NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 15 / Perth Road Intersection Improvements (GWP 4030-22-00)

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained WSP Canada Inc. to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for Highway 15 / Perth Road Intersection Improvements, located in Franktown, approximately 12 kilometres south of Carleton Place, Ontario, as shown in the key plan.

The study will include a review of the operation of this intersection to address concerns such as traffic delays on Perth Road accessing northbound Highway 15. The study may also include a review of the sight distances, existing highway geometrics, entrances, utilities, and drainage features. Improvements to this intersection may include signalization or a roundabout, approach road realignments, new illuminations, new turning lanes, and/or closures.



THE PROCESS

This study follows the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment* for *Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways* (2024) and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external agencies, Indigenous Communities, and stakeholders. This study will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, and developing environmental protection/mitigation measures.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the community an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first of two Public Information Centres (PIC #1) is being held as a **drop-in-style**, **open house format**. The purpose of the first PIC is to provide interested parties, Indigenous Communities, and the public an opportunity to review and provide input on the existing environmental conditions and to comment on the preliminary list of alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the study process and next steps. A slide deck of the materials presented at PIC #1 will also be available on the project website at <u>www.hwy15perthroadintersection.com</u> following the PIC. Comments regarding the PIC #1 are kindly requested by **June 19**, **2025**, and can be submitted through the online comment form available on the website or by contacting one of the project team members listed below. A second PIC will be held in the study to present the recommended plan, summary of anticipated environmental issues, proposed mitigation measures, and commitments to future work.

PIC #1 will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Brunton Community Hall 2022 Beckwith Pk Ln, Carleton Place, ON K7C 0V9

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the Project Team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or if you have any comments, questions or concerns about the study, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website at <u>www.hwy15perthroadintersection.com</u>, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments and questions to the Project Team on the project website.

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.* With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

