has responsibility for coordination and delivery of the study.

#### **Technical Agencies and Utilities**

Key external technical agency and utility contacts are listed in Exhibit 2. These agencies will be involved as needed. Additional agencies and utilities may be involved, and will be circulated notices such as Notice of Study Commencement/PIC and Notice of Study Completion.

##### **Exhibit 2: Key External Review Agencies and Utilities**

| ORGANIZATION                    |
|---------------------------------|
| CN Rail                         |
| Hamilton Conservation Authority |
| Hydro One                       |
| Metrolinx                       |
| Alectra Utilities               |

## **Council & Senior Management Team**

Members of City Council, including the Ward 3 Councillor, and the City's Senior Management Team will be involved and engaged as needed.

## **Residents, Property Owners and Businesses**

Individuals who live, work and own property within the study area will be a key audience group.

## **2.2 Incorporating Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Practices**

The City of Hamilton's ['Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Handbook' \(Draft\)](#) was reviewed to identify EDI practices that could be incorporated into this study. The handbook provides advice and guidance on overcoming barriers to community engagement, which may include:

- Language limitations;
- Accessibility concerns;
- Lack of time and resources (e.g. childcare, transportation);
- Lack of trust in governments and institutions; and,
- Fatigue from past engagements that led to few or no results.

### **2.2.1 Planning Inclusive Events**

The venue and date of the Public Information Centre (PIC) will be selected in the Fall. The following criteria will be considered when picking a site and date:

- Checking to make sure that the date does not conflict with special events, such as religious ceremonies, celebrations or special days;
- Holding the PIC at a time that is convenient to most people (e.g. businesses, residents);
- Providing adequate notice for participants to make necessary arrangements for transportation, attendant or childcare. Note that the MCEA regulations prescribe notification procedures that the study must adhere to;
- The venue will be accessible by public transit and will meet modern accessibility requirements (e.g. wide aisles for those using mobility devices, accessible parking, washrooms, accessible parking);
- Providing necessary accessibility services at the event if requested before the PIC (e.g. interpretation services, ASL); and
- Strive for a venue with a gender-neutral washroom or, at a minimum, trans-friendly restrooms.

The venue for Project Team Meetings will be meeting rooms located at the City of Hamilton's offices at City Centre, which is assumed to be compliant with the above.

### **2.2.2 Managing Inclusive Events**

The execution of the PIC and Project Team meetings will adopt the following principles:

- Will have IBI Group staff attend the events that have completed Accessible Customer Service training;
- Ensure staff are trained to use pronouns preferred by transgender people;



- Collecting feedback through a variety of channels;
- Identifying and using the City of Hamilton’s Indigenous land acknowledgement protocol;
- Notifying community groups and partners of the study to help increase participation;
- Include information on accessible services at the facility and the transportation options available; and,
- Not using language that may be offensive to different groups, and attempting to make sure that staff represent a diverse group, whenever possible.

### **2.2.3 Equity and Inclusion in Communications**

Communication materials for this study will incorporate the three principles identified in the handbook whenever possible under the MCEA process requirements:

1. People have different communication needs (literacy, visual and auditory) and consume information differently. Communication materials should be varied and able to address differing communication needs of individuals;
2. Communication materials should be readily accessible, distributed in a variety of locations, and available in both traditional and non-traditional spaces; and
3. Written texts should be simple, easy to understand, and available in the different languages and cultural frameworks of the stakeholders.

Achieving this can be done by:

- Breaking down complex technical ideas into language that is simple, easy to understand and respectful of diversity. Options to do this may include using charts, pictures, pictograms and other visual materials to overcome literacy and language barriers;
- Images used in materials will primarily be of the Study Area (a roadway), so it is unlikely that they will include representations of people. If photos do contain people, the effort will be taken to ensure they are reflective of the population and equity-seeking groups. These groups include all aspects of diversity including, but not limited to: gender, gender expression, age, ability, race, religion, culture, sexual orientation and socio-economic status;
- Communications will be free from jargon, slang, colloquialisms and unfamiliar expressions unless required by the environmental assessment process or other regulatory/legislative requirement;
- Speech, written materials and any other programming materials produced for this study will use inclusive language, which may include accessibility/inclusionary symbols on marketing materials;
- Communication materials will aim to accommodate different visual, auditory and linguistic abilities as applicable to relevant environmental assessment process or other regulatory/legislative requirements. All materials will be made WCAG AA accessible. When communicating ideas at the Public Information Centre and Project Team meetings, a variety of mediums may be used to convey ideas including text, speaking, charts, photos, diagrams, pictograms and other forms.
- Content will be made available through a variety of ways, including through the in-person Public Information Centre, on the project website, and via phone through the City’s Project Manager. We suggest the Project File Report be made available in

community facilities located nearby to the study area, such as Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre.

- All materials will identify a project contact(s). The contacts will be the individuals to whom feedback and requests for additional information can be sent. The contacts will likely be the City and Consultant project managers.
- Materials will use AODA supportive fonts, sizes, styles and colouring.

### 3 Engagement Activities

The engagement activities planned for the Study are in Exhibit 3.

**Exhibit 3: Proposed Engagement Activities for the Birch Ave MCEA**

| Activity                          | Audience  | Content/Approach  | Goal   | Deliverable  | Timeline              |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Engagement Plan</b>            |   |   |  |  |                       |
| <b>Project Team Meeting #1</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Team</li> </ul>  | Initial kick-off meeting. IBI Group will present the understanding of the issues, review the work plan, and gather information from the City's subject matter experts.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation of IBI Group's understanding of the issues.</li> <li>Gather additional insight and information from the Project Team.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting minutes.</li> </ul>                   | Tuesday July 9, 2019  |
| <b>Project Team Meeting #2</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Team</li> </ul>  | Review emerging findings of alternatives considered and discussion on proposed approach.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate feedback/discussion on alternatives considered and address technical issues that are identified</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting minutes.</li> </ul>                   | September 23, 2019    |
| <b>Project Team Meeting #3</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Team</li> </ul>  | Review findings of technical studies, structural assessment, future transportation assessment and emerging findings of water, storm and sanitary assessment.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect feedback on the future transportation assessment and water, storm and sanitary assessment.</li> </ul>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting minutes.</li> </ul>                   | October 2019          |
| <b>Public Information Centre</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul>   | Open house event to present the problem/opportunity statement, alternatives considered, criteria used to evaluate the options, and the preliminary preferred option. The intent is to generate feedback and build buy-in from community partners. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify any issues or opposition to the study from stakeholders and the public, and address them as appropriate.</li> </ul>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Information Summary Report.</li> </ul> | November 11, 2019     |
| <b>Project Team Meeting #4</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Team</li> </ul>  | Confirm the preferred solution and discuss the draft Project File Report.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm the preferred solution.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting minutes.</li> </ul>                   | October/November 2019 |
| <b>Council Presentation</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Council</li> <li>Public</li> </ul>  | Present recommended solution for Council endorsement.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval to Issue Notice of Completion</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC</li> </ul>                                | Winter 2020           |
| <b>Key Stakeholder Engagement</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agencies</li> <li>Public</li> <li>Staff</li> <li>Interested Parties</li> </ul> | Engage key stakeholders in compliance with MCEA requirements and as per the request of the stakeholder. Further communications may be required with certain stakeholders during detailed design.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive support for the preferred solution</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC</li> </ul>                                | Ongoing               |

## 4 Communication Activities

The engagement activities planned for the Study are in Exhibit 4.

**Exhibit 4: Proposed Communication Plan for Birch Avenue MCEA**

| Activity                            | Audience  | Content/Approach  | Goal  | Deliverable  | Timeline     |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--------------|
| <b>Project Website</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul> | Post project materials (including all notices, boards, summary report) as they become available.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure materials are available.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice of Study Commencement.</li> </ul>                      | Ongoing      |
| <b>Notice of Study Commencement</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul> | <p>The Notice of Study Commencement to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published twice in the same newspaper; once two weeks before PIC and once one week before PIC;</li> <li>Mailed to adjacent property owners, Indigenous Communities and other key stakeholders; and,</li> <li>E-mailed to all stakeholders and Indigenous Communities.</li> </ul> <p>Follow-up calls to Indigenous Communities one week after issuing the Notice to confirm receipt.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandatory MCEA Point of Contact #1.</li> <li>Identify any issues or opposition to the study and address them, as appropriate.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice of Study Commencement prepared by the City.</li> </ul> | October 2019 |
| <b>Notice of Completion</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul> | Same approach as for the Notice of Study Commencement.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandatory MCEA Point of Contact #2.</li> <li>Confirm the preferred solution and address outstanding concerns, as appropriate.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice of Completion prepared by the City</li> </ul>          | Winter 2020  |

## 5 Deliverables

The following deliverables will be provided during the course of this assignment:

- Notice of Study Commencement and Notice of Study Completion, prepared by the City;
- Four Project Team meetings, including all materials and meeting minutes;
- One Project webpage, hosted by the City; and,
- Documentation of all correspondence for the final Project File report.

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| <b>City of Hamilton Staff and Committees **TO BE SENT ELECTRONIC COPY OF MAILOUT**</b> |                   |              |  |                                   |                                  |                          |                    |                    |                            |
| Addington  | David             | Mr.          | Heritage Planner                                   | Planning & Economic Development   | 71 Main Street West, 6th Floor   | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x1214 |                            |
| Ammendolia   | Carlo             | Mr.          | Manager, Development Engineering Construction      | Planning & Economic Development   | 71 Main Street West, 6th Floor   | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x2155 |                            |
| Ariyo  | John              | Mr.          | Manager, Community Initiatives                     | Community & Emergency Services    | 28 James Street North, 5th Floor | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K1            | 905-546-2424 x1564 |                            |
| Bainbridge   | Mark              | Mr.          | Director, Water and Wastewater Planning & Capital  | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 400       | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x5929 |                            |
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| DiDomenico   | Jennifer          | Mr.          | Manager, Policy and Programs                       | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 400       | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x5596 |                            |
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| Ferguson   | David             | Mr.          | Superintendent, Traffic Safety                     |                                   |                                  |                          |                    |                    |                            |
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| Graham   | Cynthia           | Ms.          | Manager of Landscape Architectural Services        | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 400       | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 3K3            | 905-546-2424 x2337 |                            |
| Grice  | Andrew            | Mr.          | Director, Hamilton Water                           | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 400       | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x1461 |                            |
| Hollingworth   | Brian             | Mr.          | Director, Transportation Planning and Parking      | Planning & Economic Development   | 77 James St. N., Suite 400       | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x2953 |                            |
| Jacobson   | Kris              | Mr.          | Director, LRT Project Office                       | Planning and Economic Development | 36 Hunter Street East            | Hamilton, ON             | L8N 3W8            | 905-546-2424 x6396 |                            |
| Kerr-Wilson  | Ian               | Mr.          | Manager of Heritage Resource Management            | Planning and Economic Development | 28 James Street North, 2nd Floor | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K1            | 905-546-2424 x1747 |                            |
| Kessler  | Raymond           | Mr.          | Manager, Real Estate                               | Planning and Economic Development | 71 Main Street West, 7th Floor   | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x7019 |                            |
| Kiddle   | Melissa           | Ms.          | Natural Heritage Planner (Suburban)                | Planning & Economic Development   | 71 Main Street W., 5th Floor     | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x1290 |                            |

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| Lam              | Judy              | Ms.          | Manager, Urban Renewal   | Planning & Economic Development   | 71 Main Street West, 7th Floor          | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x4178  |               |
| Leendertse       | Ken               | Mr.          | Director, Licensing and By-Law Services                                    | Planning & Economic Development   | 77 James Street North, Suite 250        | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x3059  |               |
| Leitch           | Stuart            | Mr.          | Manager, Capital Delivery  | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 400              | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x7808  |               |
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| McGuire          | Gord              | Mr.          | Director, Engineering Services   | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 320              | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x 2439 |               |
| McKinnon         | Dan               | Mr.          | General Manager  | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 320              | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2313        |               |
| Molloy           | Steve             | Mr.          | Manager, Transportation Planning & Parking Planning & Economic Development | Planning & Economic Development   | 77 James St. N., Suite 400              | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x2975  |               |
| Murdoch          | Craig             | Mr.          | Director of Environmental Services   | Public Works                      | 77 James St. N., Suite 400              | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x4490  |               |
| Paparella        | Guy               | Mr.          | Director of Growth Planning  | Planning & Economic Development   | 71 main St W 6th flr                    | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x5607  |               |
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| Posedowski       | Bert              | Mr.          | Manager of Water & Wastewater Systems Planning                             | Public Works                      | 77 James Street North, Suite 400        | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K3            | 905-546-2424 x 3199 |               |
| Purser           | Nancy             | Ms.          | Manager, Transit Support Services  | Public Works                      | 2200 Upper James Street                 | Hamilton, ON             | L0R 1C0            | 905-546-2424 x1876  |               |
| Robichaud        | Steve             | Mr.          | Director of Planning   | Planning & Economic Development   | 71 Main Street West, 6th Floor          | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x4281  |               |
| Sergi            | Tony              | Mr.          | Senior Director, Growth Management   | Planning & Economic Development   | 71 Main St W 6th flr                    | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x2274  |               |
| Sharma           | Dipankar          | Mr.          | Senior Project Manager, Asset Management                                   |                                   |   |                          |                    |                     |               |
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| Thorne                        | Jason             | Mr           | General Manager  | Planning & Economic Development | 71 Main Street West, 7th Floor      | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x4339                     |                                |
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| Winters                       | Nick              | Mr.          | Director, Water and Wastewater Operations                          | Public Works                    | 330 Wentworth Street North          | Hamilton, ON             | L8L 5W2            | 905-546-2424 x1474                     |                                |
| Field                         | Mike              | Mr.          | Manager, Traffic Operations & Engineering                          | Public Works                    | 1375 Upper Ottawa St.               | Hamilton, ON             | L8W 3L5            | 905-546-2424 x4345                     |                                |
| Yong-Lee                      | Sally             | Ms.          | Manager, Infrastructure Planning                                   | Planning & Economic Development | 71 Main Street West, 7th Floor      | Hamilton, ON             | L8P 4Y5            | 905-546-2424 x1428                     |                                |
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| D'Angelo                      | Rom               | Mr.          | Director, Facilities Management and Capital Programs               | Public Works                    | 28 James St. N., 2nd Floor          | Hamilton, ON             | L8R 2K1            | 905-546-2424                           | rom.dangelo@hamilton.ca        |
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# Birch Avenue Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

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Public Information Centre Summary



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**Appendix A: Notifications**

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# 1 Introduction

This report summarizes the public feedback collected during the Public Information Centre (PIC) of the Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Birch Avenue between Burlington Street East and Barton Street East, in the City of Hamilton.

The PIC was held on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre (192 Wentworth Street N., Hamilton) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event followed a drop-in format, and provided opportunities for attendees to learn about the project and provide their input. The purpose of the PIC was to:

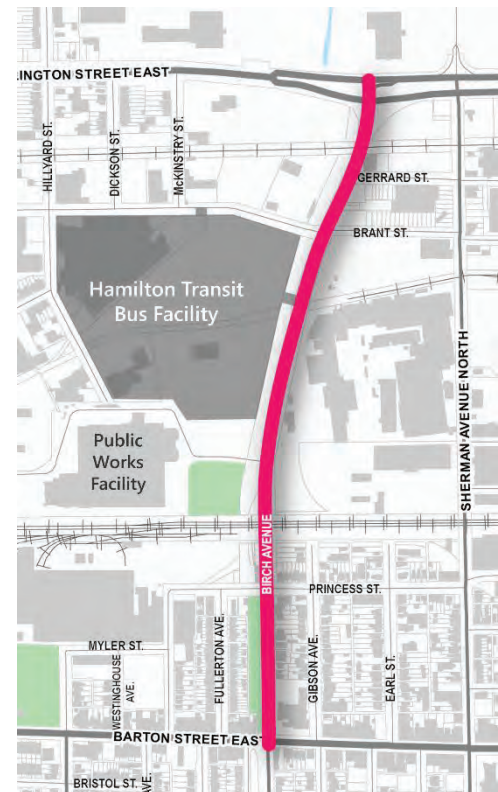
- Introduce the study to the public and stakeholders;
- Review the issues, needs and opportunities that can be improved upon when two existing bridges on Birch Avenue are replaced;
- Present the alternative solutions and preliminary preferred solution to address existing drainage issues;
- Understand concerns and feedback related to the project and the alternative solutions; and,
- Provide an opportunity to participate in the planning and decision making process, by providing comments to the Project Team.

## 1.1 Project Background

The City of Hamilton initiated an environmental assessment following Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for Birch Avenue between Burlington Street and Barton Street (Exhibit 1). The EA was initiated in fall 2019 with circulation of the Notice of Commencement.

The trigger for the EA is the need to address drainage issues along the corridor, particularly flooding issues at Bridges 330 and 332. The secondary focus is to address substandard road clearance under two bridges, and implement previously-approved plans to add cycling infrastructure along the corridor and implement two-way traffic. The preferred drainage solution will be influenced by decisions respecting the secondary focus areas.

**Exhibit 1: Study Area**

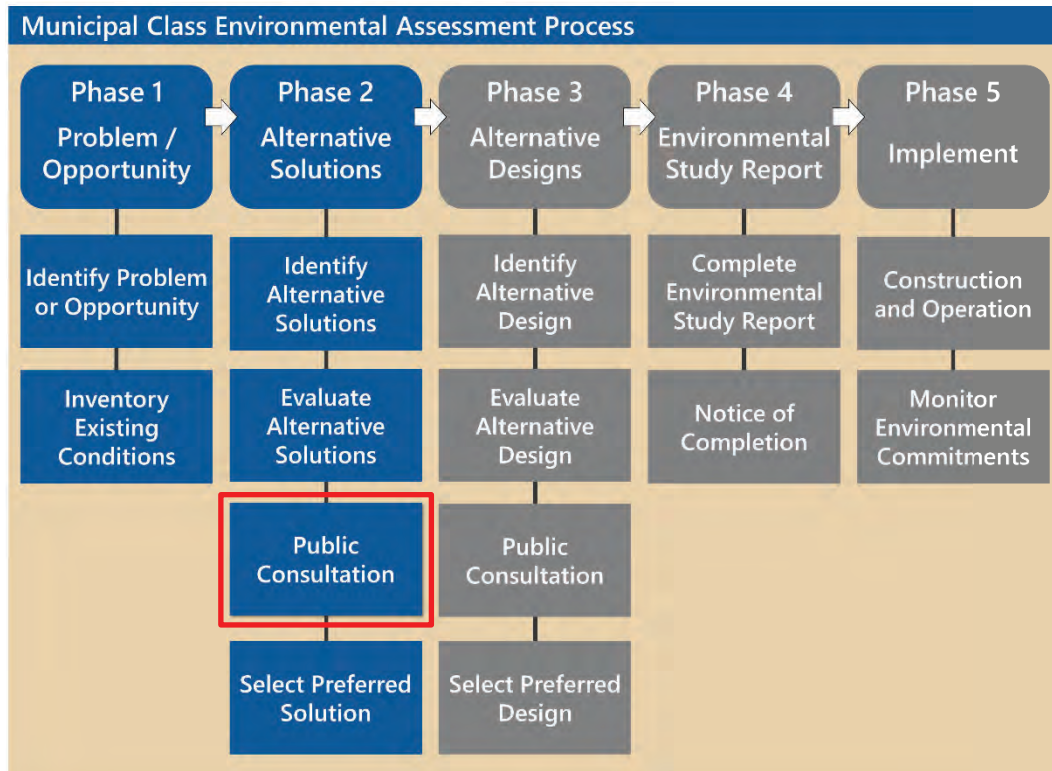


## 1.2 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process

The study is being completed as a Schedule B project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015). Schedule B projects are required to complete Phases 1 and 2 of the process (Exhibit 1.2) and prepare a Project File Report.

This report summarizes the public consultation for the Phase 2 activities.

**Exhibit 1.2: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process**



## 2 Notification of Public Information Centre

The notice for the Open House was published and distributed with the Notice of Study Commencement. The notice was sent to potentially interested stakeholders, local residents, Indigenous communities, utilities and agencies, and the broader public through a variety of channels noted below. Copies of PIC notice, letters and other promotions are included in **Appendix A**.

Notifications were distributed to stakeholders and potentially interested parties, as well as published in print and digitally to the general public:

- **Newspaper Notification:** the notification was published in the Hamilton Spectator on November 1 and 8, 2019;
- **Indigenous Communities:** notifications were sent on October 21, 2019 by letter and email. Phone calls were also made in the weeks following to each community;
- **Agency and Technical Stakeholder:** notifications were sent on October 21, 2019 by letter. Some received an additional email on October 29, 2019;
- **Community Groups and Associations:** notifications were sent on October 29, 2019 by email;
- **Property Owners and Occupants:** the notification was mailed to all property owners and occupants on October 21, 2019; and,
- **Project Website:** the notification was posted on the project website ([hamilton.ca/BirchEA](http://hamilton.ca/BirchEA)).

The notices provided the following information:

- Notice of Study Commencement;
- Purpose, time, and location of the PIC;
- A project description and map of the study area;
- Contact information for the City project manager; and,
- Information on further opportunities to participate.

## 3 Information Presented

The PIC was set-up as a drop-in, open house format. Representatives from the City of Hamilton, HSR, Ward 3 Councillor's Office, and IBI Group were present to talk with attendees and answer questions.

Twenty-one presentation boards were arranged in an easy-to-view format, and provided information on the study process, the EA process, the various design alternatives and evaluation, the findings of the supporting studies and steps moving forward (Exhibit 3.1). The boards was posted to the project website following the PIC and is included in **Appendix B**.

### Exhibit 3.1: Presentation Boards Presented at the PIC

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Welcome                         | 11. Active Transportation Alternatives    |
| 2. Introduction and Study Area     | 12. Active Transportation Evaluation      |
| 3. How to Participate              | 13. Bridge/Drainage Alternatives          |
| 4. Corridor Needs and Issues       | 14. Bridge/Drainage Alternatives (1)      |
| 5. Improvement Opportunities       | 15. Bridge/Drainage Alternatives (2)      |
| 6. MCEA Process                    | 16. Evaluation Process And Criteria       |
| 7. Problem/Opportunity Statement   | 17. Step 1: Feasibility Screening         |
| 8. Cultural Environment            | 18. Step 2: Technical Evaluation          |
| 9. Social and Economic Environment | 19. Preliminary Preferred Bridge Solution |
| 10. Traffic Operations (2031)      | 20. Drainage Strategy                     |
|                                    | 21. Moving Forward                        |

## 4 Attendance

A total of two individuals signed-in at the PIC. A total of eleven project team representatives attended, including staff from the City of Hamilton and HSR, the Ward 3 Councillor's office and IBI Group.

Attendees were able to participate by:

- Reviewing the information boards to learn more about the topics the study covers;
- Giving feedback directly on the boards using sticky notes;
- Completing a comment sheet available at the PIC and submitting it in-person, or by mail/email after the event;
- Discussing concerns with members of the project team and other representatives in-person;
- Signing-up to the Project Mailing List to receive project updates; and,
- Submitting comments, questions, or feedback before or after the PIC by email, mail, or telephone. The deadline for submitting comments to be part of this report was Monday, November 25, 2019 (two weeks after the PIC).

## 5 Comments and Questions Received

The comments received at the PIC are summarized in Section 5.1, while feedback received outside of the event is documented in Section 5.2.

### 5.1 Comments Received at PIC

An attendee talked to project team members and noted that:

- They had experienced flooding issues along the corridor, which they felt posed a safety concern and were supportive of addressing the issue; and,
- Discussed the history of the area, including it once being part of Hamilton Harbour/the Sherman Inlet.

No other comments, either verbally or through a comment sheet, were received at the PIC.

### 5.2 Other Comments Received

The comment period was open until Monday, November 25, 2019, two weeks after the PIC. The City of Hamilton sent out a Tweet on November 20, 2019 requesting feedback from residents. A copy of the Tweet is included in **Appendix A**.

No submissions were received.

## 6 Summary

An extensive effort was undertaken to notify and engage stakeholders about the ongoing project, including direct mail outs to residential and commercial property owners and occupants, Indigenous communities and other potentially interested groups. The feedback that was received was supportive of addressing the drainage issues along the corridor.


# Appendix A: PIC Notifications

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Figure 1: Hamilton Spectator Notice – November 1, 2019

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# CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICES

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**NOTICES**

**PROPOSED INCREASE TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**What?**  
 The Planning Committee will consider a report, which includes a draft by-law, proposing an increase of approximately 2.4% to existing fees to cover reasonable expected costs for activities performed under the Building Code Act, 1992.

**When?**  
**December 3, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Where?**  
**Council Chambers**  
 City Hall  
 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

**How?**  
 If you would like to submit a written comment, you can send an email to Jorge Caetano (contact info below). If you'd like to speak at the meeting on December 3, 2019 you need to register with Clerk by noon on December 2, 2019 by contacting Lisa Chamberlain at 905-546-2424 ext. 4605 or email Lisa.Chamberlain@hamilton.ca.

**Contact:**  
 Jorge Caetano  
 Manager, Plan Examination  
 Building Division  
 Planning and Economic Development Department  
 Phone: (905) 546-2424 extension 3931 • Email: Jorge.Caetano@hamilton.ca

**NOTICES**

**CITY OF HAMILTON - SALE OF LANDS FOR TAX ARREARS**

**TAKE NOTICE** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday November 12, 2019 at the Citizen Service Centre 1st Floor City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON. The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 2:10 p.m. local time in Room 264 of City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON.

**Description of Land**

1. **333 East Avenue North**  
 Roll No. 030.216.05960  
 PT LT 18, Pt 35, As in CD282465; Hamilton  
 PIN # 17187-0039 (LT)  
 0.06AC 23.250FR 123,000 more or less  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 165,000  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 153,750)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 62,169.00**
2. **48 East 23rd Street**  
 Roll No. 070.673.06100  
 LT 33, Pt 435, ST LIFE INTERESTS IN HL101099; Hamilton  
 PIN # 17054-0161 (LT)  
 0.07AC 25.00FR 127,000 more or less  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 187,000  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 169,500)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 18,964.67**
3. **83 Smith Avenue**  
 Roll No. 030.217.06150  
 PT LT 25, Pt 234, As in CD10893; Hamilton  
 PIN # 17184-0159 (LT)  
 0.06AC 20.50FR 123,000 more or less  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 188,000  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 175,750)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 35,288.26**
4. **CANCELLED**
5. **1501-500 Green Road**  
 Roll No. 003.044.22000  
 Unit 1, Level 14, Wentworth Condominium Plan No. 65;  
 Pt L15, 2 Pt L1011, As in Declaration LT64417,  
 Amended by LT68739; Stoney Creek City of Hamilton  
 PIN # 18065-0209 (LT)  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 191,000  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 184,000)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 24,915.18**
6. **CANCELLED**
7. **1699 Upper James Street**  
 Roll No. 071.131.00400  
 PT LT 6 CON 1 GLANFORD  
 PT 1, 2, 3, 4 62R16373; City of Hamilton  
 PIN # 16506-0129 (LT)  
 0.71AC 189.05FR 163,040 more or less  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 1,019,000  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 969,374)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 164,966.16**
8. **0 Broadway Avenue**  
**NOTE: PROPERTY CURRENTLY HAS NO ROAD FRONTAGE, NON-BUILDABLE, LOCATED IN RURAL ZONE (RU)**  
 Roll No. 260.260.47200  
 LTS 282 TO 285 PLAN 604;  
 Hamiltorough, City of Hamilton  
 PIN # 17906-0210 (LT)  
 0.62AC 200.00FR 134,000 more or less  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 24,200  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 22,300)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 6,297.81**
9. **27 Old Orchard Drive**  
 Roll No. 050.461.03690  
 LT 40, Pt. 1067, ST SA59820 Hamilton  
 PIN # 17306-0019 (LT)  
 0.71AC 58.00FR 130,000 more or less  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 394,000  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 326,500)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 30,042.32**
10. **103-130 Wellington Street North**  
 Roll No. 030.211.52946  
 Unit 3, Level 1, Wentworth Standard Condominium Plan No. 492 and its appurtenant interest;  
 City of Hamilton  
 PIN # 18492-0003 (LT)  
 According to the last returned assessment roll the assessed value of land is: \$ 208,000  
 (2019 phased-in assessed value is: \$ 202,250)  
**Minimum Tender Amount \$ 22,544.76**
11. **CANCELLED**

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the City of Hamilton.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters included to any environmental concerns, zoning compliance, access or work orders relating to the lands to be sold. Any existing Federal or Provincial liens or encumbrances will remain on title and may become the responsibility of the potential purchaser. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001, and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as land transfer tax. Failure to complete the transaction by the successful bidder (highest or if failed, second highest bidder) will result in the forfeiture of their deposit.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and can also be found on the City of Hamilton Web site at [www.hamilton.ca/salesproperties](http://www.hamilton.ca/salesproperties).

For further information regarding this sale, including an updated list of properties still available for sale, go to the City of Hamilton Web site at [www.hamilton.ca/salesproperties](http://www.hamilton.ca/salesproperties), or contact:  
 Rick Male, Director of Financial Services, Taxation  
 City of Hamilton, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5  
 Attn: Rob Divinski, Tax Billings and Collections Administrator  
 Tel: (905) 546-2424 ext. 6196 • Fax: (905) 546-2449  
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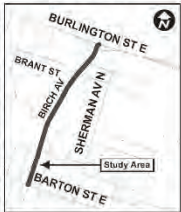
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**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT & PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES (PICs)**

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**THE PROCESS**  
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**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**  
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**DATE:** Monday, November 11, 2019  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (open house/drop in format)  
**LOCATION:** Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre,  
 132 Wentworth Street North

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Figure 2: Hamilton Spectorator Notice – November 8, 2019

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## Officer believed Divers had gun under shirt, inquest hears

Says initial plan was to arrest suspect, but situation changed when Divers reached into his waistband

**CARMELA FRAGOMENI**  
 THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

The constable who shot and killed Anthony Divers in 2016 says he felt he was going to die when it looked like Divers had a gun pointed at him from under his clothing.

Const. Nicholas Cercone said he fired two shots when Divers did not comply with demands to show his hands and took a step toward him.

Cercone testified Thursday at an inquest into Divers' death, saying that now, three years later, "I would not change a thing... Nobody would act that way unless he wanted me to think he had a gun... I was floored when I found out he didn't have one."

The shooting happened just before midnight on Sept. 30, 2016, in the middle of James Street South near the underpass, on a busy Friday night.

Hamilton police had been looking for Divers, 36, after receiving a 911 call a half-hour earlier from his estranged wife, Madeleine, saying that he had

just punched her in the face outside Club Seventy-Seven and Dirty Dog Saloon, where she worked as a security guard.

In that call, she says Divers is "really dangerous," high on crystal meth and fentanyl, and that she doesn't know if he has a gun. She also said Divers has a court order to stay away from her.

Cercone, then a constable for only nine months, was on patrol when he heard on the police radio to be on the lookout for Divers — and that he might be armed. Another officer at Club Seventy-Seven responding to the 911 call radioed in that Divers' wife said he had a Glock pistol with him earlier in the day.

Cercone had met Divers three weeks earlier, when he and another officer responded to a "person in crisis" call from Divers' sister Leslie to find Divers because he was suicidal.

They found Divers at a church clinic, but after talking to him, had no concerns and left.

"He seemed normal. He didn't appear to be on drugs. He was

very co-operative that day," Cercone said.

But Cercone learned from other officers that Divers had a violent criminal record, including manslaughter, and "was a really dangerous guy."

So, on Sept. 30, Cercone knew Divers had been staying with his sister on the Mountain. He drove to James Street South in case Divers was there to catch a bus to his sister's.

When Cercone saw Divers on James, between Bald and Augusta streets, and their eyes locked, Divers ran off and Cercone gave chase.

By that time, "I clearly heard multiple times he may be armed," Cercone testified.

Cercone said he didn't draw his gun until Divers yelled to the roadway, "I lifted his sweater, and put his hand in his waistband, digging in like he was grabbing something. I believed he was reaching for a firearm. At that point I drew my firearm... I thought he was going to shoot me. I was terrified."

Cercone yelled, "Police. Don't move," but said Divers didn't listen and kept walking further into the road.

Cercone said his initial plan had been to arrest Divers, but

the situation changed completely when Divers reached into his waistband.

"Now, it's a person I believed is going to shoot me," he said.

"I felt like I was going to die. I was feet away from a person I thought wanted to kill me and I thought he had a gun."

When Cercone yelled at Divers to get down on the ground or he was going to shoot, Divers shrugged. "That's when I transitioned my finger slowly on the trigger," he said, adding he was well aware if Divers had a gun under his shirt, a bullet could fire through the sweater at him.

"He forced me into a situation where I had to confront him by myself... I couldn't believe he made me do that," he said.

The inquest has heard evidence of Divers' struggles with mental health, street drugs and suicidal thoughts. But Cercone said the idea of a suicidal person never came up in the 911 call or in communications that night.

"The entire time I was yelling commands — show me your hands, get down, get down on the ground... I believe I tried my best to portray to Mr. Divers that I did not want to shoot him."

"I did not feel safe, but I did

not want to shoot him, and go through this nightmare," he said.

"The entire time, I was yelling commands — show me your hands, get down, get down on the ground. The fact he wasn't complying, I got more and more scared."

A Special Investigations Unit (SIU) report 11 months later, in 2017, found Cercone was "justified" in firing at Divers.

Psychiatrist Dr. Mirna Goldstein testified earlier on Thursday on her review of Divers' medical records for the nine months before he was shot. He was admitted to the psychiatric ward at times, sometimes involuntarily and sometimes voluntarily under the Mental Health Act.

Goldstein concluded that, in her opinion, Divers suffered from substance-induced psychosis, severe alcohol disorder likely due to his crystal meth use, and personality disorders.

She noted he was "acutely intoxicated (by drugs) at the time of his death and had been increasingly out of touch with reality."

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**NOTICES**

**EXPLORING HAMILTON'S GROWTH TO THE YEAR 2041**

**What does this mean?**

Join the City of Hamilton for a discussion about the future growth of our city. To plan for this growth, there are 2 processes underway – GRIDS 2 (Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy) and the MCR (Municipal Comprehensive Review).

**GRIDS 2 and the MCR**

- GRIDS 2 and the MCR are planning for population and employment growth in the city from 2031 to 2041
- GRIDS 2 and the MCR are now combined into 1 transparent, integrated process to involve citizens and stakeholders
- It will review how and where additional growth can be accommodated and impacts on Infrastructure Master Plans

**What's happening now?**

The City of Hamilton wants to hear from you at one of our upcoming Open Houses.

**What are we asking citizens to provide their thoughts on?**

- Growth through intensification and an appropriate intensification target for the city
- Density of development in the city's greenfield (new development) areas and an appropriate density target for these areas
- Draft results of the Employment Land Review (review of the City's employment lands to determine if any lands should be converted to a non-employment use)
- The elements to consider when evaluating different growth areas

**What's the format of the Open House?**

- The drop-in, open discussion allows citizens to attend freely at their leisure
- While there's no formal presentation, citizens are able to ask questions and provide their feedback throughout the Open House

**When and Where?**

Afternoon and evening sessions are being held at 4 locations across the city:

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019**  
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm AND 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
 David Braley Centre – Auditorium  
 100 Main St. West, Hamilton

**Thursday, November 28, 2019**  
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm AND 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
 Battlefield House Museum & Park – "Cellar at Grand"  
 77 King St W, Stoney Creek

**Monday, December 2, 2019**  
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm AND 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
 Dundas Town Hall – Auditorium  
 60 Main St., Dundas

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**  
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm AND 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
 St. Naum of Ohrid Macedonian Orthodox Church – Hall  
 1150 Stone Church Road E, Hamilton

For more information, please go to: [www.hamilton.ca/grids2-mcr](http://www.hamilton.ca/grids2-mcr)

**CONTACT US:**  
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Figure 3: Sample letter sent to Indigenous Communities

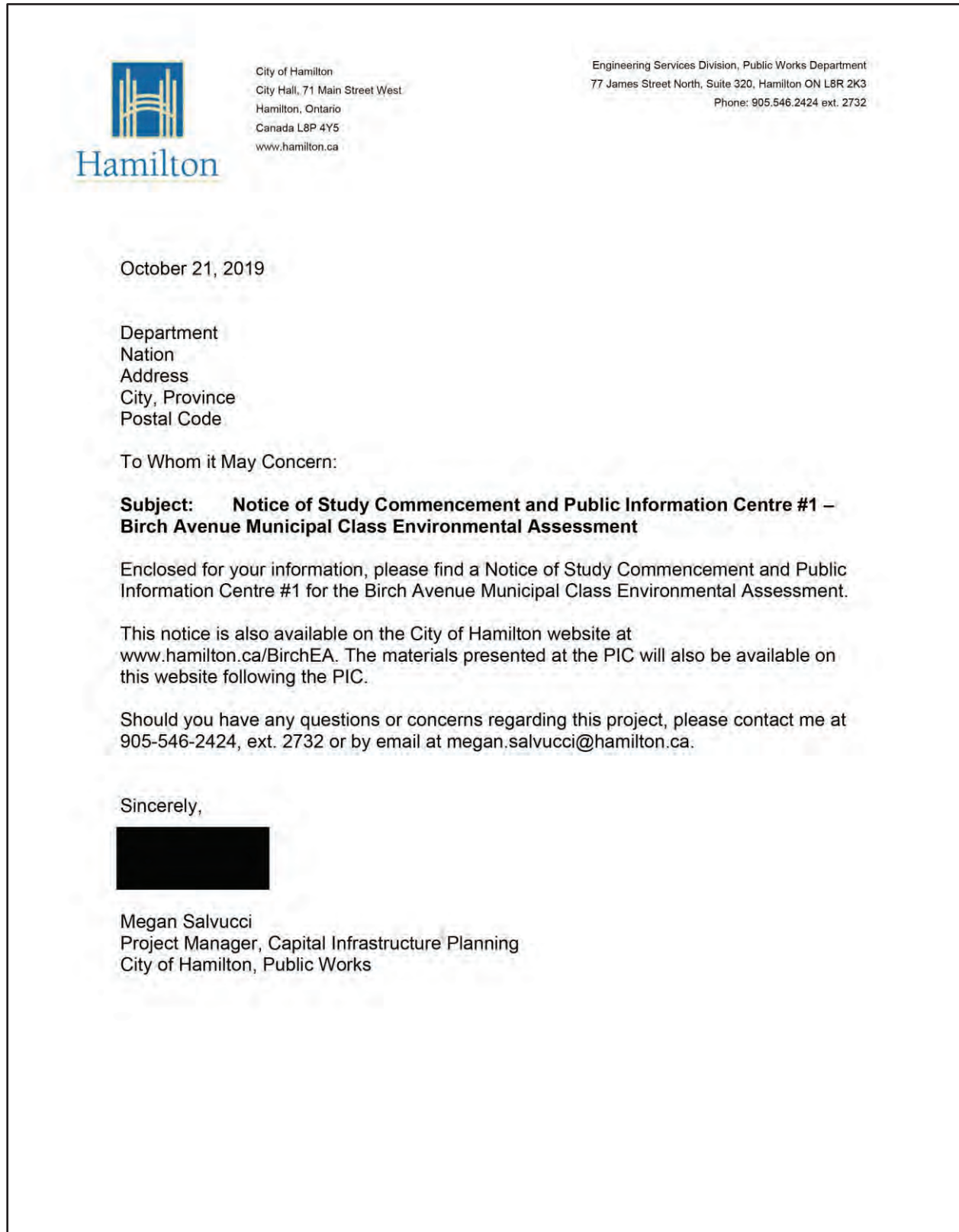



Figure 4: Notice Posted to the Project Website and Circulated to Stakeholders, including Property Owners and Occupants



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**Figure 5: Tweet sent by City of Hamilton: November 20, 2019**



# Appendix B: PIC Display Boards

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# Birch Avenue Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Public Information Centre  
Monday, November 11, 2019  
Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre

We want to hear from you!

Please feel free to discuss any questions or comments with the Project Team from the City of Hamilton and IBI Group.

## Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton recognizes and acknowledges that we are located on the traditional territories of the Mississauga and Haudenosaunee nations, and within the lands protected by the “Dish With One Spoon” wampum agreement.

# Introduction and Study Area

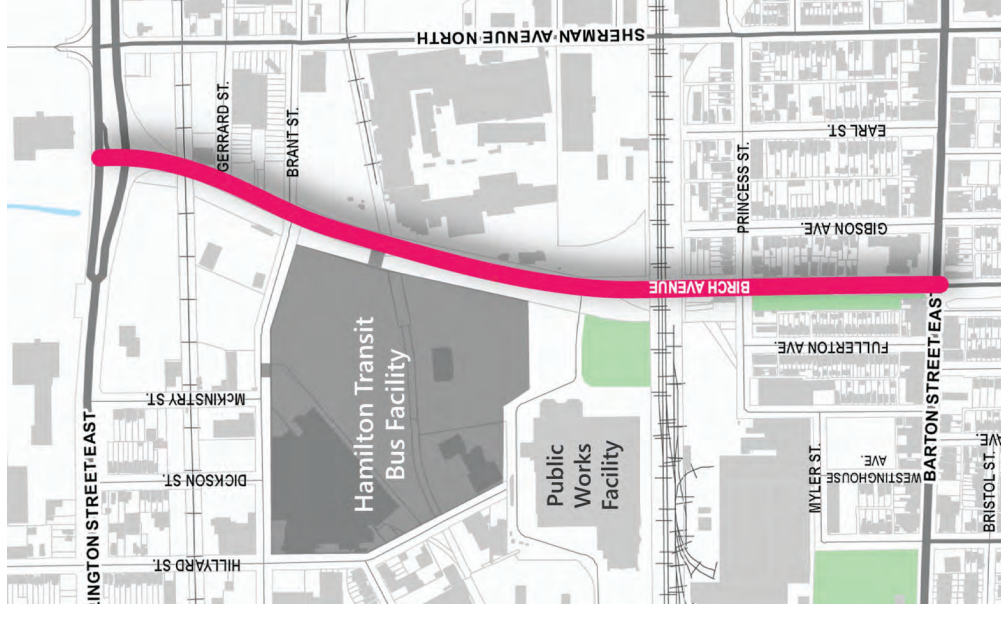
## Purpose of This Public Information Centre

The purpose of today's event is to:

- **Introduce the study** to the public and stakeholders;
- Review the **issues, needs and opportunities** that can be improved upon when two existing bridges on Birch Avenue are replaced;
- Present the **alternative solutions and preliminary preferred solution** to address existing drainage and road clearance issues;
- **Understand your concerns and feedback** related to the project and the alternative solutions; and,
- Provide an **opportunity to participate in the planning and decision making process**, by providing your comments to the Project Team.

## Study Area

- Birch Ave. from Burlington St. E. to Barton St. E., is a three-lane, southbound, minor arterial roadway.
- Birch Ave. is **being converted to two-way traffic**.
- The corridor is approximately 1.0 km in length.



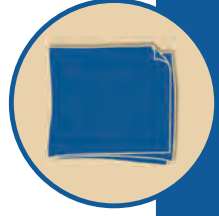


# How to Participate



## Information Boards

Review the boards to learn about the topics this study covers.



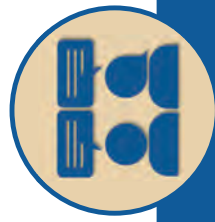
## Sticky Notes

Some boards invite you to give your feedback using sticky notes.



## Comment Forms

Comment forms are available at the sign-in desk.



## Talk with the Project Team

Talk with staff to discuss your ideas, experiences or concerns.



## Project Mailing List

Share your email address at the sign-in table to receive updates.



## Visit the Study Webpage

[www.hamilton.ca/BirchEA](http://www.hamilton.ca/BirchEA)

# Corridor Needs and Issues

Bridges 330 and 332 are planned to be replaced in the near-term. The replacement provides an opportunity to address existing needs and issues along Birch Ave.



### Bridge 330 (the north bridge)

- Substandard clearance for the roadway.
- Experiences drainage issues/flooding during and after storms events.



### Hamilton Transit Bus Facility

- Requires the clearance and drainage issues along Birch Ave. to be improved so that buses can be deployed safely and reliably each day.



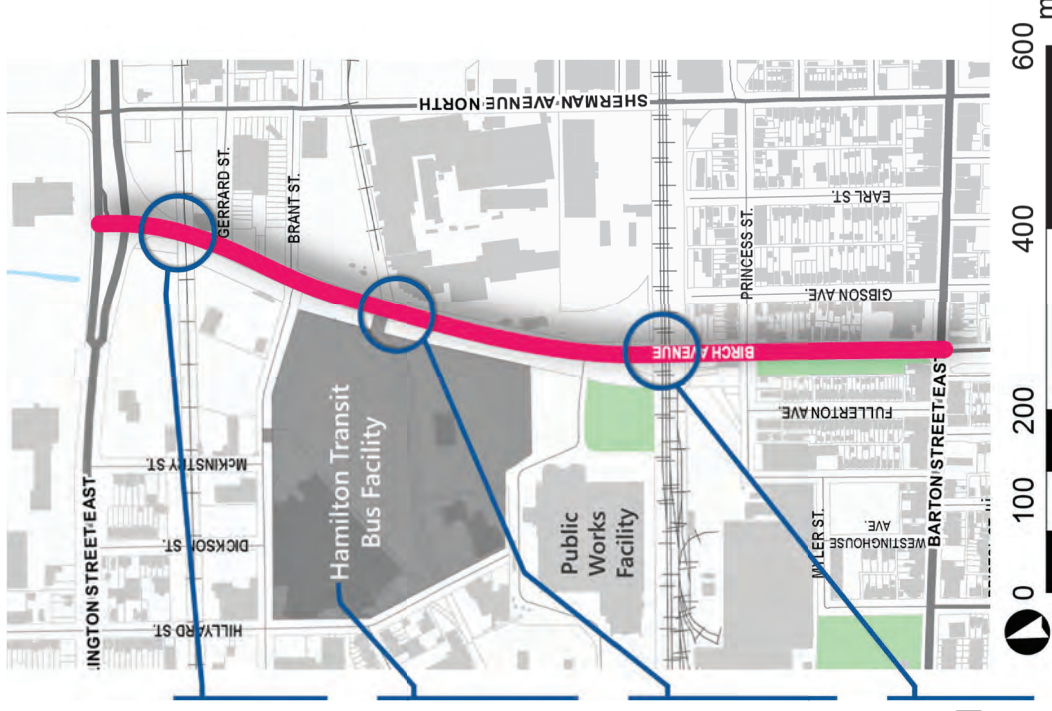
### Bridge 331 (the centre bridge)

- An unused rail bridge.
- Substandard clearance for the roadway.
- It will be removed.



### Bridge 332 (the south bridge)

- Substandard clearance for the roadway.
- Experiences drainage issues/flooding during and after storms events.





# Improvement Opportunities

The works required to replace Bridges 330 and 332 present an opportunity to implement other planned improvements along Birch Ave. at the same time.



## Birch Ave./Burlington St. intersection

A crosswalk can be provided at the intersection to allow pedestrians to cross from north to south.



## Two-Way Conversion

There is an opportunity to implement the planned and Council-approved two-way conversion of Birch Ave.



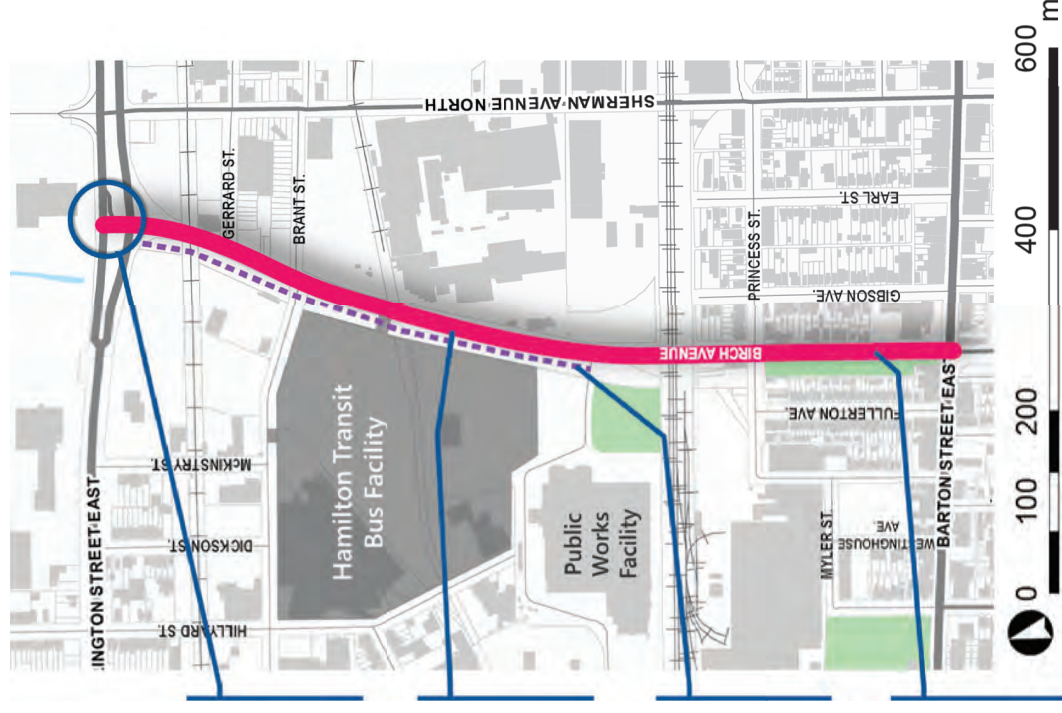
## Sidewalk Gap

An in-fill sidewalk can be installed to fill the gap between the Public Works Facility entrance and Burlington St.



## Cycling Infrastructure

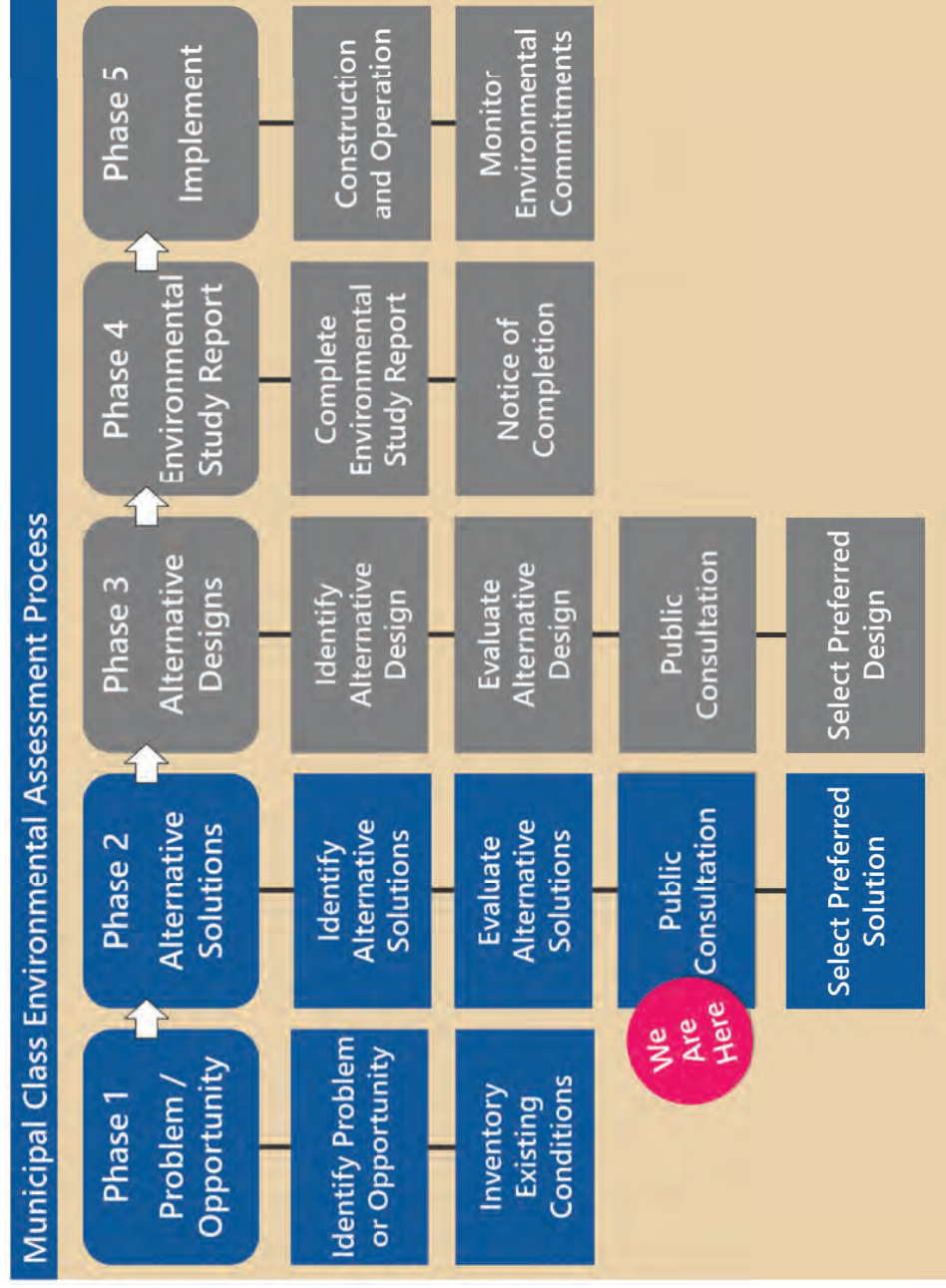
Cycling infrastructure can be installed on Birch Ave., as identified in the Hamilton Transportation Master Plan.



# Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process

The study is following the 'Schedule B' process as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. The 'Schedule B' process requires completing Phase 1 and 2, shown to the right.

The process enables the planning and implementation of municipal infrastructure projects.



# Problem/Opportunity Statement

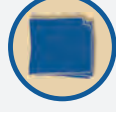
## Draft Statement

Birch Avenue is a one-way, minor arterial serving local, through and goods movement traffic. Two bridges on the corridor are nearing the end of their design life and need to be replaced. The height of the bridges above the road (clearance) is substandard, and there are drainage issues that can cause flooding.

In the near-term, the road will be converted to two-way traffic and will become the primary access route to the Hamilton Transit Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility.

**The City is looking for opportunities to resolve clearance, address drainage issues, and implement active transportation infrastructure and traffic operational improvements for the benefit of users.**

The Statement is meant to be a summary of the problems and opportunities to be addressed in the study.



What comments do you have on the problem/opportunity statement?



# Cultural Environment

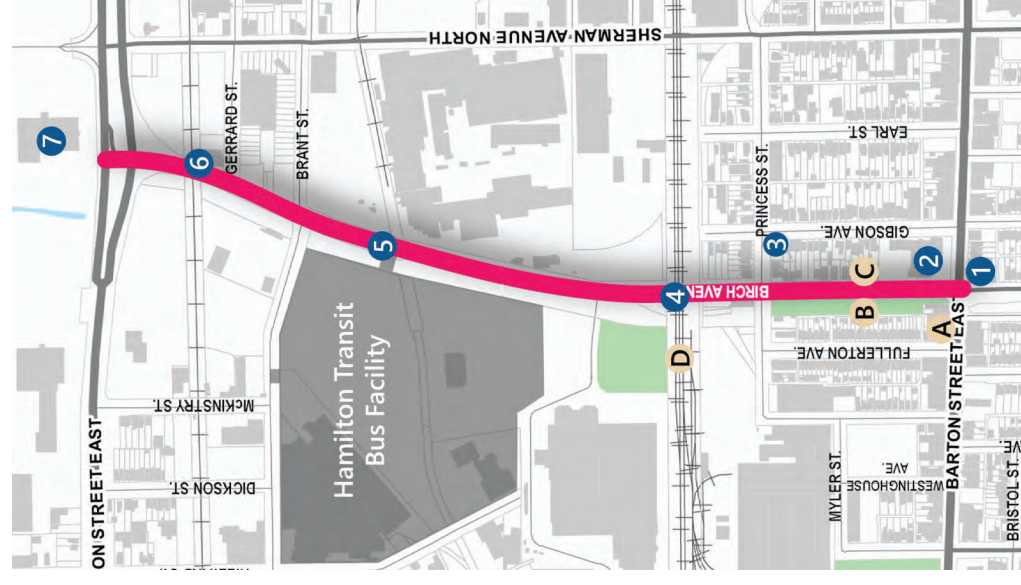
## Seven built heritage resources were identified:

- Three bridges:
  - Bridges 330 & 332 have **no cultural heritage value or interest**; and,
  - Bridge 331 **has cultural heritage value or interest**. Options to commemorate the heritage components are being explored.
- Two commercial buildings;
- One former school; and,
- One industrial building complex.

## Four cultural heritage landscapes were identified:

- Two streetscapes; and,
- Two transportation corridors.

**With the exception of the three bridges, no impacts are anticipated to the identified features.**



### Built Heritage Resources

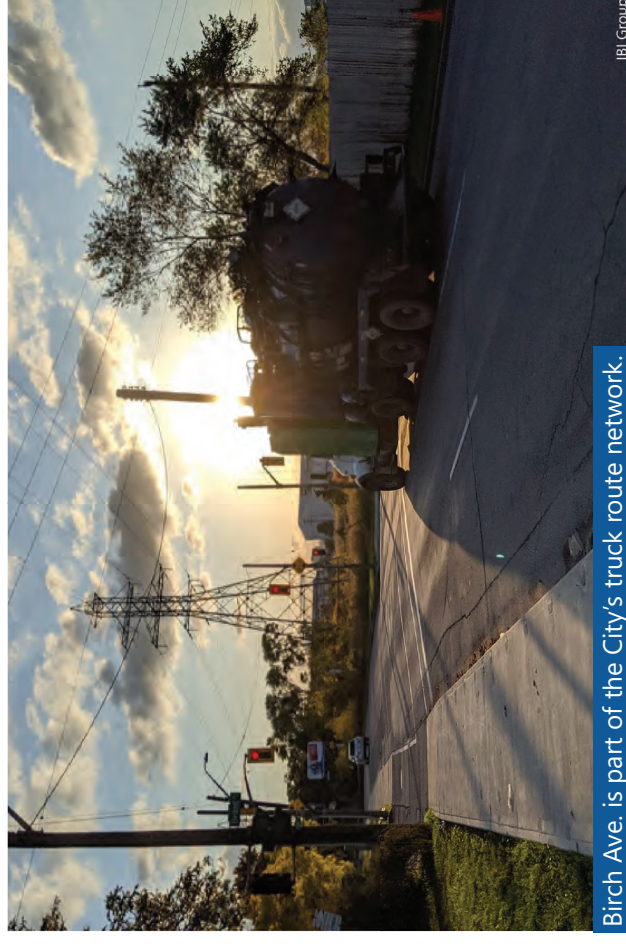
- 1 594 Barton St. East
- 2 601 Barton St. East: former Gibson School
- 3 241 Gibson St.
- 4 Bridge 332
- 5 Bridge 331
- 6 Bridge 330
- 7 651 Burlington St.

### Cultural Heritage Landscapes

- A 595-583 Barton St. streetscape
- B Former Hamilton Radial Electric Railway corridor
- C 156-188 Birch Ave. streetscape
- D GWR Main Line railway corridor

# Social and Economic Environment

- Birch Ave. runs through the **Gibson and Keith/Industrial Sector B** neighbourhoods.
- Primarily **industrial/employment** uses north of Bridge 332 (Princess St.) and **residential** between Bridge 332 and Barton St.
- **No registered archaeological sites** within the study area or within 1 kilometer.
- The **hydro corridor** and **Birch Avenue Dog Park** are used for recreation and leisure activities
- Part of the **Truck Route Network**.



# Traffic Operations (2031)

## Existing Conditions

- Three lanes of southbound traffic. **It carries low volumes for its capacity.**
- All signalized intersections operate at LOS B or better. **Traffic flow is stable** without significant delay or disruptions.

## Future Conditions

- Birch Ave. is **being converted to two-way traffic.**
- **Future two-way traffic will operate well**, with intersections at LOS C or better.

Traffic improvements planned for Birch Ave. include:

- One lane of vehicle traffic in each direction;
- Turn lanes at some intersections; and,
- The introduction of a northbound left-turn movement at the Birch Ave. and Burlington St. intersection.

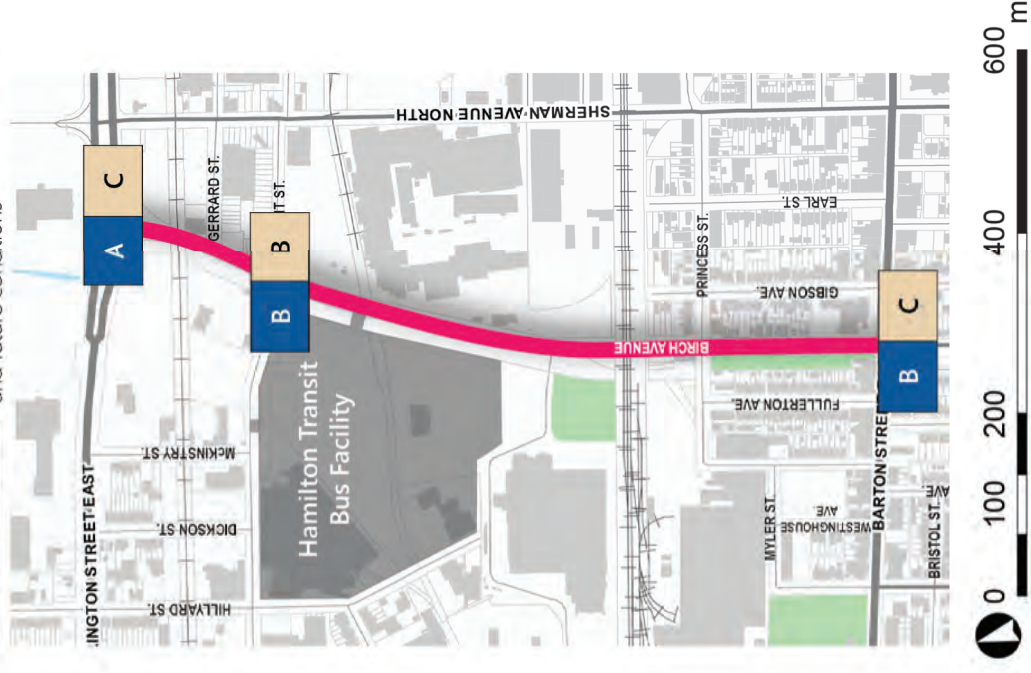


Level of Service (LOS) is a letter designation used to describe the operating conditions on a road experienced by users:

- A = Free flow
- B = Reasonably free flow
- C = Stable Flow
- D = Approaching unstable flow
- E = Unstable flow
- F = Forced or breakdown flow

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 2019<br>LOS | 2031<br>LOS |
|-------------|-------------|

\* The AM and PM Peak level of services were found to be the same for existing and future conditions





# Active Transportation Alternatives

## Existing Conditions

- Sidewalk gap on the west side, between the Public Works Facility and Burlington St.
- No cycling facilities.
- A multi-use path is planned south of Princess St.

## Future Conditions

- Cycling facilities are identified in the Transportation Master Plan.
- The Pedestrian Mobility Plan supports providing sidewalks.

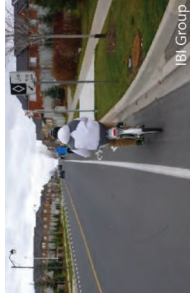
## Alternatives for Consideration

Based on traffic characteristics, **dedicated or separated cycling facilities** are appropriate.

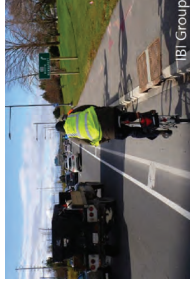
### Dedicated Facilities

Typically provided along roads with moderate speeds and volumes

#### Bike Lanes



#### Buffered Bike Lanes



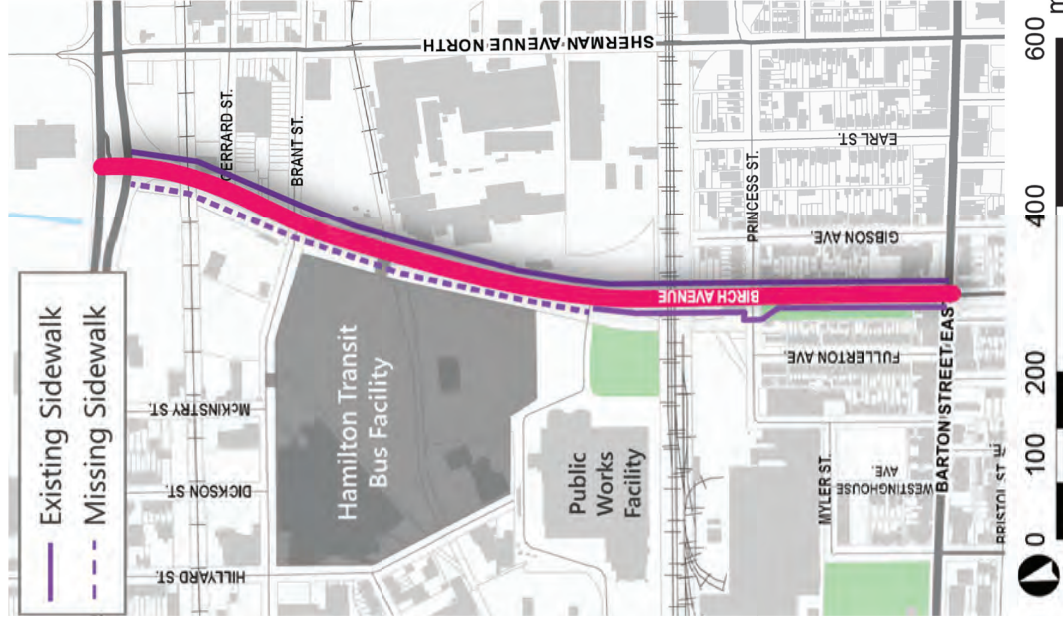
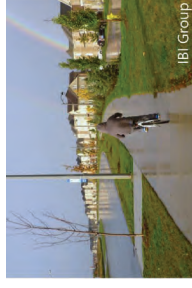
### Separated Facilities

Typically provided along roads with higher speeds and volumes.

#### Cycle Track

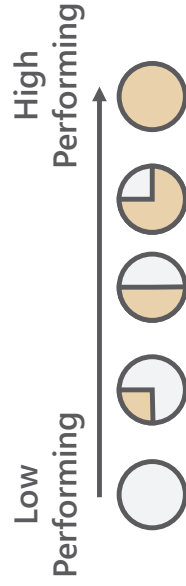


#### Multi-Use Paths



# Active Transportation Evaluation

|                              | Bike Lanes<br>(Conventional or Buffered) | Multi-Use Path | Cycle Track |
|------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|
| Appropriate for Road Context |  |                |             |
| Comfortable & Attractive     |  |                |             |
| Continuous & Connected       |  |                |             |
| Feasibility & Cost           |  |                |             |
| <b>Overall Evaluation</b>    |  |                |             |



Multi-Use Path is the preliminary preferred alternative.

A multi-use path is the preliminary preferred option. The multi-use path is **appropriate for the roadway context, will address the sidewalk gap** on the west side, and **separates users** from truck traffic.

The multi-use path will require an easement and/or property acquisition to run through the hydro corridor and around the northern-most hydro tower.

The preferred active transportation solution will be the alternative that will be recommended for implementation.



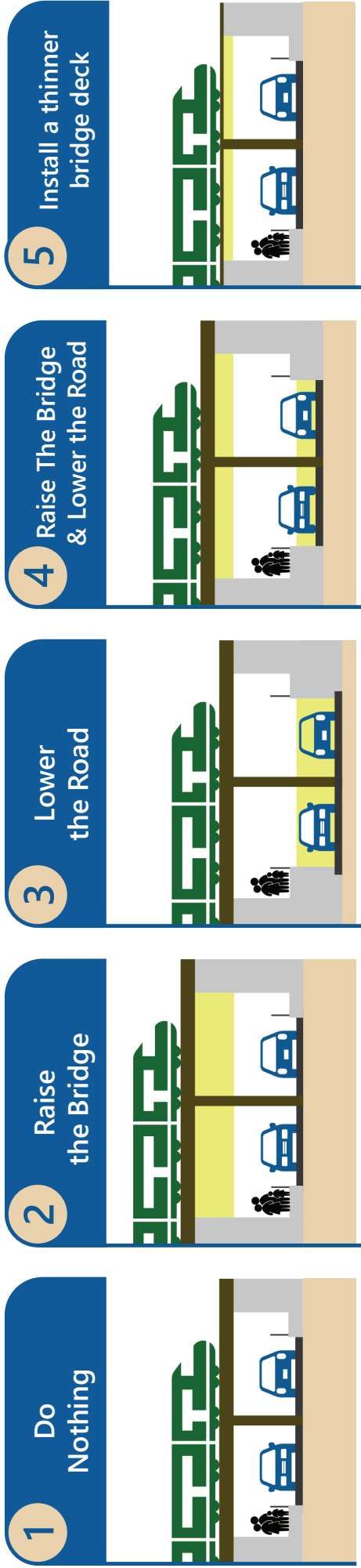
What do you think about installing a multi-use path on Birch Ave.?



# Bridge/Drainage Alternatives

The clearance under the bridges needs to be a minimum of 4.8 metres.

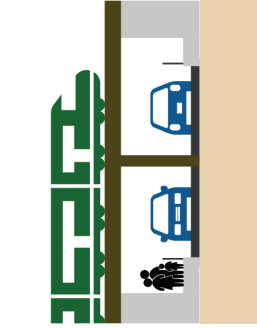
Existing Clearance  
 Bridge 330 (North Bridge): 4.2 m (east), 4.1 m (west)  
 Bridge 332 (South Bridge): 4.1 m (both)



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# Bridge/Drainage Alternative (1)

## Alternative 1: Do Nothing



### Description

Bridges 330 and 332 would be replaced with structures that have the existing, substandard roadway clearance.

### Supporting Works

- None.

## Alternative 2: Raise the Bridge



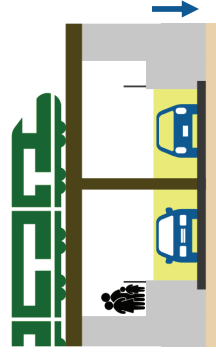
### Description

The two bridges would be raised by 0.7 metres to increase roadway clearance.

### Supporting Works

- Will require raising the approach tracks which will have major impacts to rail operations, and possibly at nearby grade crossings.
- A pumping station will be required to address existing drainage issues at the underpasses.

## Alternative 3: Lower the Road



### Description

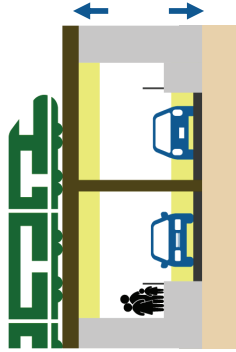
Lower the road 0.7 metres under the two bridges to meet the clearance requirements.

### Supporting Works

- A pumping station will be required to address drainage at the underpasses.
- The amount of water to pump will be larger compared to today due to the lower road profile.

# Bridge/Drainage Alternative (2)

## Alternative 4: Raise the Bridge and Lower the Road



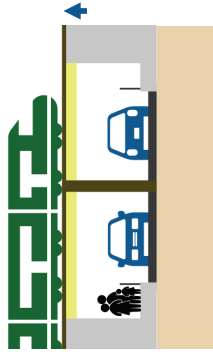
### Description

A combination of lowering the roadway 0.4 metres and raising the bridges 0.3 metres to achieve the required clearance.

### Impacts

- A pumping station will be required to address drainage at the underpasses.
- The amount of water to pump will be larger compared to today due to the lower road profile.

## Alternative 5: Install a Thinner Bridge Deck



### Description

This alternative would see the existing bridge decks replaced by a shallower (thinner) design.

### Impacts

- A pumping station will be required to address existing drainage issues at the underpasses.



Birch Ave. and Burlington St. intersection.



Looking south from Bridge 331 (centre bridge).



Looking south at Bridge 332 (south bridge).

# Evaluation Process and Criteria

The alternatives were evaluated using the process described below.

↓ All Alternatives

## Step 1: Feasibility Screening (Board 17)

Alternatives that fail to address the problem or have significant impacts were removed from consideration.

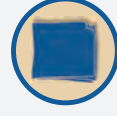
↓ All Alternatives That Pass Step 1

## Step 2: Technical Evaluation (Board 18)

Alternatives that passed Step 1 were evaluated against the environmental criteria below.

| Transportation   | Drainage and Construction   | Natural Environment  | Social Environment  | Economic Environment   |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports two-way conversion</li> <li>Active transportation</li> <li>Roadway safety</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction area impacts</li> <li>Pumping requirements</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface water and aquatic habitat</li> <li>Regulated areas</li> <li>Vegetation and vegetation communities</li> <li>Wildlife and habitat</li> <li>Species at risk</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural heritage impact</li> <li>Archaeological impact</li> <li>Construction phasing impacts</li> <li>Consistent with Urban Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan</li> <li>Property impacts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital costs</li> <li>Operating costs</li> </ul> |

The Evaluation Criteria are used to capture the social, economic and environmental effects of the project.



What comments do you have on the evaluation process and criteria?

# Step 1: Feasibility Screening

The five alternatives were screened for feasibility and major impacts (e.g. address clearance issue, impacts on rail operations).

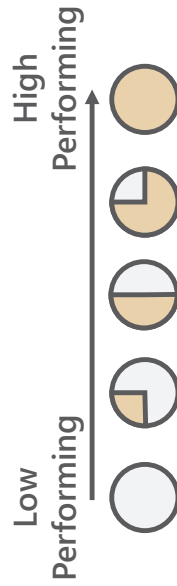
**Three alternatives were eliminated** which leaves two for further evaluation.

| Alternative                  | Raise Bridge | Lower Road | Total Clearance        | Infeasible or Major Impacts?  |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|---|
| 1: Do nothing                | 0 m          | 0 m        | 4.1 m<br>(substandard) | <b>Yes</b> – does not address clearance issue.<br>Removed from consideration.                                 |
| 2: Raise Bridge              | 0.7 m        | 0 m        | 4.8 m                  | <b>Yes</b> – raising the bridge would have significant impact on rail operations. Removed from consideration. |
| 3: Lower Road                | 0 m          | 0.7 m      | 4.8 m                  | <b>No</b> – advance to Step 2.  |
| 4: Raise Bridge & Lower Road | 0.3 m        | 0.4 m      | 4.8 m                  | <b>No</b> – advance to Step 2.  |
| 5: Thinner Bridge Deck       | 0 m          | 0 m        | 4.1 m<br>(substandard) | <b>Yes</b> – does not address clearance issue.<br>Removed from consideration.                                 |

# Step 2: Technical Evaluation

Alternatives 3 and 4 score comparably to one another.

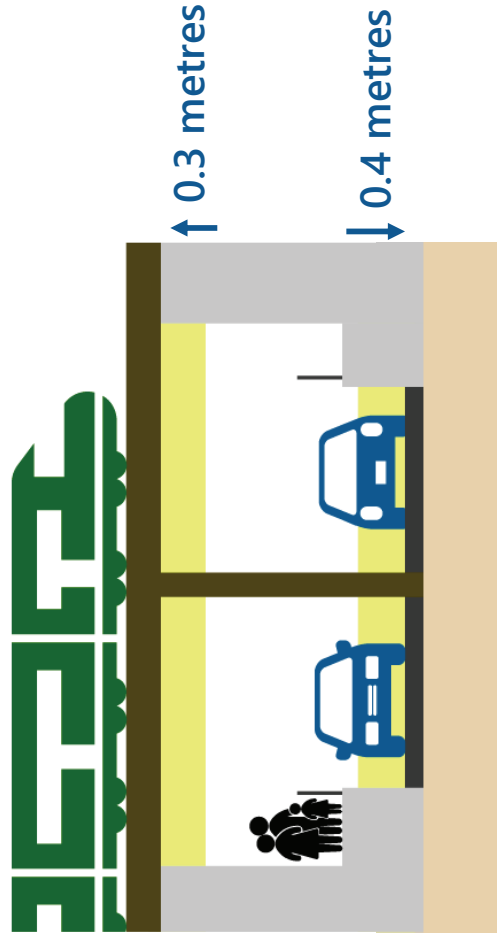
| Alternative                  | Raise Bridge | Lower Road | Total Clearance | Transportation | Drainage & Construction | Natural | Social | Economic | Overall Evaluation |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|----------|--------------------|
| 3: Lower Road                | ---          | 0.7 m      | 4.8 m (min.)    |                |                         |         |        |          |                    |
| 4: Raise Bridge & Lower Road | 0.3 m        | 0.4 m      | 4.8 m (min.)    |                |                         |         |        |          |                    |



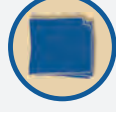
# Preliminary Preferred Bridge Solution

The preliminary preferred solution is **Alternative 4: Raise Bridge & Lower Road.**

This option provides the required clearance (4.8 metres). The preferred solution will be confirmed during functional and detail design, and refined to identify final dimensions.



The Preferred Solution will be the alternative that will be recommended to City Council for implementation.



Do you have any comments on the preliminary preferred solution?

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# Drainage Strategy

The Lake Ontario water table is, on average, 0.7 to 1.4 metres below road level at Bridge 332 and 330, respectively. The water table level has been increasing in recent years, particularly during the summer. This contributes to drainage issues.

To address stormwater drainage:

- **A new, expanded drainage system is required on the east side of the road.** This will increase the carrying capacity of the system to handle stormwater flows, and will help to reduce flooding.
- **Two new pumping stations are required to remove water from the bridge underpasses during and after storm events.** These need to be located in close proximity to the bridges.



Proposed location of the Bridge 330 pump station.



Proposed location of the Bridge 332 pump station.

The Drainage Strategy is a core component of the preliminary preferred solution.



Do you have any comments on the Drainage Strategy?



# Moving Forward

## Next Steps

- **Review all comments and suggestions** received before, during and following this Public Information Centre;
- **Prepare the Project File Report** and seek City Council approval for the preferred solution;
- **Complete Functional Design** to determine cost/budget and timeline implications; and,
- **Advance to detailed design** and prepare for construction, pending funding in partnership with senior levels of government.

Thank You for Coming!



## Comments/Questions?

Please leave any feedback you may have on one of the comment sheets or email them to the project team by November 25, 2019. Your comments are important and will be reviewed by the City.



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