Pre-Planning Phase Consultation and Engagement

C3 – Indigenous Correspondence

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Meeting Minutes
Ms. Hill,

WSP is working with the Region of Waterloo to ensure early engagement on a comping project. I was provided your contact information by Todd Williams, HDI Monitoring Program Coordinator.

Please find attached a letter of introduction to a project proposed by the Region of Waterloo. The proposed LRT will be comprised of a continuous route that will connect Waterloo, Kitchener, and Cambridge’s urban centres.

As well, the contacts with the Region and with WSP are Cc’d for your reference.

I appreciate your review of this project, and I look forward to discussing further.

Respectfully,

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To: fawn.sault@newcreditfirstnation.com  
Cc: Paula Sawicki; Matthew O’Neil; Hauzar, Irene; Morneau, Denise; Peissel, Eric  
Subject: Region of Waterloo LRT Project  

Fawn,

I shared the meeting dates with the Region and Denise Morneau, the Project Manager on the job, and the following are the dates that the Region has suggested for a meeting based on when you are available:

• October 3 (AM or PM)  
• October 12 (AM or PM)  
• October 14 (AM or PM)

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- September 30 (9-11)
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The environmental impact of this transit project will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPA) as outlined in Ontario Regulation 231/08. As part of the TPA, the Region is undertaking environmental studies, consultation and engagement activities, and preliminary planning for the preferred route for the Stage 2 ION.

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I am on short term leave. If important, please call 519-753-0665 or email Dawn LaForme at dlaforme@sixnations.ca

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In June 2011, Region of Waterloo Council approved a staged approach to light rail transit (LRT). Stage 1 ION (in testing phase) includes LRT from Kitchener to Waterloo and ION bus between Cambridge and Kitchener. Stage 2 ION will see ION bus service replaced by LRT.

Public Consultation Centre (PCC) No. 3 (Nov. 2017/Jan. 2018) introduced a number of additional route alternatives to the public. The Region has further considered localized route alternatives and refinements, shown as dashed lines on the map below:

The evaluated alternative routes will be presented to the public at an upcoming Public Consultation Centre, along with the evaluation results, and a single project team preliminary proposed route through the study area based on these results. Please join us at one of the following Public Consultation Centres to provide feedback on the Project Team Preliminary Proposed Route:

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After collecting and summarizing the feedback from the public, a project team preliminary proposed route recommendation will be presented to Regional Council for endorsement.

The environmental impact of this transit project will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment (TPA) Process as outlined in Ontario Regulation 231/08. As part of the TPA, an Environmental Project Report will be prepared and will be available for public review in 2019. All information on Stage 2 ION is available at [www.stage2ION.ca](http://www.stage2ION.ca), and from the Region’s Administrative Headquarters located at 150 Frederick Street, Kitchener.

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As part of the public consultation the evaluated route refinements are being presented to the public along with the evaluation results, and the preferred refinement based on these results. The Public Consultation Centre display boards and information package are available online at www.stage2ion.ca.

Please provide feedback on the Project Team Preferred Refinement to the Preferred Route by completing our online survey (engagewr.ca/stage2ION), sending in a comment form (available online), or emailing the project team at ION@regionofwaterloo.ca.

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2968792
Good Morning Ms. Hill,

Please see attached for a Notice of the current round of public consultation on the Stage 2 ION LRT project. My apologies for the delay, as we mailed a notice but it was returned.

Can you confirm your mailing address? We currently have:

       Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI)
       Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (HCCC)
       P.O. Box 714
       Oshweken, ON  N0A 1M0

Regards,

Matthew O’Neil, P.Eng.
Senior Project Manager, Rapid Transit
Region of Waterloo | Transportation and Environmental Services
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2968792
Dear Mr. O’Neil and Ms. Sawicki:

To confirm our meeting did not constitute engagement, in part, as we have not been provided with any capacity funding to meaningfully review your proposed Project.

As discussed the Haudenosaunee take the position that the land upon which the Project is proposed has not been surrendered and is Haudenosaunee land. At the same time the Haudenosaunee hold rights over the land by way of the Nanfan Treaty of 1701 which gives them the right to use the land free of disturbances. The proposed Project will interfere with the rights set out above.

As discussed we reviewed some of the historical facts involving Block 2 and the cancellation of the mortgage for Block 2 on or about August 12, 1802. We have nothing further to support any surrender of the subject lands after 1802 which would obviously render any uses of the land after 1802 unlawful. If the Region of Waterloo has evidence that suggests there was a surrender it would be of assistance if you could please provide as soon as possible. In particular we would be interested to learn of anything that the Region of Waterloo would be relying upon to suggest that Nanfan rights had been surrendered as distinct from rights associated with the Haldimand Deed.

We understand that you have proceeded through the EA process (and other processes) without considering Haudenosaunee rights and in particular the Haudenosaunee’s title to the subject lands.

As discussed we take the position that the Region of Waterloo is incapable of proceeding with the Project subject to an assessment of the Haudenosaunee rights and interest.

You have indicated that you have approval for the Project however we are unaware of the approval and certainly the Province of Ontario did not engage prior to approving any purported approval. It would be of assistance if you could provide the approval for this Project that you are relying upon.

As discussed engagement proceeds after you have undertaken an assessment of the rights we have presented and you provide us with the opportunity to review your assessment (and the underlying documents supporting the assessment) at which point we will set out and clarify rights and interests and provide further information. In light of the above I would suggest that engagement can begin once we receive your assessment and what you believe would be appropriate as to the nature and scope of engagement.

We are open to meeting at your convenience to discuss a path forward which looks at a systemic remedy versus an approach that merely focusses on this particular Project.

Regards,

Aaron Detlor
Hi Matthew

It is good to hear from you. I have included my director Mark LaForme on this response. I will likely be off for a bit due to an injury so Mark will be the one to follow up with you regarding a meeting to update us on the ION LRT.

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Good Morning Fawn,

Please see attached for the Notice of Public Consultation Centre No. 5 for the Stage 2 ION LRT extension project. The project is following the Transit Project Assessment Process. I understand that there was a request for a meeting earlier in the project, would you still like to meet with Region staff? We are available in October if you would like to meet sooner, or we could meet in November after we release the concept drawings to the public (October 29). See below for some times that work for us:

October 8 – morning
October 11 – morning
October 16 – morning/afternoon
October 29 – morning
November 8 – morning
November 15 – morning

Regards,

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Good afternoon Mark/Megan,

Thanks again for meeting with us last week, it was nice to e-meet you! As discussed, please see below for links to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report (submitted and registered with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries) and the draft Natural Heritage Report for the Stage 2 ION project. You don’t need a drop-box account, just close the dialogue pop-up box and you can download the files.

Stage 1 AA

Draft Natural Heritage Report

Please confirm successful receipt of the above files.

While the Stage 1 AA was completed by Archeoworks, WSP staff will be undertaking the Stage 2 AA.

We will be providing meeting notes soon. I expect to follow up with you next week following internal discussion about potential involvement in the Stage 2 AA field work.

Regards,

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Good Morning,

Please see attached for the meeting notes from our April 9th, 2020 meeting to discuss the Stage 2 ION LRT project in Kitchener and Cambridge. Please advise if there are any revisions or additions required.

Regards,

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From: Matthew O'Neil  
Sent: June 1, 2020 4:58 PM  
To: hdi2@bellnet.ca  
Subject: Stage 2 ION - Natural Environment Report and Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

Good afternoon Misty,

Please see below for links to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report (submitted and registered with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries) and the draft Natural Heritage Report for the Stage 2 ION project. You don’t need a drop-box account, just close the dialogue pop-up box and you can download the files.

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While the Stage 1 AA was completed by Archeoworks, WSP staff will be undertaking the Stage 2 AA. I understand that HDI is interested in being involved in the field work for the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment? We are still confirming the scope for the Stage 2 AA, but that also involves some field work. Can you confirm if you have some kind of standard agreement you use for this? The Region is amenable to working with you and would engage you directly (as opposed to having payment made through our consultant).

Thank you,

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From: Matthew O'Neil
Sent: June 3, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Mark LaForme (Mark.LaForme@mncfn.ca) <Mark.LaForme@mncfn.ca>
Subject: Stage 2 ION - Participation Agreement between Region and MCFN

Mark,

Please see attached for the draft agreement between the Region and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for Field Liaison Representatives to participate in field work associated with our upcoming Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment. Let me know if you have any comments. Otherwise we can proceed to finalize it.

Regards,

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Hi Dawn,

Please see link below for the Natural Heritage and Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment reports. Let me know that you have received them.

Regards,
Matthew

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From: Dawn LaForme <dlaforme@sixnations.ca>
Sent: November 10, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Matthew O'Neil <MONeil@regionofwaterloo.ca>
Subject: RE: Stage 2 ION LRT - Natural Heritage and Archaeological Reports

Hi Matthew,
Hope things are well with you.
Can you send me a new link please, the one you provided me expired before I could get to it. I have been super busy catching up on emails 😊
Thank you,

Dawn LaForme
Secretary/Receptionist
Six Nations Lands & Resources
(519) 753-0665

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From: Matthew O'Neil [mailto:MONeil@regionofwaterloo.ca]
Sent: October 20, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Dawn LaForme <dlaforme@sixnations.ca>
Subject: RE: Stage 2 ION LRT - Natural Heritage and Archaeological Reports

Hi Dawn,

I neglected to mention that the link below is available until October 22, 2020. Please advise if you require these documents after that date and I can send a new link.

Regards,
Matthew

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From: Matthew O'Neil
Sent: October 15, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Dawn Laforme (dlaforme@sixnations.ca) <dlaforme@sixnations.ca>  
Subject: Stage 2 ION LRT - Natural Heritage and Archaeological Reports

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Indigenous Communities - Meeting Minutes
MEETING NOTES – Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

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Item: Discussion: Action by:

1. MO discussed the process followed to evaluate potential routes, and the role of Regional Council, the Rapid Transit Steering Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee in providing guidance and endorsement at key milestone. MO discussed the pre-planning activities that are underway prior to formally commencing the Transit Project Assessment process, and the various technical reports that will be prepared. 

2. MCFN expressed two key areas of interest: natural environment and archaeological assessments, with a focus on ensuring that the cultural interests of the community are protected. MCFN requested to review the draft reports in advance of formal submission to the applicable regulatory authorities.

3. Regarding archaeology, MO noted that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment has been completed, and the report has been placed on the public register by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI). MO will forward a copy of this report for MCFN review, which includes mapping showing proposed areas for Stage 2 assessment.

4. Planning for the commencement of Stage 2 archaeological assessment was discussed. MCFN expressed that Field Liaison Representatives (FLRs) will participate in Stage 2 assessments and play a key role in verifying areas to be assessed and identifying additional sites. MCFN also noted that FLRs would also be involved in Stage 3 and 4 assessments (if required). This is accommodated through a FLR Agreement. MO indicated that the Region is experienced with FLR Agreements and indicated that he will seek further internal advice regarding their application for Stage 2 assessment.

5. The anticipated timing of Stage 2 archaeology filed work was discussed, and MO advised that this is anticipated to begin within the next several works as permissions to enter private lands are received, as the Region has identified this project as
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<td>essential to proceed during the COVID-19 pandemic. MCFN advised that their Administration Office and departments are closed until at least May 4 and thus FLRs are not able to participate, and that MCFN feels that archaeology work should not proceed until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. MCFN advised that a letter to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and MHSTCI is being prepared to clarify what works are considered essential at this time and determine how MCFN should participate in studies deemed essential by municipalities. It was agreed that further discussion will be needed once this guidance has been received.</td>
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<td>MO and WSP reviewed the key findings of the aquatic and terrestrial environmental studies and advised that the draft Natural Heritage Report has been completed and is available for review. This report will be forwarded to MCFN following this meeting. MCFN noted that FLRs may participate in future restoration and mitigation activities if such works are required, which will be addressed in the FLR Agreement.</td>
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<td>MO summarized the key schedule milestones including the upcoming presentation to Regional Council later in April to review the preliminary design and receive authorization to commence the Transit Project Assessment process, the development of the Business Case later this year to support funding applications, and the completion of the TPA prior to the end of 2020. MO also discussed the range of future activities leading up to construction including design, property acquisition and utility relocations, and noted the anticipated earliest timeline for construction is 2028.</td>
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<td>The meeting concluded with a brief summary of action items (summarized above), and all participants shared their appreciation for the meeting given the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.</td>
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Distribution: All attendees
Catherine Gentile, WSP
Patrick Malloy, WSP

These meeting notes are considered to be accurate summary of the items discussed. Please advise Denise Morneau (denise.morneau@wsp.com) of any discrepancies, errors or omissions, otherwise these meeting notes will be accepted as written.
Stage 2 ION: Light Rail Transit (LRT) From Kitchener to Cambridge

Transit Project Assessment

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Meeting

April 9, 2020
MEETING AGENDA

1. Stage 2 ION – Project Introduction
2. Stage 2 ION – Project Status
   » Council-Endorsed Preferred Route
   » Study Activities
3. Potential Effects and Proposed Mitigation
   » Natural Environment
   » Archaeology
   » Cultural and Socio-Economic Environment
4. Anticipated Study Schedule
WHY LRT?
ION is the foundation for the Regional Official Plan objectives:

LRT will:
• Help contain urban sprawl
• Protect environmentally-sensitive areas
• Preserve farmland and the rural lifestyle
• Move people; create transportation choice
HOW WILL LRT SHAPE OUR COMMUNITY?
STAGE 1 ION – OPENED JUNE 2019
The Preferred Route was endorsed by Regional Council on June 5, 2019
STUDY ACTIVITIES

» Pre-planning/technical studies
» Public Consultation – Route and design
» Preliminary design
» Environmental Project Report
» Consulting with Indigenous communities, key stakeholders and regulatory authorities
» Transit Project Assessment Process - Commences Summer 2020
STUDY TIMELINE

**Activities Completed**

- **Fall 2015**: Develop alternative design concepts and establish evaluation criteria for PCC No. 1.
- **Fall 2017**: Identify additional and refined route options based on PCC No. 2 feedback for PCC No. 3.
- **Fall 2019**: Present preliminary design of the Preferred Route and preliminary property requirements for PCC No. 5.
- **April 2020**: Present Preliminary Design to Regional Council for endorsement.
- **Late Summer 2020**: File the Environmental Project Report for public review and commence the Transit Project Assessment Process.

- **Feb-Mar 2017**: Evaluate alternatives and identify Preliminary Potential Route (2017) for PCC No. 2.
- **Spring 2018**: Complete evaluation and present updated Project Team Preliminary Proposed Route (2018) for PCC No. 4.
- **March 2019**: Present Project Team Preferred Route refinements between Shantz Hill and William St for PCC No. 4b.
- **Late Summer 2020**: Finalize the Preliminary Business Case.
ASSESSING POTENTIAL IMPACTS

» Natural environment features:
  - Storm water
  - Vegetation/wetlands
  - Soils
  - Fish and fish habitat
  - Wildlife
  - Contamination

» Cultural environment features
  - Archaeological resources
  - Built heritage and cultural landscapes

» Social and economic environment features
  - Property
  - Utilities
  - Air quality / noise / vibration
  - Traffic, transit and active transportation
ASSESSING POTENTIAL IMPACTS

» Functional design
» Specialist reports
» Environmental Project Report (EPR)
» Adverse effects on the natural environment are not considered to be significant
» Adverse effects on the natural environment can be managed
ASSESSING POTENTIAL IMPACTS

» Areas with archaeological potential are present.
» The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (AA) completed.
» Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment fieldwork will begin in Spring 2020.
» The Stage 1 and Stage 2 AAs will be included in the EPR
FUTURE WORK

» Refine the route design, stations and supporting infrastructure

» Property acquisition and utility relocations

» Impact monitoring plan:
  – Construction Compliance
  – Operational Compliance
  – Documentation
STUDY SCHEDULE

» The Preliminary Design will be presented to Regional Council in April 2020 for endorsement

» The Environmental Project Report and supporting studies are currently being prepared

» The formal TPA process will commence in Summer/Fall 2020 with the Notice of Commencement, release of the draft EPR for review and public engagement; the TPA process must be completed within 120 days