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**Indigenous Community Correspondence**



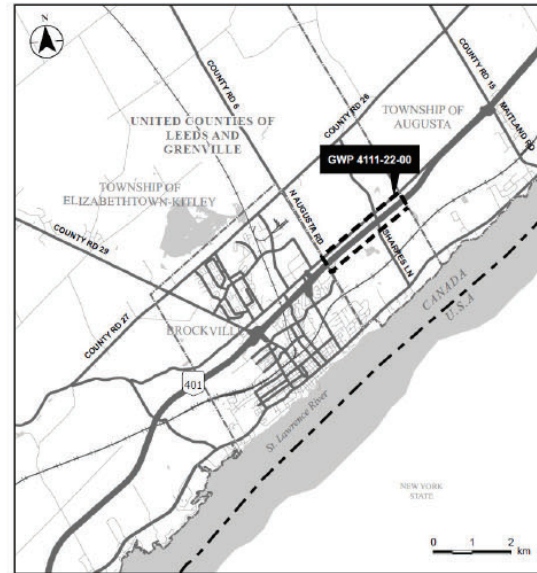


## **Notice of Study Commencement**



**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
Highway 401 Planning Study East of Brockville, GWP 4111-22-00**

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**COMMENTS**

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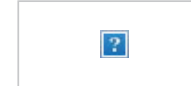
Dear Consultations Coordinator of the Metis Nation of Ontario,

Please see the attached Notice of Study Commencement and Ontario Government Notice for the Highway 401 Planning Study East of Brockville, GWP 4111-22-00.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Franca Sacchetti".

Franca Sacchetti  
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c. D. Brake, P. Copping – Ministry of Transportation  
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As part of the study commencement, MTO is inviting you to participate in this study and assist us in identifying the environmental, social, and cultural values your community may have within the study area.

We would like to invite a community field liaison to join the terrestrial ecologists and fisheries specialists during the field investigations. Terrestrial ecosystem and fisheries field investigations (GWP 4111-22-00) are planned to begin in May 2024, specific dates to be confirmed and weather dependent. The work is anticipated to take six days to complete. Ahead of work taking place, the field staff will provide confirmation of the schedule as well as contact information for the field director, and a meeting time and muster point location if you wish to participate. Available details and a study area map are provided below:

Date(s): Specific dates in May & June to be confirmed.

# days: Approximately 6 days on-site

Description of work: Terrestrial ecosystem and fisheries investigations in select locations, visual observations, photos and note-taking.

Location: Parcels directly adjacent to Highway 401 and structures in the study area.

If you are interested in having a representative on site, we would appreciate your response on or before the end of day, June 7, 2024 to assist with any additional discussion on logistics. The participating CFL is eligible for reimbursement in line with MTO's Environmental Community Field Liaison policy. If you have any questions about this policy or about the proposed field activities, please let me know.

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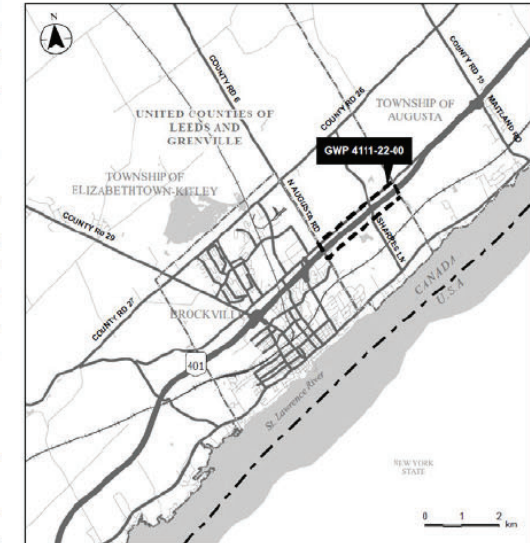
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This notice is to announce the first online Public Information Centre (PIC) for this study. The purpose of PIC 1 is to display and seek input on the existing conditions in the study area (i.e. natural, social, economic, and cultural), present the preliminary alternatives and proposed evaluation criteria, and answer questions about the study.

The online PIC will be available for review on the study website at [www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca](http://www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca) starting October 2, 2024. A recorded presentation will be available as part of the online PIC until November 8, 2024.

**THE PROCESS**

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1

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**Cc:** [Cooke, Gregg](#); [Belliveau, Tim](#); [Vanhell, Shane](#)  
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A letter was sent to you in April 2024 to notify you of the commencement of the study, to provide you with information regarding environmental field investigations that are planned for this study, and to invite your input.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that an online Public Information Centre (PIC) will be available for your review on the study website, [www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca](http://www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca), starting on **October 2, 2024**. A recorded presentation will be available as part of the online PIC.

This PIC provides an opportunity to review the preliminary alternatives, existing environmental conditions, and proposed evaluation process and criteria to be used to identify the Recommended Plan. The project website will also be regularly updated with current project information and can be used as an additional resource to submit comments to the project team.

If you have any questions or comments, or if you require further information regarding this project, please feel free to contact me, Franca Sacchetti, Director of East Operations at [franca.sacchetti@ontario.ca](mailto:franca.sacchetti@ontario.ca), or Peter Copping, Indigenous Liaison Specialist at [peter.a.copping@ontario.ca](mailto:peter.a.copping@ontario.ca). The MTO will continue to engage with you as this project progresses.

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**Reference: Highway 401 Planning Study East of Brockville  
GWP 4111-22-00 - Notice of Online Public Information Centre 1**

Dear Acting Grand Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell:

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The purpose of the study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs in the study area as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network.

This study will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, and developing environmental protection and mitigation measures. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.

Planned study activities include, but may not be limited to:

- Collecting and reviewing relevant background information and seeking input from the public, Indigenous Communities, and external ministries/agencies
- Carrying out field investigations to confirm environmental and engineering information
- Detailed natural science, fisheries, migratory bird, and noise studies
- A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

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A letter was sent to you in April 2024 to notify you of the commencement of the study, to provide you with information regarding environmental field investigations that are planned for this study, and to invite your input.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that an online Public Information Centre (PIC) will be available for your review on the study website, [www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca](http://www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca), starting on **October 2, 2024**. A recorded presentation will be available as part of the online PIC.

This PIC provides an opportunity to review the preliminary alternatives, existing environmental conditions, and proposed evaluation process and criteria to be used to identify the Recommended Plan. The project website will also be regularly updated with current project information and can be used as an additional resource to submit comments to the project team.

If you have any questions or comments, or if you require further information regarding this project, please feel free to contact me, Franca Sacchetti, Director of East Operations at [franca.sacchetti@ontario.ca](mailto:franca.sacchetti@ontario.ca), or Peter Copping, Indigenous Liaison Specialist at [peter.a.copping@ontario.ca](mailto:peter.a.copping@ontario.ca). The MTO will continue to engage with you as this project progresses.

Sincerely,



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Director

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2**



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PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
Highway 401 Planning Study East of Brockville, GWP 4111-22-00**

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**THE PROCESS**

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways, 2024 (Class EA). The project team, which includes representatives from Stantec and MTO, are completing environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from individuals, organizations, and Indigenous communities. Upon completion of Preliminary Design, the project team will prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and issue a Notice of Completion. The project team will include comments received, responses to the comments and any supporting materials in a record of consultation.

Once a Technically Preferred Alternative has been identified, the Ministry of Transportation may designate lands as highway and acquire property prior to EA process completion. A designation enables the Ministry to provide route/corridor protection through the application of development control measures along the corridor and in the vicinity of the designated lands. For more information about highway corridor management, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/highway-corridor-management>.

**ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2**

Public Information Centre (PIC) 1 was offered on the study website between October 2, 2024, and November 8, 2024, to present and solicit feedback on the study background, existing study area conditions, preliminary improvement alternatives, the evaluation process, and next steps in the Class EA process.

PIC 2 is currently being planned to present and gather feedback on the evaluation of alternatives, the technically preferred plan, and next steps in the Class EA process.

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**COMMENTS**

Additional details will be available on the project website, [www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca](http://www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca). We encourage you to participate in the study and to provide comments through the website or by contacting the project team members listed below. If you have questions about the study or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. 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. Pour obtenir des renseignements en français, composer le 1-(905)-381-3224 (Tim Belliveau), Courriel: [tim.belliveau@stantec.com](mailto:tim.belliveau@stantec.com).

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Dear Grand Chief Akwiratekha Lazore,

Please see the attached notice of online public information regarding the Highway 401 Planning Study East of Brockville.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,  
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**Attention: Grand Chief Leonard Akwiratekha Lazore**

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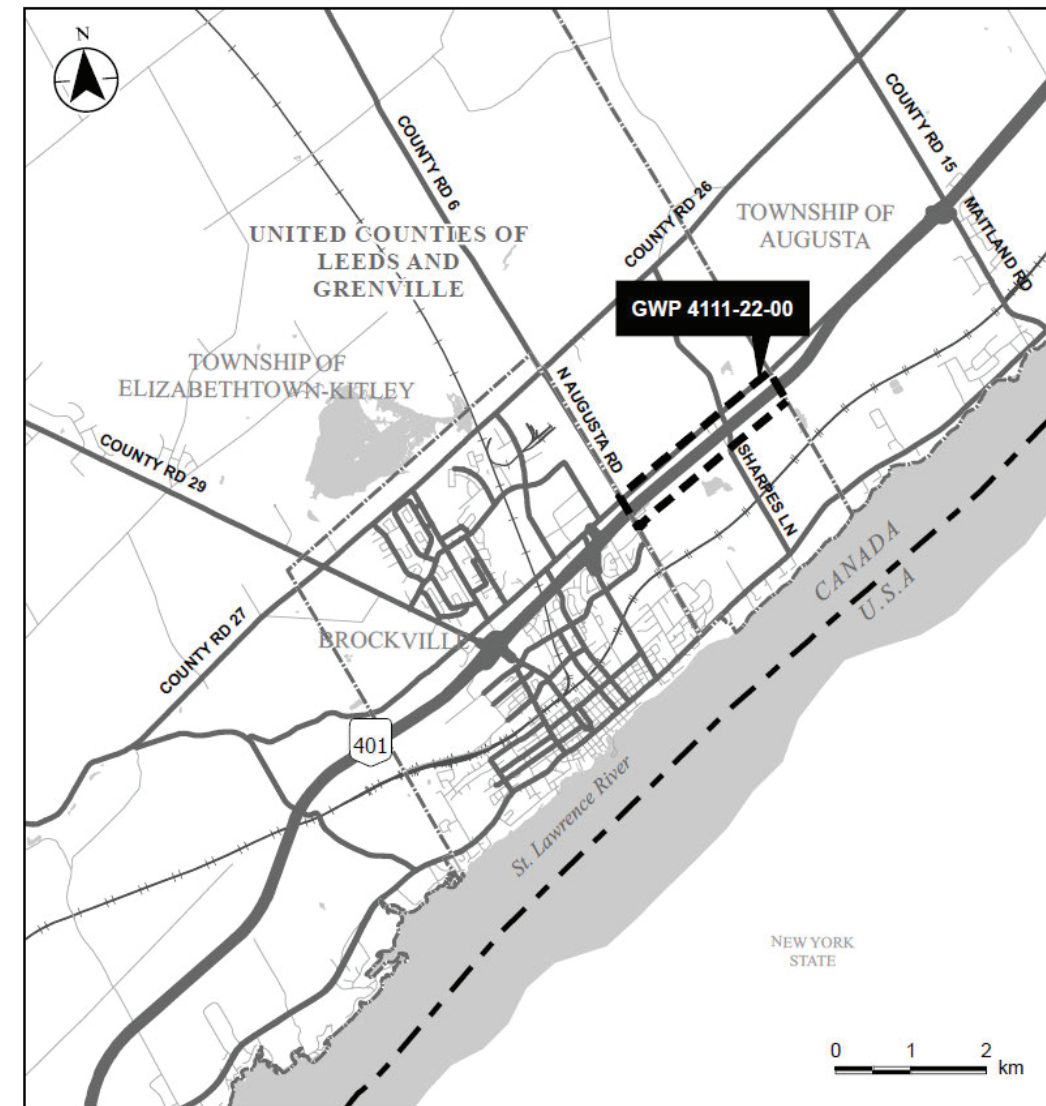


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