



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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie currently maintains 64 bridges. In September 2019 the municipality initiated a Bridge Infrastructure Master Plan to identify future infrastructure needs associated with the 17 oldest bridges. Constructed between 1910 and 1950, the crossings require significant rehabilitation or replacement in the next 10 to 20 years and, as a group, represent a significant capital commitment for the Municipality. The Master Plan process considered 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. The location of the bridges included in the review can be viewed at the following link: <https://bmross.net/public-information-centre/arran-elderslie/bridge-infrastructure-master-plan/general-location-plan>. Based on the options that were considered, preliminary outcomes have been identified for each of the crossings; however, input from residents is needed prior to finalizing the recommended approach and completing the Master Plan process.

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, Indigenous Communities, adjacent property owners, and the general public.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Public consultation is a key component of this study. A Public Information Meeting is being organized by the Municipality to obtain input from residents on the project status. The meeting will provide details about the Master Plan process and approaches identified for each structure based on the options being considered, including which structures have been identified for potential replacement, repair and eventual closure. This meeting will also give residents an opportunity to provide input on the project. Details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, September 19th, 2023
Place: Chesley Community Centre (129 4th Ave. SE, Chesley)
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Presentation at 6:30 p.m.)

NEXT STEPS:

Following the meeting, input into this project will be accepted until **October 19, 2023**. Any comments collected in conjunction with this 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. For further information on this project, or to review the Master Plan process, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone: (519) 524-2641. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net).

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