

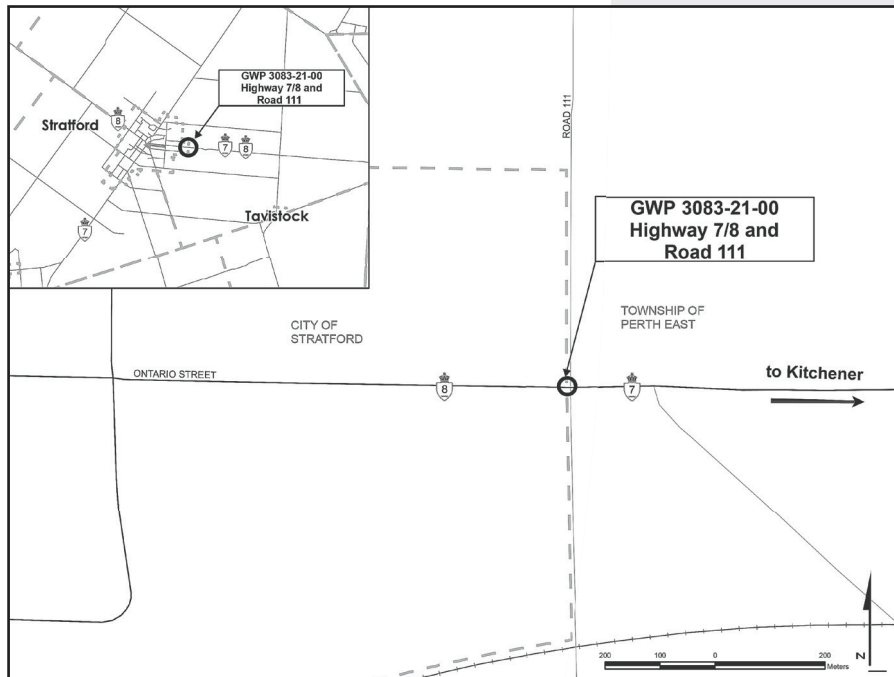
Notice of Proposed Transition

Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 7/8 and Road 111 Intersection Improvements, Township of Perth East, Perth County (GWP 3083-21-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Egis (formerly McIntosh Perry) to complete the Group 'B' Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 7/8 and Road 111 intersection improvements located in the Township of Perth East, at the boundary of Perth East and the City of Stratford, Perth County.

THE PROCESS



The Study is currently being completed as a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

PROPOSED TRANSITION

This notice is being issued to inform interested stakeholders, members of the public, and Indigenous Communities of the intent to transition this project to the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways (2024)*. Transitioning to the new Class EA process will improve the planning process of projects beyond the preliminary design stage, bringing MTO into alignment with best practices observed in other Class EA frameworks. Transitioning from the requirements of the 2000 Class EA to the 2024 Class EA reflects a commitment to optimizing the assessment process by removing redundancies and expediting project planning to facilitate a more streamlined implementation process. Commitments made during the preliminary design phase will be addressed as the project progresses through the design process. Design and construction information will continue to be published on the project website and opportunities for public consultation will be ongoing through preliminary design.

Information on the project, including the process under the 2024 Class EA can be found at www.highway7and8perthcountyroad.com.

COMMENTS

If you have any comments or questions about this notice, or have questions about the study, we respectfully request you contact one of the following Project Team members by **September 9, 2024**:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website where project information including notices, background information, etc. can be found. You can also submit comments or questions to the project team on the project website.

Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record.