

# MUNICIPALITY OF BLUEWATER

## CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE AIRPORT LINE BRIDGE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### THE PROJECT:

The Municipality of Bluewater initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process in October of 2016 to identify the best strategy for resolving structural and capacity deficiencies identified with the Airport Line Bridge. The structure has experienced deterioration of primary bridge components which need to be addressed for the continued safe operation of the crossing. The Airport Line Bridge is a 24.4 metre span rigid frame/t-beam bridge which spans the Ausable River along Airport Line, immediately north of the Dashwood Road (Huron County Road 83) northwest of Exeter (as shown on the accompanying key plan). The purpose of the Environmental Assessment process is to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the project and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. Consultation with the public, stakeholders and government review agencies are also completed.

#### THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

Under the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Class Environmental Assessment process, structures that are more than 40 years old must be assessed to determine if they have cultural heritage value. Because some of the possible outcomes associated with this project could potentially result in replacement of the crossing, a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) was commissioned to identify if heritage values were present.

The Municipality of Bluewater recently received the results of the CHER which indicated that the Airport Line Bridge has no cultural heritage value. Based on this result, the proposed bridge replacement project was determined to be a Schedule 'A' activity, which is pre-approved and does not require additional environmental assessment.

In light of this information, the Municipality of Bluewater has decided to abandon the formal Schedule 'B' Class EA process.

For further information on this project, or to review the Municipal

Class EA process, please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd.: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone: (519) 524-2641. Fax: (519) 524-4403. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: [kvader@bmross.net](mailto:kvader@bmross.net))



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