

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION DARTNALL ROAD & RYMAL ROAD MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

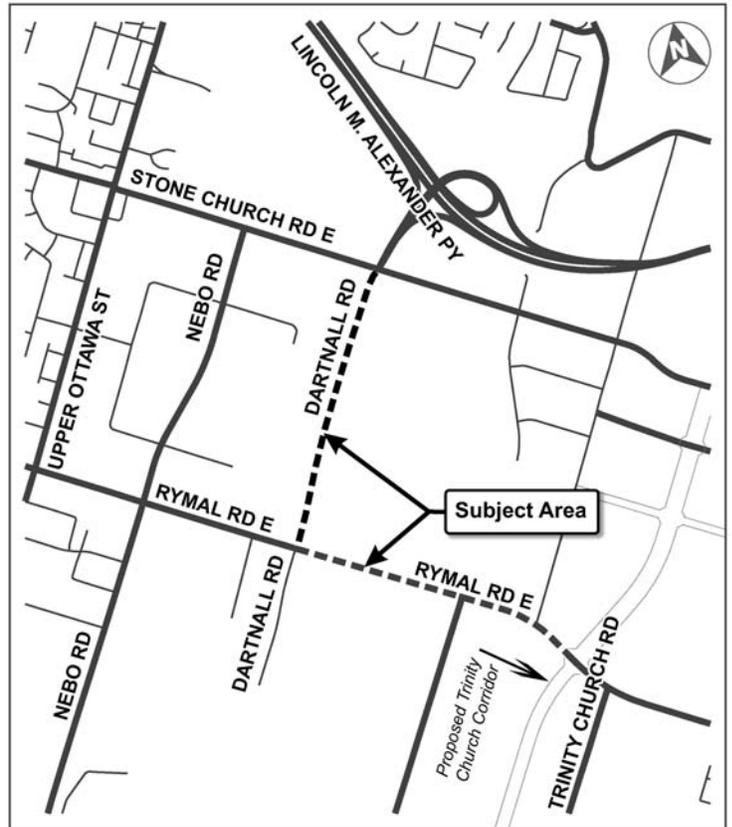
WHAT?

The City of Hamilton has completed Phases 3 and 4 of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for improvements to:

- Dartnall Road from Rymal Road to Stone Church Road, and
- Rymal Road from Dartnall Road to the new Trinity Church Road Corridor (see location map)

The projects have been carried out in accordance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class EA (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000 as amended in 2007) process.

These studies are building on the recommendations of the Hamilton Transportation Master Plan (2007). Phases 1 and 2 of the EA process were completed during the Hamilton Transportation Master Plan. Phases 3 and 4 of the EA process for Dartnall Road and Rymal Road were completed in coordination with each other; however, two separate Environmental Study Reports have been prepared.



The preferred road improvements for Dartnall Road are as follows:

Section 1 – Dartnall Road between Rymal Road East and the Hitch Factory (520m north of Rymal Road East)

- Five (5) lane urban cross-section with a sidewalk located on the west side. Control alignment shifted to the west of the existing road alignment.

Section 2 – Dartnall Road between the Hitch Factory (520m north of Rymal Road East) and Stone Church Road East

- Five (5) lane semi-urban cross-section with a sidewalk located on the west side and the control alignment shifted to the west side. Stormwater quality treatment using enhanced swale (ditch system) will be located along the east side.

Intersection Improvements – Dartnall Road & Rymal Road East, and Dartnall Road & Stone Church Road East

- Signalized intersections using auxiliary lanes are preferred for the short/medium term at both intersections, and roundabouts are preferred for the potential long-term.

The preferred road improvements for Rymal Road are as follows:

- Widening to a five-lane cross-section, with two lanes in each direction and a continuous left-turn lane, within the existing road Right-of-Way.

Additional details regarding features of the road improvements are described in the Environmental Study Reports, which are available online at www.hamilton.ca/Dartnall-EA and www.hamilton.ca/Rymal-EA.

WHY?

The purpose of these studies was to identify the preferred design for the road and intersection improvements along Dartnall Road and Rymal Road while taking into consideration the natural and socio-economic environments, and considering input from the public and regulatory agencies. An Environmental Study Report has been prepared to document the preferred designs for each project.

WHAT'S NEXT?

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD is November 11, 2011 to December 12, 2011

A Class EA Environmental Study Report documenting the planning process undertaken and conclusions reached will be placed on public record for 30 calendar days in accordance with the Municipal Class EA, for each project.

The Environmental Study Reports are available for public review at the following locations:

- **Valley Park Library**, 970 Paramount Drive, Hamilton, (905) 573 3141
- **Turner Park Library**, 352 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, (905) 546 4790
- **Office of the City Clerk**, 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor, Hamilton, (905) 546 CITY(2489)
- **City Hall**, Planning and Economic Development Department, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, (905) 546 CITY(2489)

Subject to the comments received as a result of this notice, the City of Hamilton intends to proceed with the implementation of the recommendations included in the Environmental Study Reports. If after reading the Environmental Study Reports, you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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If concerns arise regarding either project, which cannot be resolved in discussion with the City, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister of the Environment within the 30-day public review period. A copy of the request must also be sent to the City of Hamilton to the attention of Melanie Jajko.

Minister of the Environment

135 St. Clair Avenue West, 10th Floor
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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information all comments will become part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this program, please contact Melanie Jajko (contact information above). Advance requests are highly encouraged to enable us to meet your needs adequately.