



TO: Mayor J. Lehman and Members of Council

FROM: J. Weston, M.A.Sc., P. Eng., PMP, Director of Engineering

NOTED: R. J. Forward, MBA, M.Sc., P. Eng., General Manager of Infrastructure & Growth Management 
C. Ladd, Chief Administrative Officer 


RE: Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass Replacement and Rehabilitation of Highway 400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass

DATE: November 23, 2015

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has issued a Project Update Notice (see Appendix 1 & 2) to finalize the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the replacement of the Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass and the rehabilitation of the Highway 400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass.

The Tiffin Street overpass will be constructed to accommodate the future widening of Tiffin Street. A funding agreement between the City of Barrie and MTO is presently being prepared by the MTO. The project is to be tendered in early 2016, with construction to start shortly after.

The Engineering Department has completed the stakeholders contact sheet to continue to receive notices as the design and study progresses (see Appendix 3).



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Director of Engineering

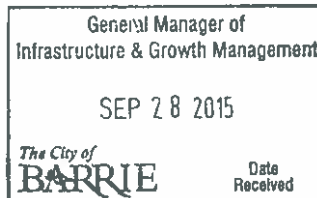
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MORRISON HERSHFIELD

September 3, 2015

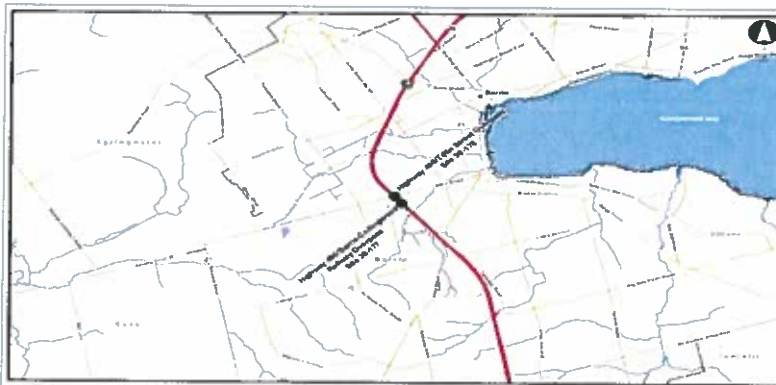
Mr. Richard Forward
General Manager, Infrastructure & Growth Management
City of Barrie
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**Re: Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Project Update
Replacement of Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass and Rehabilitation of Highway
400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass, City of Barrie
GWP 2159-11-00**

Dear Mr. Forward,

Morrison Hershfield Limited (MH) has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to finalize the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the replacement of the Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass and the rehabilitation of the Highway 400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass, in the City of Barrie (shown on map below).



**Key Plan – Replacement of Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass and Rehabilitation of
Highway 400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass
City of Barrie**

Letters advising of the Study Commencement for the Pre-Design and 30% Detail Design phase of this project were sent to identified stakeholders and agencies on March 11, 2014. Ontario Government Notices advising of the project were also published in the Barrie Advance and the Barrie Examiner on March 20, 2014. An OGN updating the project will be published in the Barrie Advance and the Barrie Examiner on September 3, 2015 (please see enclosed Ontario Government Notice). A project website has also been set up for this study. The website will be updated as information becomes available and the study progresses. The website can be accessed at the following address: www.hwy400tiffin.ca.

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing 6-lane Highway 400 overpass structure at Tiffin Street and to rehabilitate/strengthen the existing 6-lane Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overhead structure at Highway 400, in the City of Barrie. The new overpass structures will provide an increased opening span and vertical clearance for Tiffin Street.

The project will include traffic management measures to facilitate the rehabilitation and replacement of the structures and to maintain traffic flow in the area. As part of the traffic management measures, a staged replacement of the Tiffin Street Overpass is being proposed. In order to minimize traffic impacts on Highway 400 during construction, new northbound 3-lane overpass structures will be constructed over Tiffin Street and the Barrie-Collingwood Railway immediately adjacent on the east side of the existing structures. A new southbound 3-lane overpass structure will be constructed over Tiffin Street in its existing location, and the existing Barrie-Collingwood overpass structure will be rehabilitated and strengthened.

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000* (Class EA) with the opportunity for public input throughout the study.

Upon completion of the study, a Design Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for review and comment. The public review period for the DCR will be announced in local area newspapers.

Attached to this correspondence is a *Contact Information Form*. Please indicate whether you or your organization has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time. A reply by October 2, 2015 is appreciated.

Should you require further information regarding this project or would like to provide comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned or one of the project team members noted in the enclosed notice.

Yours truly,



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Keith Chemeski, MTO Environmental Planner
Mike Bricks, MH Environmental Planner

Attach: Contact Information Form
Ontario Government Notice



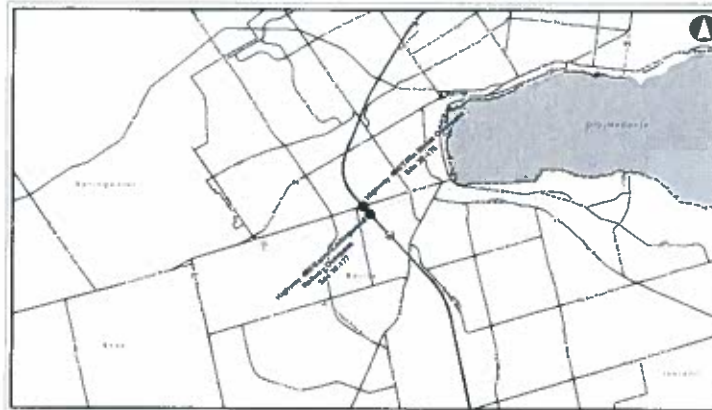
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**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE
PROJECT UPDATE NOTICE**

**HIGHWAY 400/TIFFIN STREET OVERPASS AND
HIGHWAY 400/BARRIE-COLLINGWOOD RAILWAY OVERPASS
DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**
City of Barrie
GWP 2159-11-00

THE STUDY

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to finalize the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the Replacement of the Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass and the Rehabilitation of the Highway 400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass, in the City of Barrie.



KEY PLAN

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THE PROCESS

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COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. For further information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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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 project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.



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Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass and Highway 400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
City of Barrie
GWP 2159-11-00

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY OCTOBER 2, 2015 TO:

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1) Please indicate whether your organization has an interest in the project.

Yes No

2) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: Russ Madore C.E.T., LEL
Title: Sr. Project Manager
Department: Engineering
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3) In the space below, please provide any comments you may have regarding the study.

The City has requested a larger bridge deck
to accommodate the future widening of
Tiffin Street. A cost sharing agreement between
the City and MTO is being prepared.
Please provide the City with design drawings when
prepared so we can review and provide comments.
Thanks Russ

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