



October 3, 2016  
Our File: 116046-2

**Re: Notice of Study Commencement  
Pedestrian Bridges over the Speed River linking St. Patrick's Ward to Downtown Municipal Class  
Environmental Assessment**

The City of Guelph is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the Pedestrian Bridges over the Speed River linking St. Patrick's Ward to Downtown. The City wishes to explore the preferred locations of the two pedestrian and cyclist crossings within the Study Area to improve public safety and plan for the anticipated increase in active transportation needs while balancing heritage, social, economic and natural environment responsibilities.

Please find enclosed the Notice of Study Commencements, which contains further background information about the study and process.

As part of this study's consultation program, you are currently included in the contact list. If you wish to be removed, or would like to suggest an alternative representative, please contact the undersigned. Should we not hear from you, we will continue to include you in all future consultation opportunities and notices during the EA study.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact information for GM BluePlan Engineering Limited and the City of Guelph are found on the attached notice.

Yours truly,

**GM BLUEPLAN ENGINEERING LIMITED**

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**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT  
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Pedestrian Bridges over the Speed River linking St. Patrick’s Ward to Downtown**

**The Study**

The City of Guelph (City) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for proposed improvements to address the future pedestrian and cyclist traffic demands with two new bridge crossings over the Speed River. The study area is bound by Wellington Street East, Macdonell Street, Guelph Junction Railway (GJR) tracks, Arthur Street South, and includes an area approximately 90 metres south of the existing GJR tracks. The City is proposing to construct one of the bridges immediately south of the GJR tracks to link a future active transportation trail along the GJR tracks from Macdonell to Huron Streets through St. Patrick’s Ward. A second pedestrian bridge is proposed within the Study Area located further south along the Speed River to address anticipated increased pedestrian and cycling traffic generated from the Metalworks condominium development on Arthur Street South and other anticipated developments to the east. The site location and approximate extents of the Study Area are shown on the map provided below.

**The Process**

The Class EA will be conducted as a Schedule ‘B’ Project in accordance with the "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment" document (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Class EA process includes public and review agency consultation, an evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of potential environmental impacts of the proposed improvements, and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts.

**How to Participate**

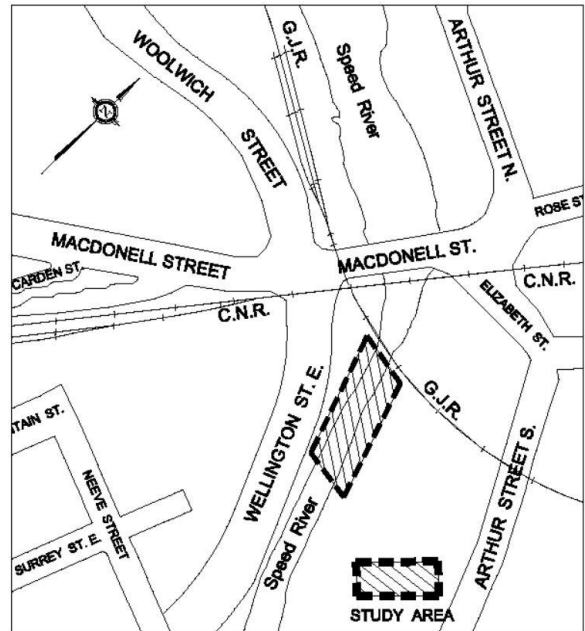
Later this summer/fall, neighbourhood businesses, residents, community members and interested parties will be invited to attend an open house to review and discuss opportunities and constraints related to the Class EA study. The meeting date and details will be advertised in the *Guelph Mercury Tribune* and on [guelph.ca](http://guelph.ca). Meeting notices will also be circulated to neighbourhood residents and businesses.

**For More Information**

Please contact one of the project team members if you have questions or comments, or would like to be added to the project mailing list to receive future notifications of the study:

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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.  
This notice first issued October 4, 2016.



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PUBLIC AGENCIES											
Agency / Organization	Title	Name	Position	Address	Email	Telephone	Fax	Project Notes	Information Sent	Response Received	Action Required
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change				Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch - 135 St. Clair Avenue W., Toronto, ON M4V 1P5	<a href="mailto:mea.notices.eaab@ontario.ca">mea.notices.eaab@ontario.ca</a>	416-314-8001			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	20161004 Response Letter None
Canada Post				Central Region - 4567 Dixie Road, Mississauga, ON L4W 1S2					20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	not circulated for PIC 2	None
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada-Fish Habitat Management	Ms	Sara Eddy	Senior Habitat Biologist (Ontarion Great Lakes Area)	867 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, ON L7R 4A6	<a href="mailto:sara.eddy@dfo-mpo.gc.ca">sara.eddy@dfo-mpo.gc.ca</a>	905-3369-4535	905-336-6286		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada-Southern Ontario District	Mr	Paul Savoie	Regional Environmental Assessment Analyst	867 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, ON L7R 4A6		905-639-8687	905-639-3549		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (post)	
Environment Canada - Ontario Region	Mr	Rob Dobos	Manager	867 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, ON L7R 4A6	<a href="mailto:rob.dobos@ec.gc.ca">rob.dobos@ec.gc.ca</a>	905-336-4935	905-336-8901		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (West-Central Region)	Ms	Carol Neumann	Rural Planner	6484 Wellington Road 7, Unit 10 Elora, ON N0B 1S0	<a href="mailto:carol.neumann@ontario.ca">carol.neumann@ontario.ca</a>	519-846-3393	519-846-8178		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Ministry of Infrastructure, Ontario Growth Secretariat, Growth Policy, Planning & Analysis Branch	Mr	Andrew Theoharis	Manager, Growth Policy	777 Bay Street, 4th Floor, Suite 425, Toronto, On M5G 2E5	<a href="mailto:andrew.theoharis@ontario.ca">andrew.theoharis@ontario.ca</a>	416-325-5794	416-325-7403		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Western Municipal Service Office	Mr	Bruce Curtis	Manager, Community Planning & Development	659 Exeter Road, 2nd Floor, London, ON N6E 1L3		519-873-4026			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	not circulated for PIC 2	
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry- Guelph (southern region)	Ms	Tara McKenna, M.Pl.	District Planner	1 Stone Road W., Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2	Tara.McKenna@ontario.ca	519-826-4912	519-826-4929		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (post)	March 15, 2017 - Request to change contact to Tara McKennam M.Pl., District Planner
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	Ms	Jane Glassco	District Manager	Guelph District Office - 1 Stone Road W., Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2	<a href="mailto:jane.glassco@ontario.ca">jane.glassco@ontario.ca</a>	519-826-4258			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	Mr	Paul Odom	Surface Water Group Leader	Water Resources Unit - 119 King Street W., 12th Floor, Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y7	<a href="mailto:Paul.Odom@ontario.ca">Paul.Odom@ontario.ca</a>	905-521-7674			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	Ms	Barbara Slattery	Environmental Resource Planner	Hamilton District Office - 119 King Street W., 12th Floor, Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y7	<a href="mailto:barbara.slattery@ontario.ca">barbara.slattery@ontario.ca</a>	905-521-7864			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport	Mr	Joseph Muller	Heritage Planner	Cultural Services Unit - 401 Bay Street, Suite 1700, Toronto, ON M7A 0A7	<a href="mailto:joseph.muller@ontario.ca">joseph.muller@ontario.ca</a>	416-314-7145	416-314-7175		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Guelph Fire Department		John Osborne	Chief	50 Wyndham Street S., Guelph, ON N1H 3A1	<a href="mailto:john.osborne@guelph.ca">john.osborne@guelph.ca</a>	519-822-1260 ext 2125			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Guelph Police Services		Jeff DeRuyter	Chief (acting)	15 Wyndham Street S., Guelph, ON N1H 4C6	<a href="mailto:jeff.deruyter@police.guelph.on.ca">jeff.deruyter@police.guelph.on.ca</a>	519-824-1212			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Guelph-Wellington EMS		Stephen Dewar	Chief	160 St. Clair Road W., Guelph, ON N11 1G1	<a href="mailto:stephen.dewar@guelph.ca">stephen.dewar@guelph.ca</a>	519-822-1260 ext 2891			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Grand River Conservation Authority	Mr	Nathan Garland	Resource Planner (north)	400 Clyde Road, PO Box 729, Cambridge N1R 5W6	<a href="mailto:ngarland@grandriver.ca">ngarland@grandriver.ca</a>	519-621-2763 ext 2236			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	
Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation, Consultation Unit				160 Bloor Street E., 4th Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 2E6	<a href="mailto:maa.ea.review@ontario.ca">maa.ea.review@ontario.ca</a>				20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email & post)	



PUBLIC AGENCIES												
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Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada			*use "Aboriginal Consultation Information" as email subject	Consultation & Accommodation Unit (CAU) - 25 St. Clair Avenue E., 8th Floor, Toronto, ON M4T 1M2	<a href="mailto:cau.uca@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca">cau.uca@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca</a>	1-800-567-9604	1-866-817-3977		20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email & post)		
Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada				Environmental Assessment Coordination, Environmental Unit, Lands & Trusts Services - 25 St. Clair Avenue E., 8th Floor, Toronto, ON M4T 1M2	<a href="mailto:eacoordination_ON@inac-ainc.gc.ca">eacoordination_ON@inac-ainc.gc.ca</a>				20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email & post)		
Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians		Gord Peters	Grand Chief	387 Princess Avenue, London, ON N6B 2A7	<a href="mailto:gpeters@aiai.on.ca">gpeters@aiai.on.ca</a>	519-434-2761			20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email & post)		
Caldwell First Nation		Louise Hillier	Chief	PO Box 388, Leamington, ON N8H 3W3		519-322-1766	519-322-1533		20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (post)		
Chiefs of Ontario				Administrative Office - 111 Peter Street, Suite 804, Toronto, ON N5V 2H1		416-597-1266	416-597-8365		20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (post)		
Haudeosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council		Hazel Hill	Executive Director	Haudeosaunee Development Institute, 16 Sunrise Court, Suite 407 Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0	<a href="mailto:hazelhill@gmail.com">hazelhill@gmail.com</a>	519-445-4222			20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email & post)		
Metis Nation of Ontario				Metis Consultation Unit - 500 Old St. Patrick Street, Unit 3 Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4		613-798-1488	613-725-4225		20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (post)		
Mississaugas of the New Credit		R. Stacey LaForme	Chief	2789 Mississauga Road, RR. 6, Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0	<a href="mailto:stacey.laforme@newcreditfirstnation.com">stacey.laforme@newcreditfirstnation.com</a>	905-768-1133 ext240			20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email & post)		
Six Nations of the Grand River Territory		Ava Hill	Chief	1695 Chiefswood Road, PO Box 5000, Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0	<a href="mailto:lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca">lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca</a> / <a href="mailto:arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca">arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca</a>	519-445-2201			20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email & post)		
Southern First Nations Secretariat				22631 Austin Line, Bothwell, ON N0P 1C0		519-692-5868	519-692-5972		20161101 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (post)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (post)		
Hydro One	Ms	Mary McFadden		40 Olympic Drive, Dundas, ON L9H 7P5	<a href="mailto:westcentralzonescheduling@hydroone.com">westcentralzonescheduling@hydroone.com</a>	888-652-2302 ext.6016			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Hydro One Inc	Mr	Tony Ierulo	Manager	483 Bay Street, North Tower, 14th Floor, Toronto, ON M5G 2P5	<a href="mailto:ierulo@hydroone.com">ierulo@hydroone.com</a>	416-345-5213	416-345-5395		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Hydro One Networks Inc.	Mr	Walter Kloostr	Manager, Transmission Lines-Sustainment Investment Planning	483 Bay Street, North Tower, 15th Floor, Toronto, ON M5G 2P5	<a href="mailto:w.d.kloostr@hydroone.com">w.d.kloostr@hydroone.com</a>	416-345-5114	416-345-5443		20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Bell Canada	Mr	Brad Boulton	Manager	575 Riverbend Drive, Kitchener, ON N2K 3S3	<a href="mailto:bradley.boulton@bell.ca">bradley.boulton@bell.ca</a>	519-744-0023			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Guelph Hydro	Mr	Ian Bolton	Distribution Design Supervisor	395 Southgate Drive, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y1	<a href="mailto:ibolton@guelphhydro.com">ibolton@guelphhydro.com</a>	519-837-4717			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Guelph Hydro	Mr	Mike Pontes	Technical Services Supervisor	395 Southgate Drive, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y1	<a href="mailto:mpontes@guelphhydro.com">mpontes@guelphhydro.com</a>	519-837-4733			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Rogers Cable	Mr	Brian Murray		Box 488, 85 Grand Crest Place, Kitchener, ON N2G 4A8	<a href="mailto:brian.a.murray@rci.rogers.com">brian.a.murray@rci.rogers.com</a>	519-758-0833			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Rogers Communicatins	Ms	Marion Wright	Planning Coordinator	3573 Wolfedale Road, Mississauga, ON L5C 3T6	<a href="mailto:marion.wright@rci.rogers.com">marion.wright@rci.rogers.com</a>	905-897-3914			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Telus	Ms	Dana Moffat		25 York Street, 22nd floor, Toronto, ON M5J 2V5	<a href="mailto:dana.moffat@telus.com">dana.moffat@telus.com</a>	905-804-6168			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Union Gas Limited	Mr	Kevin Schimus	Project Manager	603 Kumpf Drive, Waterloo, ON N2J 4A4	<a href="mailto:kschimus@uniongas.com">kschimus@uniongas.com</a>	519-885-7513			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	not circulated for PIC 2	20161011-Email, remove from list	Remove from list-20161011



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Ministry of Transportation	Mr	Kevin Bentley	Manager, Engineering Office	Southwestern Region - 659 Exeter Road, London, ON N6E 1L3	<a href="mailto:kevin.bentley@ontario.ca">kevin.bentley@ontario.ca</a>	519-813-4374			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Infrastructure Ontario	Mr	Brandon Lui	Environmental Management Associate	1 Dundas Street W., Suite 2000, Toronto, ON M5G 2L5	<a href="mailto:Brandon.Lui@infrastructureontario.ca">Brandon.Lui@infrastructureontario.ca</a>	(416) 212-6975			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Guelph Junction Railway	Mr	Les Petroczi	General Manager	1 Carden Street, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 3A1	<a href="mailto:Les.Petroczi@guelph.ca">Les.Petroczi@guelph.ca</a>	(519) 822-1260 x 2825			2016-09-14 Notices of Study Commencement, PIC 1	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)	No comments	None
Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation	Ms	Yvette Tendick			yvelep@hotmail.com				20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Guelph Hiking Trail Club	Mr	Dave Culham	President		dculham@gmail.com; wmungall0809@rogers.com				20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Guelph Downtown Neighborhood Association				care of Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition, 10 Carden Street, Guelph, ON N1H 3A2	<a href="mailto:guelphdna@gmail.com">guelphdna@gmail.com</a>				20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Downtown Guelph Business Association (BIA)					marty@downtownguelph.com; info@downtownguelph.com				20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		
Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group				care of Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition, 10 Carden Street, Guelph, ON N1H 3A2	<a href="mailto:info@tworiversng.ca">info@tworiversng.ca</a>	519-837-4248			20161004 Letter & Notice of Study Commencement (email)	PIC2 Notice - March 9, 2017 (email)		

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**Ontario**

October 4, 2016

Ms Tiffany Brûlé  
City of Guelph

Mr. Brent Willis  
GM BluePlan Engineering Ltd.

Dear Ms Brûlé and Mr. Willis:

**Re: Pedestrian Bridges over the Speed River linking St. Patrick's Ward to Downtown Guelph  
Response to Notice of Commencement**

This letter is our response to the Notice of Commencement for the above noted project. This response acknowledges that the City of Guelph has indicated that its study is following the Schedule "B" process under the MEA Class EA in order to assess the future pedestrian and cyclists' needs for a linkage to the downtown Guelph area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. It is understood that tentative locations for the two bridges have been identified.

### **Consultation with First Nation and Métis Communities**

Your proposed project may have the potential to affect Aboriginal communities who hold or claim Aboriginal or treaty rights protected under Section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act* 1982.

The Crown has a duty to consult First Nation and Métis communities when it knows about established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights, and contemplates decisions or actions that may adversely affect them.

Although the Crown remains responsible for ensuring the adequacy of consultation with potentially affected Aboriginal communities, it may delegate procedural aspects of the consultation process to project proponents.

The environmental assessment process requires proponents to consult with interested persons and government agencies, including those potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes a responsibility to conduct adequate consultation with First Nation and Métis communities.

The Ministry relies on consultation conducted by proponents when it assesses the Crown's obligations and directs proponents during the regulatory process.

Where the Crown's duty to consult is triggered in relation to your proposed project, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment is delegating the procedural aspects of rights-based consultation to you through this letter.

To assist you in ensuring that these obligations are met, follow-up correspondence identifying the appropriate First Nations and Metis communities for this area will be provided to by the end of this month.

### **Source Water Protection**

Per the recent amendments to the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class EA parent document approved October 2015, proponents undertaking a Municipal Class EA project must identify early in the process whether a project is occurring within a source water protection vulnerable area. This must be clearly documented in a Project

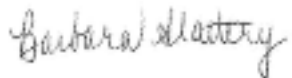
File report or ESR. If the project is occurring in a vulnerable area, then there may be policies in the local Source Protection Plan (SPP) that need to be adhered to (requirements under the Clean Water Act). The proponent should contact and consult with the appropriate Conservation Authority/Source Protection Authority (CA/SPA) to discuss potential considerations and policies in the SPP that apply to the project.

Please include a section in the report on Source Water Protection. Specifically, it should discuss whether or not the project is located in a vulnerable area and provide applicable details about the area. If located in a vulnerable area, proponents should document whether any project activities are a prescribed drinking water threat and thus pose a risk to drinking water (this should be consulted on with the appropriate CA/SPA). Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, the proponent must document and discuss in the Project File Report/ESR how the project adheres to or has regard to applicable policies in the local SPP. This section should then be used to inform and should be reflected in other sections of the report, such as the identification of net positive/negative effects of alternatives, mitigation measures, evaluation of alternatives etc. (As a note, even if the project activities in a vulnerable area are deemed to not to be a drinking water risk, there may be other policies that apply and so consultation with the local CA/SPA is important).

You must contact the Director, Environmental Approvals Branch if you have reason to believe that your proposed project may **adversely affect an Aboriginal or treaty right, consultation has reached an impasse**, or if a Part II Order is anticipated. The Ministry will then assess the extent of any Crown duty to consult in the circumstances, and will consider whether additional steps should be taken and what role you will be asked to play in them.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at either at (905) 521-7864 or at [Barbara.slattery@ontario.ca](mailto:Barbara.slattery@ontario.ca).

Yours truly,

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EA/Planning Coordinator





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October 18, 2016

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Dear Mr. Willis:

**Re: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment  
Guelph Pedestrian Bridges- 5 Arthur Street Bridges (A and B)  
City of Guelph**

The GRCA has interests identified within the study area for the proposed pedestrian bridges, including the Speed River and its associated flood plain, as well as numerous natural heritage features within and adjacent to the study area. As such, we request to be included in this Environmental Assessment processes.

We have provided comments on the Terms of Reference for a Scoped Environmental Impact Study (EIS), About and Associates dated June 12, 2016 in support of this project.

Any proposed works, selected as the preferred alternative, would be subject to Ontario Regulation 150/06, requiring permission from the GRCA to undertake the works..

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ashley Rye at 519-621-2763 ext. 2320.

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Fred Natolochny, MCIP, RPP  
Supervisor of Resource Planning  
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c.c. Tiffany Brule, Parks Planner, City of Guelph, City Hall, 1 Carden Street., Guelph, ON N1H 3A1



September 14, 2016

Ryan Hamelin  
Aboud & Associates Inc.  
591 Woolwich Street  
Guelph, ON N1H 3Y5

Dear Mr. Hamelin,

**Re: Terms of Reference for a Scoped Environmental Impact Study  
Guelph Pedestrian Bridges- 5 Arthur Street Bridges (A and B)  
City of Guelph**

We have now had the opportunity to review the Terms of Reference for a Scoped Environmental Impact Study (EIS) dated June 12, 2016 and we offer the following comments.

1. The information provided references the floodplain but does not address potential impacts on flow or hydraulic capacity. This should be addressed concurrently with the EIS or as an independent impact study.
2. The GRCA requests to be circulated on the concept plans of the bridge structure to allow for technical comment.

**Advisory Comments**

3. We recommend that the 1-season botanical inventory is expanded to include a spring inventory in addition to the summer inventory.
4. The study area for the EIS is identified as all lands occurring 30 meters on each side of the proposed pedestrian bridge and where access is permitted; however, the Tree Preservation Plan only encompasses 15 metres study area on each side of the proposed bridge. It is recommended that the area for tree assessment is consistent with the defined study area of 30 metres on each side of the proposed pedestrian bridge as the final bridge works have not been determined, nor the staging area for construction identified.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ashley Rye at 519-621-2763 ext. 2320.

Yours truly,

Fred Natolochny, MCIP, RPP  
Supervisor of Resource Planning  
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c.c. Adele Labbe, Environmental Planner, City of Guelph, City Hall, 1 Carden Street., Guelph, ON N1H 3A1



November 7, 2016

Andrew Janes,  
Project Engineer Supervisor,  
City of Guelph, 1 Carden Street,  
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Dear Mr. Janes:

**Re: City of Guelph-Proposed Norwich Street and St. Patrick's Ward Pedestrian Bridges  
Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment**

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During the October 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting Grand River Conservation Authority the Board members provided comments relating to the Norwich Street and St. Patrick's Ward Pedestrian Bridges Environmental Assessments.

The comment provided was that the study area for the pedestrian bridges along this reach of the Speed River is limited and contains a large amount of existing infrastructure. Thus, it was suggested that there should be a broader area considered for the location of the pedestrian crossings to help with the assessment of the movement of pedestrians through this portion of the downtown.

These comments were provided by a Board member as a statement and are being provided for your consideration as part of the Environmental Assessment for the Norwich and St. Patrick's Ward pedestrian bridges. Our previous comments dated October 18, 2016 remain unchanged by this statement.

Should you have any questions or require any information, please contact Ashley Rye at 519-621-2763 ext. 2320.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Natolochny".

Fred Natolochny, MCIP, RPP  
Supervisor of Resource Planning  
Grand River Conservation Authority

c.c. Brent Willis, Project Manager, GM BluePlan Engineering Limited, 650 Woodlawn Road West, Block C, Unit 2,  
Guelph ON N1K 1B8 (Email)  
Tiffany Brûlé, Parks Planner, City of Guelph, 1 Carden Street, Guelph ON N1H 3A1 (Email)



March 27, 2017

Tiffany Brûlé  
Parks Planner, Parks and Recreation  
City of Guelph, City Hall  
1 Carden Street , Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

Attn: Tiffany Brûlé, Parks Planner

Dear Ms. Brûlé,

**RE: Guelph Pedestrian Bridges Ward to Downtown**

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Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff have had an opportunity to review the Guelph Pedestrian Bridges Ward to Downtown Environmental Impact Study (EIS) prepared by Aboud & Associates Inc. (February 14, 2017); the Ward to Downtown Bridge Class Environmental Assessment Project File (Schedule B) prepared by GM Blue Plan (February 6, 2017); Conceptual Construction Drawings (August 2016); and the Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment Report prepared by Ecosystem Recovery Inc. dated February 2017, and offer the following comments.

The study area contains the Speed River, the Guelph Special Policy Area floodplain and the regulated allowance adjacent to these features, as well as other natural heritage features as described in the EIS. Due to the presence of the above-noted features a permit from the GRCA is required under *Ontario Regulation 150/06 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation* for the proposed bridges.

**Guelph Pedestrian Bridges Ward to Downtown EIS Comments:**

1. The impact assessment outlined in the EIS is sufficient to support the selection of the preferred bridge design and alignment alternatives. The final EIS should include a detailed assessment of potential and residual impacts related to bridge design and construction. It is recommended that site specific impacts and related mitigation measures to be implemented are included in a revised EIS.
2. Technical appendices are not attached to the EIS report. The data and information are necessary for the purpose of properly assessing ecological impacts, confirming timing windows, and related mitigation measures such as construction-related setbacks.
3. Alternative 1b (between 1a and 1b) is preferred from a regulatory standpoint as the west abutment appears to be farther from the top of bank, this is also consistent with the setbacks recommended in the EIS. The revised EIS should clarify which of the alternatives is selected.

**Advisory Comments on EIS:**

1. It is recommended that the buffer widths outlines in Table 6 are referenced in Table 8 and on the applicable site plans.
2. Section 6.2 (Impact Assessment)- Item number 2 indicates the potential impacts are provided in Table 6, however impacts are outlines in Tables 7 and 8.

3. Table 6 and Table 7 do not include “Ecological Linkages” (1.3.5.5)

**Ward to Downtown, Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment Comments:**

1. Please provide the updated HECRAS model for review
2. GRCA would like further details and rationale for the changes in the 100 Year and Regional Storm computed water surface elevations along the reach.
3. There are concerns with the justification for the changes in the 100 Year and Regional Storm water surface elevations; please provide further justification for the difference between the existing and updated models. Was the channel geometry changed in the updated model, if so were the changes based on field observations?

**Conclusion:**

The GRCA continues to have an interest in the ongoing Environmental Assessment for the proposed pedestrian bridges and requests continued involvement in the process.

If the project proceeds after the completion of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessments the following detailed plans will be required by the GRCA at the permitting stage:

- a. Detailed erosion and sediment control plan
- b. Dewatering and diversion plan if applicable
- c. Construction staging and sequencing plan
- d. Site restoration and rehabilitation plan

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ashley Rye at 519-621-2763 ext. 2320.

Sincerely,



Fred Natolochny, MCIP, RPP  
Supervisor of Resource Planning  
Grand River Conservation Authority  
FN/ar

cc: Adèle Labbé, City of Guelph (Email)  
Jack Turner, GM Blue Plan (Email)

**From:** Mike Pontes <mpontes@guelphhydro.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** Jack Turner - GM BluePlan  
**Cc:** Matt Scott - GM BluePlan; Brent Willis - GM BluePlan  
**Subject:** RE: City of Guelph - Environmental Assessments (GMBP 116046-1,-2)

Good afternoon Jack,

The primary lines (three at the top of the pole) are 13,860 volt lines. They have to stay a min 3m (10') away from the lines. The next line down is the system neutral, it carries the same clearance. Next line would be street lighting which I believe is a min of 1m (3'). The bottom line looks like Bell or Rogers, not sure on those. Speaking of the lines we do NOT provide cover up as it's a liability thing. We could possibly de-energize that section of line at a cost to be paid by the contractor. This would not be cheap but unfortunately this will be the only way they can work safe at the bridge. The other issue is depending on what our system configuration is at the time of the construction it may be we can't take that section of line down. Our feeders come from four different transformer stations and they are looped together at various points. We have a lot of construction coming up this year which has us rerouting feeder circuits in order for ours to work. We also have to juggle our work areas due to work that Hydro One has going on. They control three of the transformer stations and if they have maintenance going on, they will trump what we do. A lot of things to consider here. This job will all come down to timing. I suggest a meet on site when a successful contractor has been selected.

Thank-you,

Mike

**Mike Pontes, C.E.T**  
**Technical Services Supervisor**  
**Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.**  
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**From:** Deborah.Armstrong@HydroOne.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:16 AM  
**To:** Jack Turner - GM BluePlan; Brent Willis - GM BluePlan; tiffany.brule@guelph.ca  
**Cc:** Matt Scott - GM BluePlan  
**Subject:** RE: PIC 2 Notice - Guelph - Ward to Downtown Pedestrian Bridges Environmental Assessment (116046-2)

Good Day

I had the Hydro One Guelph SDET review your information. As per the SDET, this is the City of Guelph, and does not affect Hydro One Distribution.

Thank you

Deb Armstrong  
519-426-4446 x 2286  
[deb.armstrong@HydroOne.com](mailto:deb.armstrong@HydroOne.com)

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**From:** Jack Turner - GM BluePlan [<mailto:Jack.Turner@gmblueplan.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 09, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** Brent Willis - GM BluePlan; Tiffany Brûlé ([tiffany.brule@guelph.ca](mailto:tiffany.brule@guelph.ca))  
**Cc:** Matt Scott - GM BluePlan  
**Subject:** PIC 2 Notice - Guelph - Ward to Downtown Pedestrian Bridges Environmental Assessment (116046-2)

All,

Please find the attached notice regarding the City of Guelph's second public information centre to review progress to date of the Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for two pedestrian/cyclist bridges across the Speed River.

If you have comments or wish to be removed from the project mailing list, please let us know.

**Regards,**

**Jack Turner, P.Eng.**  
Project Manager, Partner

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**From:** Schimus, Kevin [<mailto:KSchimus@uniongas.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2016 11:11 AM

**To:** Jack Turner - GM BluePlan; Brent Willis - GM BluePlan

**Cc:** Artt, Shawn

**Subject:** FW: Notice of Study Commencement, Pedestrian Bridges over the Speed River linking St. Patrick's Ward to Downtown Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (GMBP 116046-2)

Good morning,

Union Gas does not have any existing infrastructure within the limits of your project, therefore no concerns or comments. I can be removed from distribution list for any future communications.





Regards,

**Kevin Schimus**

**Project Manager**

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**From:** Kim Wilkinson - GM BluePlan [<mailto:Kim.Wilkinson@gmblueplan.ca>]

**Sent:** October 4, 2016 8:57 AM

**Subject:** Notice of Study Commencement, Pedestrian Bridges over the Speed River linking St. Patrick's Ward to Downtown Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (GMBP 116046-2)

Good Morning,

Please see the attached correspondence and notice.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Brent Willis ([Brent.Willis@gmblueplan.ca](mailto:Brent.Willis@gmblueplan.ca)) or Jack Turner ([Jack.Turner@gmblueplan.ca](mailto:Jack.Turner@gmblueplan.ca)).

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