



Notice of Study Commencement

Schedule 'C' Class Environmental Assessment

Highway 7/8 Multi-Use Trail Crossing Between Chandler Drive and Avalon Place

INTRODUCTION

The Region of Waterloo has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the planning of a Multi-Use Trail Crossing of Highway 7/8 between Chandler Drive and Avalon Place. The Multi-Use Trail Crossing is proposed to improve connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists between the adjacent residential, commercial and industrial developments, and to improve access to existing transit services.

STUDY PROCESS

The Highway 7/8 Multi-Use Trail Crossing EA is being planned as a Schedule 'C' project under the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (2007), as amended in 2015. The Study will establish the need and justification for the Project, document existing environmental conditions, consider all reasonable alternatives, proactively involve the public and regulatory agencies in defining a recommended design alternative, and meet the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation's Provincial Class EA for Group 'B' projects.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A draft Study Design document has been prepared to describe the project scope, study approach, need and justification, study process and preliminary crossing alternatives. The draft Study Design recommends a bridge to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists over Highway 7/8, connecting Chandler Drive to Avalon Place. The draft Study Design is available for review on the Region's website under "Parks and Trails", or can be accessed at the following web address:

<http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/Hwy78StudyDesign/>

The public consultation process is vital to this Study and the Region wants to ensure that anyone with interest in the project has the opportunity to provide input. A Public Consultation Centre (PCC) will be held during the Study. Notices of the PCC will be advertised and mailed to residents within the local community. Notices and updates will also be posted on the Region's web site <http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/> under "Parks and Trails".

If you wish to be added to the Study mailing list to receive further information, or if you have any comments or questions regarding the Study, please contact either of the following:

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All comments and information received from individuals, stakeholder groups and agencies regarding this project are being collected under the authority of the Municipal Act to assist the Region of Waterloo in making a decision. Under the Municipal Act, personal information such as name, address, telephone number, and property location that may be included in a submission becomes part of the public record. Questions regarding the collection of this information should be referred to Skylar Van Kruistum at the Region of Waterloo.

