

NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Pearl Lake, Easterly To 2.8 Km West of CPR Overhead at Ouimet

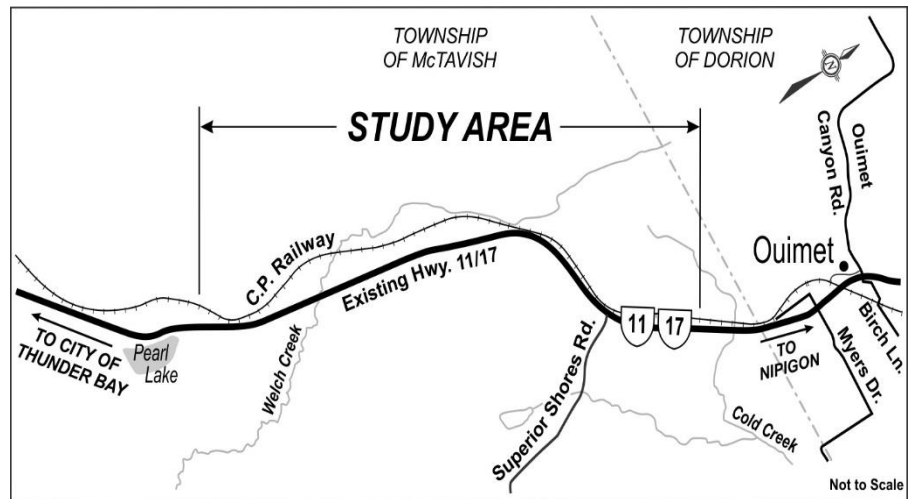
THE STUDY

WSP, on behalf of the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, is undertaking the Design-Build Ready and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for Highway 11/17 four-laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 km west of CPR Overhead at Ouimet, for 7.6 km.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000).

The original Commencement Notice for this project was published in August 2018. The project team is now continuing to review the previously approved corridor identified in the 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR) and potential changes to improve the highway alignment while minimizing environmental impacts. Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 will present the potential changes to the previously approved EA corridor, including the review of a new alignment for the future eastbound lanes.



Due to the on-going pandemic, PIC #1 is being held virtually on the project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca. Persons requiring accommodation to review these materials are encouraged to contact the Project Managers below to discuss accessibility requirements.

The purpose of PIC #1 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 any potential changes to the previously EA highway alignment including modifications to access roads. PIC #1 materials will be posted on the project website beginning on **July 20, 2021**. Comments are requested by **August 6, 2021** through the online comment form that is available on the website, or by contacting the individuals below. Please note comments are welcome at any time during the study.

PIC #2 will be held later in the study to present the recommended highway alignment and access options, anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

As part of this study, an Addendum to the ESR will be prepared to document any changes to the existing environmental conditions from 1997 and any proposed changes to the previously approved plan, along with the proposed mitigation measures. The Addendum will be available for a 30-day public review period at the end of the study process. Notices will be posted and published when the Addendum is available for viewing.

COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments or if you would like to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact the individuals listed below, or visit our website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca.

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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.