



BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is planning to undertake a Bridge Infrastructure Master Plan which will identify future infrastructure needs associated with a group of older bridges distributed throughout the municipality. The bridges, which were constructed between 1910 and 1950, require significant rehabilitation or replacement in the next 5 to 10 years and, as a group, represent a significant capital commitment for the Municipality. The Master Plan review process will consider a range of factors associated with each bridge, including current and anticipated traffic volumes, capacity, local and regional transportation linkages, expected replacement cost, and potential heritage value. As an outcome of this process, one or more of the structures being reviewed may be identified for removal and/or permanent retirement from vehicular traffic. The location of the bridges included in the review can be viewed at the following link: [www.bmross.net/Public Information Centre/Arran-Elderslie](http://www.bmross.net/Public%20Information%20Centre/Arran-Elderslie).

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

The Infrastructure Master Plan is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), which is an approved planning process under the Environmental Assessment Act. Master Plan projects incorporate Phases 1 & 2 of the Class EA process and also include consultation with government review agencies, Aboriginal Communities, adjacent property owners, and the general public. This Notice is being issued to advise of the start of study investigations. Additional opportunities for public input and comment will be provided as the study progresses.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Public consultation is a key component of this study. The proposed consultation plan provides for a Public Information Meeting (PIC) to be held during the spring of 2020 to review components of the Infrastructure Master Plan and to give interested parties an opportunity to provide input into the process. Any comments collected in conjunction with the Class EA Master Plan process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Please contact the project engineers if you have any questions regarding this Notice: B.M. Ross and Associates: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone (Toll Free): (888) 524-2641. Fax: (519) 524-4403. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net), within 30 days from the date of this Notice

**Scott McLeod, Works Manager
Municipality of Arran-Elderslie**

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