

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

## Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from west of Highway 582 to Coughlin Road Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

### THE STUDY

WSP, on behalf of the **Ministry of the Transportation (MTO)**, is undertaking the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the four-lane expansion of Highway 11/17 from 1.3 km west of Highway 582 to 800 m west of Coughlin Road as shown in the key plan.

The EA approved plan within the study limits included:

- Expansion of Highway 11/17 to four lanes by twinning on the existing alignment; and
- Improvements / modifications to select intersecting side-roads.

The four-lane highway corridor was designated (protected) in 2003.

### THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout. The Preliminary Design of the approved four-lane plan, as detailed in the 1997 *Environmental Study Report (ESR)*, was approved following public input and review. This study is a continuation of the Class EA process to refine and finalize the design of the approved four-lane plan and to develop detailed construction documents.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will take place during this study. The first PIC will provide an opportunity for interested parties to review and provide input on the existing environmental conditions, and to comment on the proposed changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 that was documented in the 1997 ESR. The proposed changes include: possible revisions to the Valley Creek alignment and an increase in right-of-way from 45 m to 55 m (minimum) on the north (twinned) side of the highway.

Following PIC #1, an Addendum to the 1997 ESR will be completed to document changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 and will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The Notice of Addendum filing will be posted on the project website, published in local newspapers, and mailed to individuals on the mailing list at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the report will be available for review. If after consulting with ministry staff and consultants, you have serious unresolved concerns, you may request a Part II Order ("bump-up") from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2T5). There are no opportunities to request a Part II Order for the approved four-lane project, only for concerns associated with the proposed changes to the EA approved plan.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

PIC #1 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
**Location:** Hurkett Community Centre, Community Hall, 110 Highway 582, Hurkett, ON  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Project Team will also be available to answer questions and receive comments. The PIC venue is fully accessible and all PIC material presented will be compliant with the requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below.

### COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments or if you would like to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact the individuals listed below, or visit our website at [www.hwy11-17-hwy582tocoughlin.com](http://www.hwy11-17-hwy582tocoughlin.com).

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### COMMENTS

Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

