

Notice of Completion - Design and Construction Report Filing
Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 Km West of CPR Overhead at Ouimet
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

THE STUDY

WSP Canada Inc., on behalf of the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, has completed the detail design and environmental assessment (EA) study for the four-lane expansion of Highway 11/17 from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 km west of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) Overhead at Ouimet, for a total of 7.6 km as shown in the map.

The study included:

- Expansion of Highway 11/17 to four lanes with a new eastbound alignment south of the existing highway;
- Rehabilitating and improving the existing highway to become the westbound lanes;
- Improvements/modifications to intersecting side roads.

BACKGROUND

During the initial detail design stage, the project team held a public information centre (PIC) on April 10, 2025 to provide an update on the environmental assessment study, including the anticipated environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures, preferred detail design plan and next steps.

THE PROCESS

The detail design and environmental assessment study was completed in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000 (Class EA) as a Group 'B' project. As per the Class EA, a design and construction report (DCR) has been prepared to document the process, describe the preferred design, summarize public and agency consultation and outline the environmental mitigation measures and requirements for construction. Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

The DCR will be available for a 30-day comment period from **May 19, 2026** to **June 19, 2026** on the project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca and in person at the following locations:

Municipality of Shuniah
420 Leslie Avenue
Thunder Bay, ON
P7A 1X9

Ministry of Transportation
615 James Street South
Thunder Bay, ON
P7E 6P6

Township of Dorion
170 Dorion Loop Rd
Dorion, Ontario
P0T 1K0

COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **June 19, 2026**. All comments or concerns should be submitted through the online comment form (www.hwy11-17four-laning-pearllake.ca/contact-us) found on the project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca or sent directly to:

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Requests, in accordance with Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, for an order requiring a higher level of study or specific conditions may be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name and should be sent in writing or by email to the Ministry of Transportation project manager listed above and to the following:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and
Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

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. Persons requiring accommodation to review these materials are encouraged to contact the project managers above to discuss accessibility requirements.

