

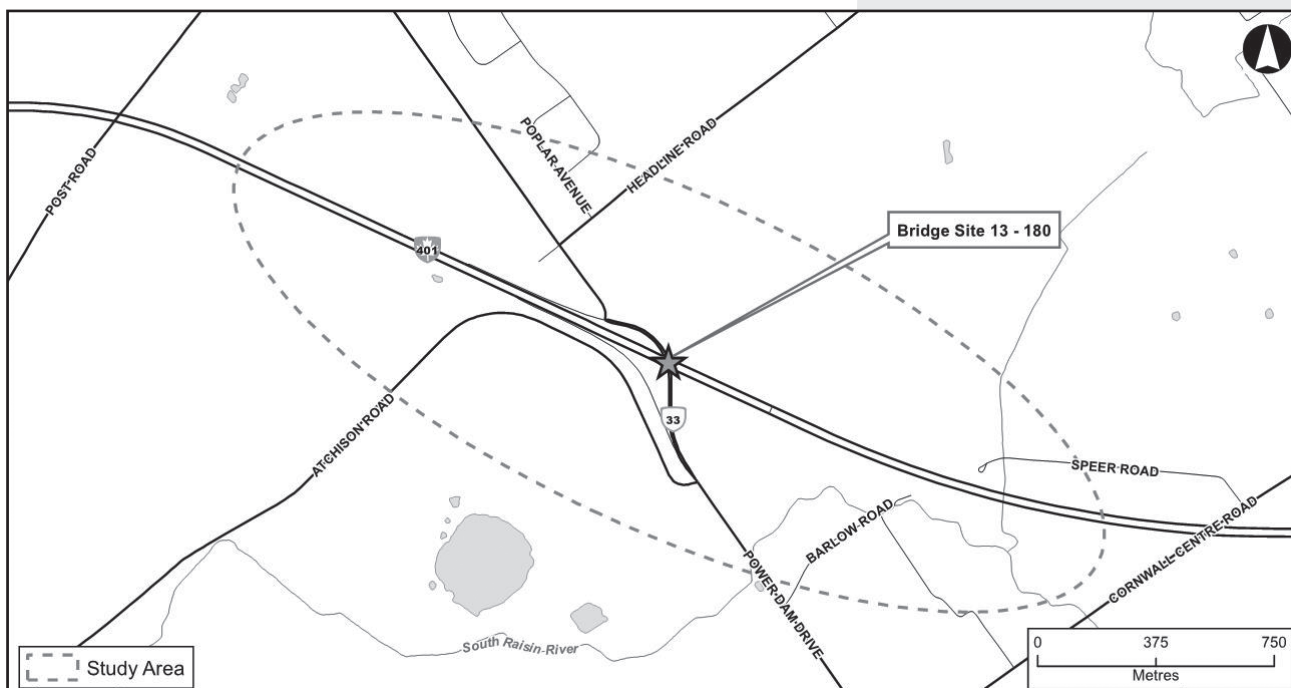
# Notice of Online Public Information Centre No. 1

## Highway 401 Power Dam Bridge and Interchange Study Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (G.W.P. 4092-19-00)

### THE PROJECT

**Morrison Hershfield Limited** has been retained by the **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** to prepare the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the Highway 401 Power Dam Bridge and Interchange Study. This includes the replacement of Bridge Site 13X-180/BO that carries Power Dam Drive over Highway 401. The Study will also include developing a long-term plan for the interchange and establishing the footprint for the future widening of Highway 401 to six lanes. The project is located in the Township of South Stormont, within the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. The bridge design will consider the future widening of Highway 401, but the EA for the future widening will not be completed as part of this Study.

Highway 401 is a four-lane divided rural freeway at the Power Dam Drive interchange. The interchange's current configuration does not allow for all traffic movements on to and off Highway 401. Currently traffic can exit eastbound and enter westbound at this partial interchange. Reasonable alternatives to address the required improvements will be developed and evaluated leading to selection of the Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s) and a Recommended Plan. The proposed bridge replacement will proceed first and interchange improvements will follow at a later date.



### THE PROCESS

This project has been classified as a Group B undertaking per the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) with the opportunity for public input throughout. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public comment period. A Notice of Study Completion (TESR Submission) will be published in local newspapers at a later date.

### ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NO. 1

Online Public Information Centre (PIC) No. 1 is being held from December 19, 2022 to January 20, 2023 to provide an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The PIC is being held online through the project website. The purpose of the PIC is to present the Class EA Study process, including the project and the challenge / opportunity (or need and justification) to be addressed, the existing natural, socio-economic, cultural and technical conditions within the project Study Area (including any constraints), the Preliminary Design alternatives including the evaluation criteria used to assess the Long-List alternatives and select the Short-List alternatives, and the next steps.

The PIC No. 1 materials will be posted on the project website starting December 14, 2022. You can access the project website at the following address:

[www.highway401powerdam.com](http://www.highway401powerdam.com)

### COMMENTS

You are encouraged to visit the project website at [www.highway401powerdam.com](http://www.highway401powerdam.com) and participate in the Class EA Study. We are interested in any information, comments, or questions you have regarding the project. Please provide your respective comments in writing (e.g., mail or email) to either of the Project Team members listed below or via the project website by January 20, 2023.

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this Class EA Study, 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*. All information collected will be subject to the provisions and disclosure requirements of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O., 1990, c.F.31*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant le 613-739-2910, ext. 1022293, auprès de Charles Groulx.