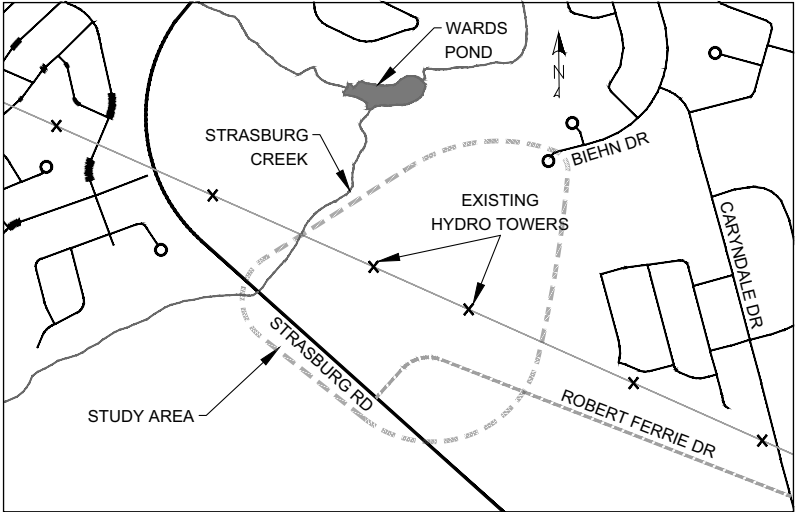


Notice of Study Commencement and Community Café City of Kitchener Biehn Drive Extension Environmental Assessment



INTRODUCTION

The City of Kitchener has retained BT Engineering Inc. to undertake an Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the extension of Biehn Drive from the existing terminus 300 m west of Caryndale Drive to the future Robert Ferrie Drive extension. The Study will evaluate alternatives for alignment, cross sections, intersections and active transportation to develop a preferred plan to address the needs of the Study Area and reflect the recommendations in the City of Kitchener Transportation Master Plan.

STUDY PROCESS

The Biehn Drive Extension EA Study is being conducted as a Schedule C EA Study under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) (2015). The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) has previously completed Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA; this Study will review the previously completed phases and complete Phases 3 and 4. The Study will consider all reasonable alternatives with acceptable effects on the natural, social and cultural environments, and proactively involve the public, stakeholders and Indigenous Peoples.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Study Design Report: A draft Study Design Report has been prepared that describes the study background, approach, process, alternatives and consultation program. The draft Study Design Report is available on the City's website at: <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/development-and-construction/infrastructure-projects.aspx>

Community Café: An online Community Café event will be held to help define the study scope and issues. The goal of the Community Café event is to engage the public/stakeholders on their perspectives and interests in the Study. **To register for the Community Café, please contact Steve Taylor or Eric Riek.**

The online Community Café will be held as follows:

Date: April 20, 2021

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Location: Register by email to be sent the Virtual Meeting Room (Zoom) Link

Comments: There is an opportunity at any time during the Class EA process for interested persons to provide comments. Early identification of individual and group concerns greatly aids in addressing these concerns. All information will be collected in accordance with the *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, to register for the Community Café, or if you wish to be placed on the study's mailing or emailing list, contact either:

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