



TO: Mayor J. Lehman and Members of Council

FROM: R. J. Forward, MBA, M.Sc., P. Eng., Director of Engineering 

NOTED: R. J. Forward, MBA, M.Sc., P. Eng., General Manager of Infrastructure & Growth Management

C. Ladd, Chief Administrative Officer 

RE: Ross Street / Collier Street / Bayfield Street and Bell Farm Road
Phases 3 & 4 Municipal Class Environmental Assessments
Public Information Centre
(T05-RO / T05-BE)

DATE: November 7, 2016


The Engineering Department is completing Phases 3 & 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) studies to address transportation improvements at the intersection of Ross Street, Collier Street and Bayfield Streets extending from Toronto Street to Clapperton Street and Bell Farm Road extending from St. Vincent Street to Duckworth Street.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) has been scheduled for the above noted project on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, in the Rotunda from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to allow the public to review and provide comments on preliminary alternative concepts. This PIC is being conducted at the project onset to engage public early in the study process. Comments and responses received from this PIC will be considered in the development of a preliminary preferred design alternative which will be presented to the public at a second PIC in 2017.

To advise the directly affected public of the PIC, the attached letter and comment sheet will be mailed and/or hand delivered on Monday, November 7, 2016 to agencies, businesses, property owners and tenants. Advertisements advising of the PIC will be placed in the local newspaper on Thursday, November 10, 2016 and Saturday, November 12, 2016.

To ensure City Council has the information at the same time as the public, this memo has been provided with a copy of the mail out information attached as Attachment #1.

If there are any questions, please contact Brett Gratrix at extension 5117, or e-mail Brett.Gratrix@barrie.ca.


S. Diemert, P. Eng.
Manager of Infrastructure Planning

Attachment #1

CITY HALL
70 COLLIER STREET
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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
Engineering Department
"Committed to Total Service Excellence"

November 7, 2016

File: T05-BE

To All Area Residents / Business Owners / Tenants / Agencies:

**Re: Bell Farm Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Phase 3 & 4
Public Information Centre**

The Corporation of the City of Barrie (City) is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address transportation improvements on Bell Farm Road, as recommended in the City's Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP) pursuant to the approved procedures, as defined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment dated June 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011. This letter is to advise you of the upcoming activities for this Class EA.

The MMATMP completed Phases 1 & 2 of the Class EA process and was endorsed by Council on December 2, 2013 (Council Direction Memorandum 13-G-289). The MMATMP recommended that the west section of Bell Farm Road be widened to 3-lanes with bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The east section of Bell Farm Road would be widened to include buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the road (4-lanes would be maintained). Please refer to Figure 1 attached to this document identifying the east and west sections of Bell Farm Road.

The City is now proceeding with Phases 3 & 4 of the Municipal Class EA process and has retained the consulting firm BTE Engineering Ltd. to develop and evaluate various alternative designs and complete the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

The public is invited to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) to review and provide comments on preliminary alternative road cross-section concepts. Project team members will be available at the PIC to answer questions and discuss any concerns the public may have. The PIC is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 23, 2016, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the Rotunda at City Hall (1st Floor)**. Comments and responses received from this PIC will be considered in the development of a preliminary preferred design alternative which will be presented to the public at a second PIC in 2017.

A Study Design Report is available on the City's web site at www.barrie.ca/eastudies under the project heading "Bell Farm Road & Ross/Collier/Bayfield Streets Transportation Improvements". This document outlines the study process and road cross-section alternative concepts.

A comment sheet has been included with this letter to allow the public and review agencies the opportunity to provide input / comments regarding this study and indicate if they would like to be kept informed. Please return comment sheets by **December 7, 2016**.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Brett Gratrix at (705) 739-4220, extension 5117, or e-mail Brett.Gratrix@barrie.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Gratrix".

Brett Gratrix, P. Eng.
Infrastructure Planning Engineer

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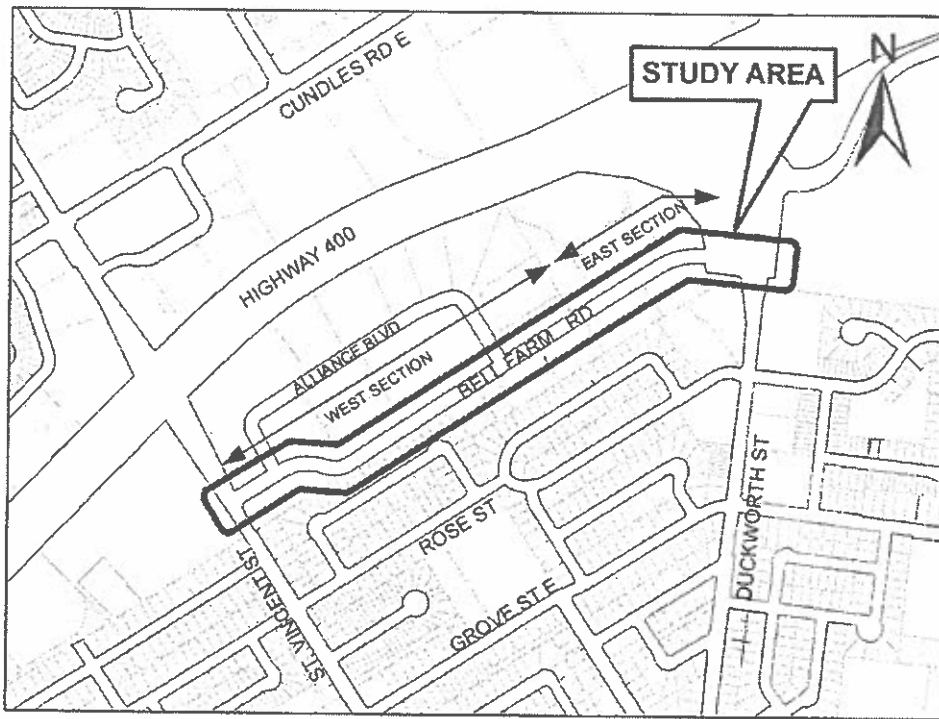
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Bell Farm Road Class EA Phases 3 & 4

November 7, 2016

Figure 1

Map of Study Area





**BELL FARM ROAD
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PHASES 3 & 4**

Public Information Centre
Wednesday, November 23, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Rotunda, 1st Floor

COMMENT SHEET

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act, Chap. E18, Section 7, and will be used in the development of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Director of Engineering, P.O. Box 400, 70 Collier Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T5, (705) 726-4242.

Please print all responses

NAME OF RESPONDENT:

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Ross Street / Collier Street / Bayfield Street Intersection

Realign Ross Street and Collier Street to improve east-west traffic movement in the downtown core.

Ross Street (Toronto Street to Bayfield Street)

Widen to include 3-lanes, buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Collier Street (Bayfield Street to Clapperton Street)

Widen to include 3-lanes, buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Bayfield Street (Ross Street to Collier Street)

Provide buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

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Ross Street, Collier Street, Bayfield Street
Class EA Phases 3 & 4

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