

MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE SPANNING
THE CALHOUN MUNICIPAL DRAIN

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

THE PROJECT:

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is planning to replace the existing bridge that spans the Calhoun Municipal Drain along Sideroad 25, approximately 0.35 km north of Bruce Road 40, west of the community of Dobbinton. Recent engineering inspections of the structure have identified advanced deterioration within the bridge deck and other bridge components. Repair of the bridge is not considered practical at this time, given the narrow width of the structure and the extent of structural deterioration evident during the inspection process.

The Municipality is proposing to replace the existing parapet beam concrete bridge with a twin culvert designed to accommodate two lanes of traffic. It is anticipated that the structure would be replaced during the 2009 construction season. The affected section of Sideroad 25 would be closed for several weeks during the construction period. Traffic would be diverted around the project site on existing local roads.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

The planning for this project is following the environmental assessment process set out for Schedule B activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document. Schedule B projects are approved subject to a screening process which involves consultation with public and review agencies to ensure the project can be carried out in an environmentally-sound manner. The screening process has now been completed for this project. There were no negative impacts identified with the proposed works that could not be mitigated. Subject to any comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Municipality intends to proceed with the project.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

For further information on this project, please contact the consulting engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates, 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (519) 524-2641. Fax (519) 524-4403. Attention: Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net). An Environmental Screening Report documenting the Class EA process will be available for public review at the Arran-Elderslie Municipal Office (1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON) during normal hours of operation.

If environmental concerns arise regarding the project which cannot be resolved in discussion with the Municipality, 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 which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the consulting engineers at the address above. If there is no request received by March 20, 2009, the project will proceed as planned.

Minister of the Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue
10th Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

This Notice issued February 18, 2009
Vernon Wepler, Works Manager
Municipality of Arran-Elderslie