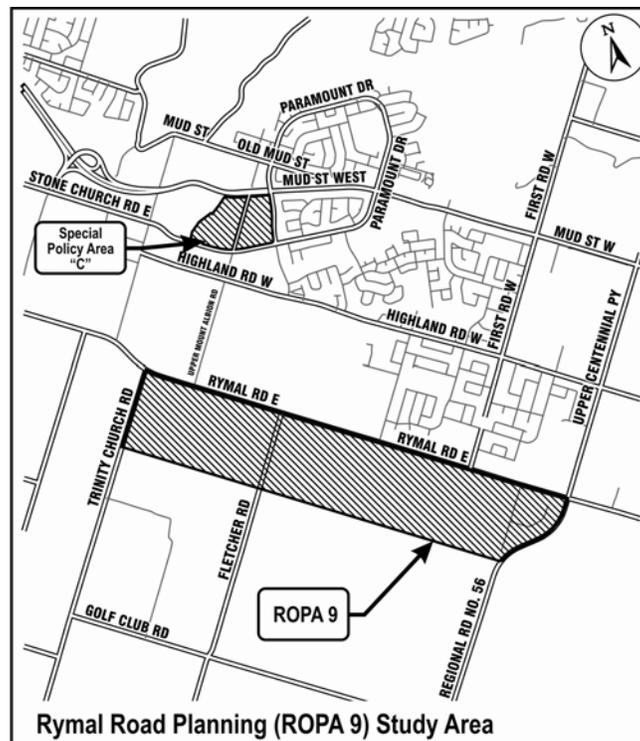




NOTICE OF COMPLETION Rymal Road Planning Area (ROPA 9) Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

THE STUDY

The City of Hamilton has completed the Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process to assess infrastructure needs for the Rymal Road Planning Area. The study area includes lands located on the south side of Rymal Road East (Highway No. 53), east of Trinity Church Road, west of Regional Road 56, and north of the hydro corridor, called the ROPA 9 lands, and lands in an area bounded by Winterberry Drive to the east, Paramount Drive to the south, the new Red Hill Valley / Mud Street interchange to the west, and the Lincoln Alexander Parkway-Mud Street West to the north, called Special Policy Area 'C'. These areas are shown on the map below.



THE PROCESS

This study has been undertaken in accordance with Section A.2.7. Master Plans as defined in the Municipal Engineers Association, ***Municipal Class Environmental Assessment*** document (June 2000) and will satisfy Phase 1 and 2 of the planning and design process. The study was presented at two public information centres held on October 3, 2005 and January 26, 2006, and via a Newsletter in late April 2006. No comments were received that cannot be addressed. Due to the need to coordinate the water/wastewater assessments for the subject lands with on-going City-wide infrastructure planning, the water and wastewater components will be merged with the City-wide Water and Wastewater Master Plan.

The Master Plan Class EA recommends several transportation solutions. The Schedule 'A' projects are pre-approved and may proceed to implementation. The Schedule 'C' projects will proceed to Phase 3 and 4 of the planning and design process, including:

- Widen Rymal Road from Trinity Church Road to Regional Road 56 and widen Regional Road 56 from Rymal Road to approximately 900 m to the south;
- A new road link from Stone Church Road / Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) ramps to Rymal Road (on an alignment to be determined);
- Widen Stone Church Road to 4 lanes from the RHVP ramps to Upper Mount Albion Road; and,
- A new collector road in the Trinity Neighbourhood, between Rymal Road and Highland Road.

The above noted Phase 3 and 4 study processes will include all localized intersection improvements associated with the specific road projects.

This Notice of Completion is issued with respect to the following Schedule 'B' projects:

- Closure of Second Road West (design details to be coordinated with the new Trinity Neighbourhood collector road Schedule 'C' project);
- Monitoring of Second Road West for the appropriateness of physical traffic calming measures in the future, and implementation of traffic calming measures if required, prior to the road closure;
- Closure of Upper Mount Albion Road (design details to be coordinated with the new road link from Stone Church Road / RHVP ramps to Rymal Road Schedule 'C' project; and,
- Monitoring of Upper Mount Albion Road for the appropriateness of physical traffic calming measures in the future, and implementation of traffic calming measures if required, prior to any road closure.

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

A Class EA Master Plan documenting the planning process undertaken and conclusions reached, will be on public record for a minimum of 30 calendar days in accordance with the municipal Class EA. **The "Review Period" will begin on June 16, 2006 and end on July 18, 2006.** The Class EA Master Plan Report is available for public review at the following locations:

<p><u>Hamilton Public Library, Valley Park Branch</u> 970 Paramount Drive Hamilton, Ontario L8J 1Y2 (905) 573-3141</p>	<p><u>Office of the City Clerk</u> 71 Main Street West City Hall, 2nd Floor Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5 (905) 546-CITY</p>	<p><u>City Centre</u> Public Works Department 77 James Street North Suite 320 Hamilton, Ontario L8R 2K3 (905) 546-CITY</p>
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Subject to comments received as a result of this notice, the City of Hamilton intends to proceed with the implementation of the recommended Schedule A and B projects included in the Class EA Master Plan. If after reading the Class EA Master Plan, you have questions or concerns, please follow the following procedure:

1. Contact the following City staff to discuss your questions or concerns:

Christine Lee-Morrison, MCIP, RPP
Senior Project Manager,
Capital Planning & Implementation,
Public Works Department, City of Hamilton
320-77 James St. N.
Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3
Phone: 905-546-2424 ext. 6390
Fax: 905-546-4435
Email: cleemorr@hamilton.ca

2. Arrange a meeting with the above if you have significant concerns that may require more detailed explanation.
3. If you raise major concerns, the City will attempt to negotiate a resolution of the issues. A mutually acceptable time period for this negotiation will be set. If the issues remain unresolved, you may request the Minister of the Environment, by order, to require the City to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act before proceeding with the Schedule B projects. This is called a Part II Order (“bump up”). Part II Orders cannot be submitted in respect of the Master Plan itself, but must be made in respect of one or more Schedule B projects listed in this Notice. The Minister may make one of the following decisions:
 - Deny the request
 - Refer the matter to mediation
 - Require the City to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act by undertaking one of the following:
 - Submitting the Class EA Master Plan for government review and approval; or,
 - Completing an Individual Environmental Assessment for government review and approval; or,
 - Preparing Terms of Reference governing the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment.

Requests for a Part II Order must be submitted in writing to the Minister of the Environment within the June 16 to July 18, 2006 review period:

Minister of Environment
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

A copy of the Part II Order must also be sent to the City of Hamilton, to the attention of the Project Manager (address above).

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.

This notice issued June 16 and 23, 2006