

Public Consultation Centre No. 2
Whitton Road/O'Brien Road Intersection Closure and New Road Alignment
and
Proposed East Development Area Secondary Plan
Integrated Environmental Assessment Study

INTRODUCTION

This study is satisfying *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements for two projects: East Development Area; and the closure of the Whitton Road at O'Brien Road/Highway 60. Each are described below.

This is the second of two Public Consultation Centres (PCC's) for the Whitton Road and O'Brien Road intersection closure, new Whitton Road alignment and road alignment network alternatives within the East Development Area. The purpose of the second PCC will be to provide interested stakeholders, Indigenous Peoples communities, and the public an opportunity to review and comment on the evaluation of the alternatives and the technical recommendations. Details of the PCC are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: myFM Centre, 1 Ma-Te-Way Park Drive, Renfrew, ON K7V 4J4



The Whitton Road at O'Brien Road Intersection Closure

The intersection of Whitton Road at O'Brien Road is considering closure to improve operations and safety when the Highway 417 Interchange is constructed. Revisions to the road network are required to provide a connection from Whitton Road to O'Brien Road. This road closure of the Whitton Road intersection created the need for the Municipal Class EA (Amended 2023) to plan for changes in the road network within the East Development Area and adjacent Provincial Highway 60 and 417 network.

Integrated Approach Environmental Assessment

As part of the East Development Area, an EA is being undertaken for new and modified major roads, including the road closure of Whitton Road and the road network within the East Development Area. These proposed road alignments are subject to Schedule C of the Municipal Class EA (MCEA) process. The EA will be completed using the “Integrated Approach” within the *Planning Act*, an approved process under the Municipal Class EA (2023). The integrated approach will ensure that planning for the East Development Area land designations and changes to the transportation network are completed simultaneously, providing the necessary supporting documents, public consultation and alternatives for both studies. The Notice of Commencement for the Renfrew East Development Area/ Whitton Road Closure EA Study was issued March 27, 2024. This PCC is part of the Integrated Municipal Class EA process.

East Development Area Secondary Plan - *Planning Act*

The PCC will have displays showing proposed changes to land use designations within the East Development Area. Comments on the proposed changes are welcome. However, the *Planning Act* requirements within the Integrated Approach require a public Notice and meeting that will provide prescribed notification, an opportunity to comment at the public meeting and individual’s and organization’s rights under the *Planning Act* and Integrated Approach under the Municipal Class EA. A future Statutory Public Meeting will be completed when the East Development Area Secondary Plan policy has been developed.

Engagement – ZenCity Engage

Additional study information, including public notices and study materials prepared to date, will be made available on the Town’s ZenCity Engage website, which provides an opportunity for members of the public to be informed about important Town projects.

<https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/proposed-east-development-area-secondary-plan-closure-of-whitton-road-at-o-brien-road>

Comments

Early identification of individual and group concerns greatly aids in addressing these concerns. All information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Class EA (2024) and *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (2009). With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Persons will be advised of future communication opportunities by electronic notice in addition to newspaper public notices.

For more information and if you wish to be placed on the study’s mailing or emailing contact list, contact:

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