Introduction

The City of Pickering initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to examine the need for improvements to Sandy Beach Road from Montgomery Park Road to Bayly Street and to the existing culvert crossing Sandy Beach Road. In order to confirm the need and justification for the improvements to the road and culvert, comments have been gathered from stakeholders and various supporting studies have been completed.

The anticipated need for a centre turn lane on Sandy Beach Road was one of the main triggers for the Class EA study. A Traffic Study was completed to predict traffic conditions for the next 20 years. Upon completion of the Traffic Study, it was determined that a centre turn lane on Sandy Beach Road is not required and therefore the reconstruction of Sandy Beach Road will proceed as a Schedule A+ since the project is limited in scale, having minimal adverse environmental effects. Schedule A+ are pre-approved; however, the public is to be advised prior to project implementation (i.e. construction). The reconstruction of Sandy Beach Road is still required to address poor road conditions, drainage issues and the lack of pedestrian and cycling facilities, and therefore the detailed design of the road will proceed.

The Krosno Creek Flood Reduction Class EA study, completed in 2015, recommended further investigation to review the sizing of the existing culvert crossing on Sandy Beach Road. A Class EA study is required for evaluating alternatives for the culvert crossing, and therefore this Class EA study will focus on the culvert and will review alternative solutions to address the size of the culvert on Sandy Beach Road.

The Process

The Class EA study is being conducted in accordance with the Schedule ‘B’ process under the Municipal Engineers Association’s, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (October 2000, amended 2007, 2011 and 2015).

The City would like anyone with an interest in the study to have an opportunity to provide input, which will help the project team with the decision-making process. Preliminary study information is now available on the City’s website pickering.ca/sandybeachroad which includes the purpose and scope of this study, the review of alternative solutions to address
any problems/opportunities and the identification of a recommended solution. The alternative solutions take into consideration the effects on engineering and public safety, natural environment, social environment, economic environment and cultural environment.

**Comments**

This Public Comment Invited notice is being issued to notify the stakeholders of the project and invite comment. Comments and information regarding the Class EA Study will be maintained for reference throughout the project lifecycle and will become part of the public record. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* is compiled and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

To provide comments, please print, complete the comment sheet, and return it to the contacts below by mail, fax, or email. Please return comments by **Friday, November 16, 2018**.

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