
TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: R. K. SUTTON, P. ENG., DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

**NOTED: R. J. FORWARD, MBA, M.SC., P. ENG.,
GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

C. LADD, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**RE: ROSS STREET / COLLIER STREET / BAYFIELD STREET AND BELL FARM ROAD
PHASES 3 AND 4 MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS
PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
(T05-RO / T05-BE)**

DATE: APRIL 13, 2017

The Engineering Department is undertaking Phases 3 and 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address transportation improvements at the intersection of Ross Street, Collier Street and Bayfield Streets extending from Toronto Street to Clapperton Street and Bell Farm Road extending from St. Vincent Street to Duckworth Street.

An initial Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on November 23, 2016 to allow the public to review and provide comments on preliminary alternative concepts. Subsequent to the PIC, the Consulting Team and City staff have completed their evaluation and have developed technically preferred alternatives in consideration of comments and responses received.

The preliminary Technically Preferred Alternatives are as follows (see attached letters for additional information):

Ross Street / Collier Street / Bayfield Street Study Area:

Intersection Improvements:

- A three-leg roundabout with an interim 30 m diameter design that can be implemented in the near-term and property protection for an ultimate 40 m diameter design. Associated transportation improvements would be implemented on Ross Street, Collier Street and Bayfield Street for the roundabout approaches.

Ross Street – Toronto Street to Roundabout Approach:

- Maintain existing conditions/ROW and implement shared lane marking (sharrows) for on-road cycling facilities (these markings alert motorists of the lateral location the cyclist is likely to occupy within the travelled lane).

Bell Farm Road Study Area:

Bell Farm Road – St. Vincent Street to Duckworth Street

- West Section – Maintain the existing 26 m ROW and implement 3 lanes, bike lanes and sidewalk on the north side. Sidewalks on both sides will occur at the west intersection of Alliance Boulevard. Minor property acquisition is required for intersection and geometric improvements.

- East Section – Maintain the existing 26 m ROW and implement a road diet reducing travelled lanes from 4 to 3; this allows provision of bicycle lanes without property acquisition. Sidewalks would be continuous on both sides for this section.

A second PIC is scheduled for the above noted studies on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in the Rotunda from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to present the preliminary technically preferred alternatives and allow the public to review and provide comments. Comments and responses received from this PIC will be considered during the finalization of the technically preferred alternatives and will be detailed in a subsequent staff report that will be presented to General Committee.

To advise the directly affected public of the PIC, a letter and comment sheet has been prepared for each study area and will be mailed and/or emailed on Thursday, April 13, 2017 to agencies and those whom indicated they wish to be kept informed of the studies' progress. Advertisements advising of the PIC will be placed in the local newspaper on Thursday, April 20, 2017 and Saturday, April 22, 2017.

To ensure City Council has the information at the same time as the public, this memo has been provided with a copy of the information sent to the public attached as Attachment #1 and Attachment #2. The Draft Environmental Study Report will be available for review on the City's website and a hardcopy in the Councilor's Lounge on May 3, 2017.

If there are any questions, please contact Brett Gratrix at extension 5117, or e-mail Brett.Gratrix@barrie.ca.

Attachment #1

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE
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April 13, 2017

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To All Area Residents / Business Owners / Tenants / Agencies:

**Re: Ross Street / Collier Street / Bayfield Street
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Phase 3 & 4
Notice of Public Information Centre**

The Corporation of the City of Barrie is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address transportation improvements at the intersection of Ross Street, Collier Street and Bayfield Streets extending from Toronto Street to Clapperton Street (see Study Area figure below), as recommended in the City's Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP); <http://www.barrie.ca/City%20Hall/growth/Pages/DocumentsResources.aspx>.



The preferred alternative solution from Phase 1 & 2 of the Class EA process completed as part of the MMATMP was endorsed by Council on December 2, 2013 (Council Direction Memorandum 13-G-289). The City of Barrie commenced with Phases 3 and 4 of the Schedule "C" Municipal Class EA in September 2016. The MMATMP recommended the following:

- Ross/Collier/Bayfield Intersection – Realignment of Ross Street from Maple Avenue to Collier Street through 56 Bayfield to align with Collier Street;
- Ross Street – 27 m Right-Of-Way (ROW), 3 lanes, sidewalks on both sides and buffered bike lanes;
- Bayfield Street – 20 m ROW, 2 lanes, sidewalks on both sides and buffered bicycle lanes; and
- Collier Street – 30 m ROW, 3 lanes, sidewalks on both sides and buffered bicycle lanes.

On November 23, 2016, a Public Information Centre (PIC) was held at City Hall to present various alternative designs and background information. Subsequent to the PIC, the Consulting Team and City staff have identified a preliminary technically preferred alternatives derived from the evaluation of alternative designs and public input.

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Ross Street, Collier Street, Bayfield Street
Class EA Phases 3 & 4

April 13, 2017

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The preliminary technically preferred alternatives are as follows:

Ross / Collier / Bayfield Street Intersection:

- 40 m Inscribed Circle Diameter Roundabout located at the intersection of Ross Street and Bayfield Street with the following associated improvements:

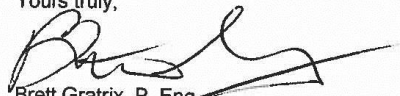
Street	From	To	Description
Ross Street	Toronto Street	Maple Avenue	Implement shared lane marking (sharrows) indicating the roadway is a shared lane route for both cyclists and automobiles. Maintain existing ROW.
Ross Street	Maple Avenue	Bayfield Street	Minor street realignment for the west roundabout approach. Minor property requirements for intersection improvements.
Bayfield Street	Sophia Street	Ross Street	Lane reduction (3 to 2) and parking stall removal (5 stalls) for the north roundabout approach. Maintain existing ROW.
Bayfield Street	Ross Street	Collier Street	Raised median to channelize westbound traffic into the roundabout. Maintain existing ROW.
Collier Street	Bayfield Street	Clapperton Street	Raised median to channelize westbound traffic into the roundabout. Westbound Collier Street to southbound Bayfield Street via roundabout. Minor property requirements for intersection improvements.

All improvements include sidewalks on both sides and provision for shared lane markings for cyclists where appropriate in consideration of the roundabout.

Detailed figures illustrating the proposed improvements and property requirements can be found in the Draft Environmental Study Report and project display panels, which will be available on the project website at www.barrie.ca/eastudies under the project heading "Bell Farm Road & Ross/Collier/Bayfield Streets Transportation Improvements" on May 3, 2017. A comment sheet has been included with this letter. City staff kindly request that all comments be submitted no later than May 17, 2017. Comment sheets are also available online at the project website.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (705) 739-4220, extension 5117, or e-mail Brett.Gratrix@barrie.ca.

Yours truly,



Brett Gratrix, P. Eng.
Infrastructure Planning Engineer

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Attachment



**ROSS STREET / BAYFIELD STREET / COLLIER STREET
FROM TORONTO STREET TO CLAPPERTON STREET
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PHASES 3 & 4**

Public Information Centre
Wednesday, May 3, 2017
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Rotunda, 1st Floor

COMMENT SHEET

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act, Chap. E18, Section 7, and will be used in the development of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Director of Engineering, P.O. Box 400, 70 Collier Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T5, (705) 726-4242.

Please print all responses

NAME OF RESPONDENT:

REPRESENTING (Agency, Municipality, Property Owner, Tenant, etc.):

ADDRESS (Including Postal Code & Telephone Number):

Street Address: _____ **Unit/Apt:** _____

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Email: _____

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Comments:

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Comment Sheet
Ross Street / Collier Street / Bayfield Street Class EA

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Do you wish to continue to be informed of the project progress? This will include notice of the staff recommendations for the Preferred Alternative Solution that will be presented to General Committee. Notice will be provided via email if provided on page 1 under respondent address information.

Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

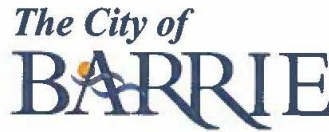
Please submit this comment sheet by **May 17, 2017** to:

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Thank you for your comments.

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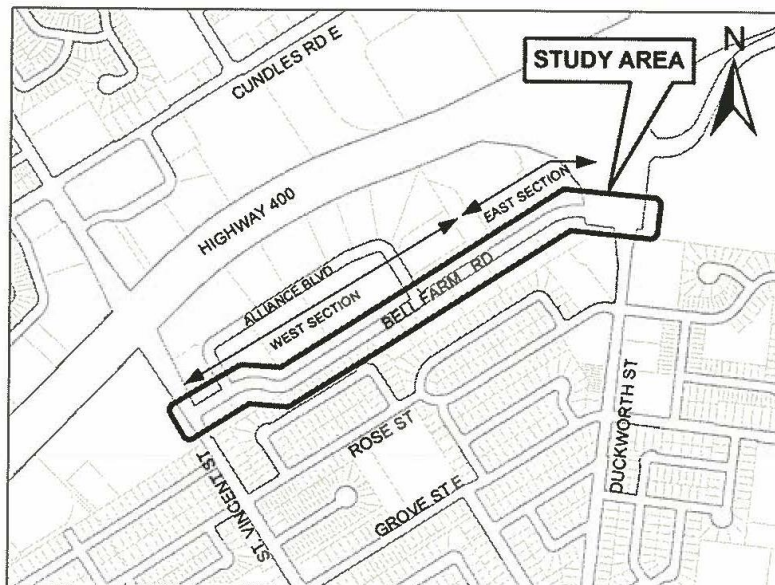
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The recommended Technically Preferred Alternative is as follows (see figure for section limits):

- West Section – 26 m ROW, 3 lanes, bicycle lanes and sidewalk on the north side. The sidewalk on the north side is proposed between St. Vincent Street to the west intersection of Alliance Boulevard; sidewalks are proposed on both sides of the road east of Alliance Boulevard.
- East Section – 26 m ROW, lane reduction to 3 lanes (via road diet), bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides.

Minor property acquisition is required for intersection and geometric improvements.

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**BELL FARM ROAD
FROM ST. VINCENT STREET TO DUCKWORTH STREET
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PHASES 3 & 4**

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