# APPENDIX

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Aamjiwnaang First Nation

### Shams, Aniqa

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Cc:	Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga, Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Kelly, Mary K; chief@aajiwnaang.ca
Subject:	RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

Hi Sharilyn,

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Thank you,

Aniqa

#### Aniqa Shams, B.E.S. RPP, MCIP Environmental Planner

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Good morning Chief Plain,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment to consider the construction of a wildlife crossing at Ojibway Parkway.

Please find attached a letter from the City as well as a summary of the Project.

I will follow-up with Aamjiwnaang First Nation in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa



# Office of the City Engineer

Chief Chris Plain Aamjiwnaang First Nation 978 Tashmoo Avenue Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5 <u>chief@aajiwnaang.ca</u>

November 11, 2020

### Re: Notice of Study Commencement: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Plain,

The City of Windsor (City) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The Wildlife Crossing would provide safe passage for area wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure (Wood) to undertake this Class EA. The Class EA study will evaluate potential solutions to address the wildlife mortality on Ojibway Parkway. Various alternatives will be examined, including the impacts of alternatives on the social, cultural and natural environment. To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

The City has received direction from the Provincial Crown that the Aamjiwnaang First Nation may have an interest in the study. The City is committed to involving stakeholders and Indigenous communities in this Class EA. For information, the City has attached the Notice of Study Commencement and project summary. Please feel free to share this information within your community as you feel appropriate.

We are interested in understanding any interests or questions that the Aamjiwnaang First Nation may have about this study and if there is a potential for the study to affect Indigenous and treaty rights. We would also be interested to know if there are any sites of cultural significance to your community within, or adjacent to, the study area. If you would like to meet in person and discuss, please feel free to contact the undersigned. We will contact you by telephone soon to determine your interest in a meeting.

Sincerely,

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Paul Mourad, P. Eng. City Project Administrator City of Windsor Email: <u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>

Felix Wong, P. Eng. Consultant Project Manager Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Email: felix.wong@woodplc.com

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- Encl: Notice of Study Commencement Project Summary



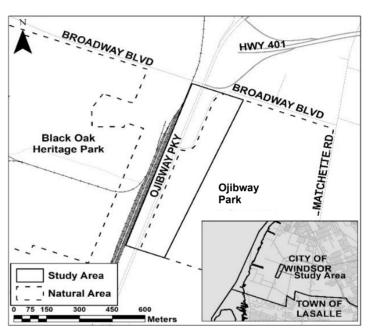


# Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing in the City of Windsor - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

A Municipal Class EA is a decision-making and planning process that identifies the potential effects of projects, such as bridge improvements, so that they can be managed prior to implementation.

### **Project Description**

The City of Windsor has started a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. Ojibway Parkway is located within the Ojibway Prairie Complex and separates Black Oak Heritage Park (located to the west) and Ojibway Park (located to the east) (see the key map). The crossing would provide safe passage for wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex and create an ecological connection between the parks. The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) to undertake the Study.



### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

The purpose of this Class EA is to:

- Confirm the need for the wildlife crossing
- Identify and evaluate potential crossing options (underpass and overpass)
- Complete a thorough assessment to select the most feasible solution
- Identify the potential effects associated with the recommended solution and identify practical measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative effects

The first step in the study process is to develop an understanding of the current conditions in the study area. Once baseline conditions are determined, the City will develop potential alternatives to address wildlife mortality. The Class EA planning process helps identify the potential effects of proposed projects. Each proposed alternative is assessed against baseline conditions to determine the potential effects, and where necessary, identify mitigation measures to minimize or avoid those impacts. From these alternatives, the most feasible alternative will be identified. A key component of this study is to consult with the public, regulatory agencies, key stakeholders and Indigenous groups.





### **Baseline Studies**

Baseline studies are prepared to describe the current biological, human and physical environment conditions. The following investigations will be completed as part of this study:

Biological Environment	Human Environment	Physical Environment
<ul><li>Species at Risk</li><li>Vegetation</li><li>Wildlife</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Archaeology</li> <li>Built and Cultural Heritage</li> <li>Landuse and Socio-economics</li> <li>Visual aesthetics / landscape design</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Stormwater</li><li>Soils</li></ul>

Targeted field studies within the right-of-way were completed to confirm existing environmental information and fill in minor data gaps.

### **Potential Project Related Effects**

To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The results of the evaluation identified a preference for an overpass to provide landscape connectivity, wildlife preference for an overpass, stormwater and drainage opportunities, potential to add a gateway feature, opportunities to incorporate urban design guidelines and limited impacts on traffic flow from construction. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

Potential effects will be identified through an evaluation of the alternatives, and for the preferred alternative mitigation measure to address identified effects will be developed. This may include effects on:

- Heritage properties, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology
- Environmental features including land-based and water-based environments

### Schedule and Next Steps

- Public Information Sessions: Scheduled for November 19, 2020 and tentatively planned for winter 2021
- Environmental Study Report (*final report*): submission tentatively planned for spring 2021

#### **Additional Information**

For more information about the City's Class EA study, please visit: <u>https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/default.aspx</u>

#### **Contact Information**

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# Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

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Sent:	Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:16 AM
То:	Ramlogan, Vijanti
Subject:	RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

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Hi Vijanti,

Thanks for sending this information. I will take a look at it today. Also please note that Sharilyn Johnston retired and I've taken over her position and the environment general mailbox is <u>environment@aamjiwnaang.ca</u>.

Regards, Cathleen

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti <vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com> Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:50 PM To: Cathleen O'Brien <cobrien@aamjiwnaang.ca> Subject: FW: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

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Thank you and we look forward to receiving your feedback! Aniqa

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From: Shams, Aniqa Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:44 PM To: <u>aamjiwnaang.chief@gmail.com</u> Cc: <u>sjohnston@aamjiwnaang.ca</u>; <u>aamjiwnaangenvironment@aamjiwnaang.ca</u>; Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>> Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

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Cc:	MTodd@citywindsor.ca; Cedar, Karen; DiDomenico, Marc; Hellinga, Nathan; Ramlogan
	Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3 (AFN)
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_PIC3_Notice_2023-12-12.pdf

Good morning Dennis and Cathleen,

We circulated the following email and the attached notice in regard to Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Public Information Centre #3 but received an email bounce back. I wanted to share this information with you and would appreciate if you could review / share it with appropriate staff and advice if Aamjiwnaang First Nation (AFN) has any questions or comments.

I will follow up with you on this in the new year. In the meantime, feel free to let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner Environmental Impact Assessment - Energy & Resources *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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### Vacation Alert: December 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024

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### 18 December 2023

#### Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Notice of Public Information Centre #3

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway to begin to re-establish an ecological connection between Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park. This study was initiated in 2020.

Public Information Centre #2 was held from April 19, 2021, to May 3, 2021. Key feedback received during this event was to consider a Wildlife Crossing that connects the Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park by crossing the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) tracks in addition to Ojibway Parkway. Accordingly, the Study Team has identified and evaluated

additional design options for the Wildlife Crossing and identified a preferred design that crosses the Ojibway Parkway and the ETR tracks and connects Ojibway Park and the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park.

Public Information Centre #3 is being hosted to present the update preferred design. The City of Windsor previously contacted **Aamjiwnaang First Nation (AFN)** about this study (please see below the email correspondence). The City would like to share the attached Notice of Public Information Centre #3 with the AFN. This event is being hosted in virtual and in-person formats. **Virtual consultation is being hosted starting December 18, 2023, and in-person consultation is planned for January 18, 2024, with comments are being invited by January 26, 2024.** Please refer to the attached notice for details on how to participate in Public Information Centre #3. More information can be found on project website.

We would appreciate if you could let us know if you have any questions about this study or would like to meet with the Study Team to discuss the updated preferred design.

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Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Good morning,

Thank you for your email. Any response will come from our Environment & Consultation Coordinator, Brianna Sands. She is cc'd on this email.

Miigwech (Thank you),

# Nikki van Oirschot "Mashkawizii Nendamowin Kwe" (she/her)

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Sent: Friday, November 27, 2020 11:29 AM

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'chief@caldwellfirstnation.ca'
RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

Hi Nikki,

We are following up to see if you had any questions or concerns about the project. I also left a voicemail message for you. We would be happy to talk to you about this project, so please feel free to call me or email me with any feedback you may have. I will try to follow-up with you again in a few weeks.

Thank you, Aniqa

#### Aniqa Shams, B.E.S. RPP, MCIP

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To: chief@caldwellfirstnation.ca
Cc: nikki.orosz@caldwellfirstnation.ca; consultation.coordinator@caldwellfirstnation.ca; Mourad, Paul

Good morning Acting Chief Perkins,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment to consider the construction of a wildlife crossing at Ojibway Parkway.

Please find attached a letter from the City as well as a summary of the Project.

I will follow-up with Caldwell First Nation in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa



# Office of the City Engineer

Acting Chief Robin Perkins Caldwell First Nation 14 Orange Street Leamington, ON N8H 1P5 <u>chief@caldwellfirstnation.ca</u>

November 11, 2020

# Re: Notice of Study Commencement: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Acting Chief Perkins,

The City of Windsor (City) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The Wildlife Crossing would provide safe passage for area wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure (Wood) to undertake this Class EA. The Class EA study will evaluate potential solutions to address the wildlife mortality on Ojibway Parkway. Various alternatives will be examined, including the impacts of alternatives on the social, cultural and natural environment. To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

The City has received direction from the Provincial Crown that the Caldwell First Nation may have an interest in the study. The City is committed to involving stakeholders and Indigenous communities in this Class EA. For information, the City has attached the Notice of Study Commencement and project summary. Please feel free to share this information within your community as you feel appropriate.

We are interested in understanding any interests or questions that the Caldwell First Nation may have about this study and if there is a potential for the study to affect Indigenous and treaty rights. We would also be interested to know if there are any sites of cultural significance to your community within, or adjacent to, the study area. If you would like to meet in person and discuss, please feel free to contact the undersigned. We will contact you by telephone soon to determine your interest in a meeting.

Sincerely,

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Paul Mourad, P. Eng. City Project Administrator City of Windsor Email: <u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>

Felix Wong, P. Eng. Consultant Project Manager Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Email: felix.wong@woodplc.com

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- Encl: Notice of Study Commencement Project Summary



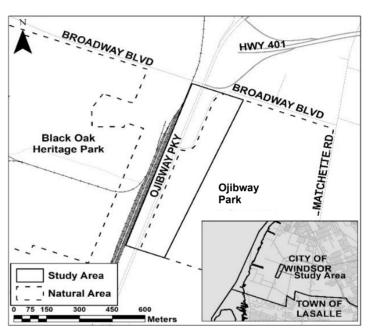


# Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing in the City of Windsor - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

A Municipal Class EA is a decision-making and planning process that identifies the potential effects of projects, such as bridge improvements, so that they can be managed prior to implementation.

### **Project Description**

The City of Windsor has started a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. Ojibway Parkway is located within the Ojibway Prairie Complex and separates Black Oak Heritage Park (located to the west) and Ojibway Park (located to the east) (see the key map). The crossing would provide safe passage for wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex and create an ecological connection between the parks. The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) to undertake the Study.



### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

The purpose of this Class EA is to:

- Confirm the need for the wildlife crossing
- Identify and evaluate potential crossing options (underpass and overpass)
- Complete a thorough assessment to select the most feasible solution
- Identify the potential effects associated with the recommended solution and identify practical measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative effects

The first step in the study process is to develop an understanding of the current conditions in the study area. Once baseline conditions are determined, the City will develop potential alternatives to address wildlife mortality. The Class EA planning process helps identify the potential effects of proposed projects. Each proposed alternative is assessed against baseline conditions to determine the potential effects, and where necessary, identify mitigation measures to minimize or avoid those impacts. From these alternatives, the most feasible alternative will be identified. A key component of this study is to consult with the public, regulatory agencies, key stakeholders and Indigenous groups.





### **Baseline Studies**

Baseline studies are prepared to describe the current biological, human and physical environment conditions. The following investigations will be completed as part of this study:

Biological Environment	Human Environment	Physical Environment
<ul><li>Species at Risk</li><li>Vegetation</li><li>Wildlife</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Archaeology</li> <li>Built and Cultural Heritage</li> <li>Landuse and Socio-economics</li> <li>Visual aesthetics / landscape design</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Stormwater</li><li>Soils</li></ul>

Targeted field studies within the right-of-way were completed to confirm existing environmental information and fill in minor data gaps.

### **Potential Project Related Effects**

To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The results of the evaluation identified a preference for an overpass to provide landscape connectivity, wildlife preference for an overpass, stormwater and drainage opportunities, potential to add a gateway feature, opportunities to incorporate urban design guidelines and limited impacts on traffic flow from construction. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

Potential effects will be identified through an evaluation of the alternatives, and for the preferred alternative mitigation measure to address identified effects will be developed. This may include effects on:

- Heritage properties, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology
- Environmental features including land-based and water-based environments

### Schedule and Next Steps

- Public Information Sessions: Scheduled for November 19, 2020 and tentatively planned for winter 2021
- Environmental Study Report (*final report*): submission tentatively planned for spring 2021

#### **Additional Information**

For more information about the City's Class EA study, please visit: <u>https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/default.aspx</u>

#### **Contact Information**

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### Shams, Aniqa

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Sent:	Monday, April 19, 2021 1:00 PM
То:	Shams, Aniqa; Chief Chief
Cc:	consultation.coordinator@caldwellfirstnation.ca; Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga,
	Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Kelly, Mary K
Subject:	RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

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<nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com>; Talpur, Mir <mir.talpur@woodplc.com>; Kelly, Mary K <mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com>
Subject: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

Good morning Chief Duckworth,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a second public information centre (PIC) for the Ojibway Wildlife Crossing Study. This PIC will be focused on presenting the design alternatives and the preliminary preferred design.

We will follow-up with Caldwell First Nation in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa

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# Office of the City Engineer

Chief Mary Frances Duckworth Caldwell First Nation 14 Orange Street Leamington, ON N8H 1P5 <u>chief@caldwellfirstnation.ca</u>

April 19, 2021

# Re: Ojibway Wildlife Crossing Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – Public Information Centre #2

Dear Chief Duckworth,

The City of Windsor (City) continues to advance the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study (Study) to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. The Wildlife Crossing aims to provide safe passage for area wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

The City provided Caldwell First Nation with a project summary and information about the Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 on November 27, 2020. The City is pleased to provide an update since that time, as the Study has progressed through the stages of the Class EA process. The City has advanced the Study and is ready to present the proposed different design alternatives and the preliminary preferred design. This information will be presented at PIC scheduled for April 19, 2021 to May 3, 2021. The Notice of PIC is attached to this letter. In addition, a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment is also available for this project at this time and is attached to this letter. All materials for the PIC are available on the City's website:

https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/Ojibway-Parkway-Wildlife-Crossing-Class-Environmental-Assessment.aspx

If you would like to meet and discuss the new information, please feel free to contact the undersigned. Wood will contact you by telephone in the next two weeks to follow-up on this letter.

Sincerely,

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**Paul Mourad, P. Eng.** City Project Administrator City of Windsor

Felix Wong, P. Eng. Consultant Project Manager Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions

Cc: Nikki Orosz, Director of Operations (nikki.orosz@caldwellfirstnation.ca) consultation.coordinator@caldwellfirstnation.ca Mary Kelly, Wood (mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com) Encl: Notice of PIC #2 Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

# Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

Brianna Sands <ecc@caldwellfirstnation.ca> Friday, August 6, 2021 11:10 AM Shams, Aniqa Maher, Trina Re: Caldwell First Nation Consultation Portal

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# Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

From:	Ramlogan, Vijanti
Sent:	Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:59 PM
То:	Shams, Aniqa; Brianna Sands; nikki@caldwellfirstnation.ca
Cc:	Mourad, Paul; kcedar@citywindsor.ca; jhagan@citywindsor.ca; Wong, Felix; Stenzel,
	Andreas; Hellinga, Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Maher, Trina
Subject:	RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Good afternoon, Brianna and Nikki,

This is a gentle reminder, of my voicemail today, regarding the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report.

Please use the new links provided below to download the report and its appendices. We would appreciate it if you could please review and provide any comments by March 4, 2022. Following this review, the project team will finalize this report and issue it for a formal 30-day review period. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued at that time.

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- Appendix A Appendix G: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/QDKvAtuAymIKQ6S3</u>
- Appendix H Appendix N: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/8ZFImBnTdXKNfuVi</u>

I look forward to any feedback you may have. Regards, Vijanti

From: Shams, Aniqa <aniqa.shams@woodplc.com> Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:58 AM To: Brianna Sands <ecc@caldwellfirstnation.ca>; nikki@caldwellfirstnation.ca Cc: Mourad, Paul <pmourad@citywindsor.ca>; kcedar@citywindsor.ca; jhagan@citywindsor.ca; Wong, Felix <felix.wong@woodplc.com>; Stenzel, Andreas <andreas.stenzel@woodplc.com>; Hellinga, Nathan <nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com>; Talpur, Mir <mir.talpur@woodplc.com>; Maher, Trina <trina.maher@woodplc.com>; Ramlogan, Vijanti <vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com> Subject: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Hi Brianna and Nikki,

We have contacted you previously regarding City of Windsor's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway, south of Broadway Boulevard to begin re-establishing an ecological connection between Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Park. More information about this Project can be found on the webpage: <u>Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Class</u> <u>Environmental Assessment</u>

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Please let me know if there any issues with the download links. I have also uploaded these documents through the Consultation Portal. However, due to the size and number of files, all the appendices could not be uploaded to the system.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your feedback! Aniqa

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From:	Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali
Sent:	Monday, December 18, 2023 8:21 AM
То:	Brianna Sands; nikki@caldwellfirstnation.ca
Cc:	MTodd@citywindsor.ca; Cedar, Karen; DiDomenico, Marc; Hellinga, Nathan; Ramlogan
	Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3 (CFN)
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_PIC3_Notice_2023-12-12.pdf

### 18 December 2023

#### Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Notice of Public Information Centre #3

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway to begin to re-establish an ecological connection between Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park. This study was initiated in 2020.

Public Information Centre #2 was held from April 19, 2021, to May 3, 2021. Key feedback received during this event was to consider a Wildlife Crossing that connects the Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park by crossing the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) tracks in addition to Ojibway Parkway. Accordingly, the Study Team has identified and evaluated additional design options for the Wildlife Crossing and identified a preferred design that crosses the Ojibway Parkway and the ETR tracks and connects Ojibway Park and the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park.

Public Information Centre #3 is being hosted to present the update preferred design. The City of Windsor previously contacted **Caldwell First Nation (CFN)** about this study (please see below the email correspondence). The City would like to share the attached Notice of Public Information Centre #3 with the CFN. This event is being hosted in virtual and inperson formats. **Virtual consultation is being hosted starting December 18, 2023, and in-person consultation is planned for January 18, 2024, with comments are being invited by January 26, 2024.** Please refer to the attached notice for details on how to participate in Public Information Centre #3. More information can be found on project website.

We would appreciate if you could let us know if you have any questions about this study or would like to meet with the Study Team to discuss the updated preferred design.

Sincerely,

wsp

Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner Environmental Impact Assessment - Energy & Resources *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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# Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

From:	Jenna Maidment <landguardian@caldwellfirstnation.ca></landguardian@caldwellfirstnation.ca>
Sent:	Monday, June 17, 2024 12:23 PM
То:	Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali
Cc:	Zack Hamm; Todd, Michael; kcedar@citywindsor.ca; Hellinga, Nathan; Ramlogan
	Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	Re: CFN comment extension RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public
	Information Centre #3

Good afternoon Mir,

Thank you for the update. I will follow up if I have any questions, however at this time I have no additional comments.

Have a good week.

Miigwech,

Jenna Maidment (she/her)

Land Guardian - Environment and Consultation Coordinator

Environment and Consultation Department (ECD)



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### Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

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То:	Jenna Maidment
Cc:	Zack Hamm; Todd, Michael; kcedar@citywindsor.ca; Hellinga, Nathan; Ramlogan
	Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	RE: CFN comment extension RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public
	Information Centre #3
Attachments:	CFN Comments Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing.pdf
Cc: Subject:	Zack Hamm; Todd, Michael; kcedar@citywindsor.ca; Hellinga, Nathan; Ramlogan Murphy, Vijanti RE: CFN comment extension RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3

Hello Jenna,

Thank you for your letter dated January 30, 2024 (attached) regarding the City of Windsor's Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

The project team is working towards finalizing the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR), which will include the recommendations on the preferred design solution. The ESR will be presented to City Council for endorsement, prior to posting the document for review and issuing the Notice of Study Completion, in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment planning process. Your letter and comments will be included in the ESR document.

Any subsequent phase of the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing project (i.e. implementation of the preferred design, including assessments, detailed design, construction, etc.) is subject to City Council's direction in the future. The City will follow the standards set out in the Province of Ontario's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and the City of Windsor's approved policies and procedures for consultation and engagement with First Nations Communities. These standards are reflected in the province's bulletin *Engaging Aboriginal Communities in Archaeology (2011)*, as well as the current *Draft City of Windsor Archaeological Management Plan 2023*, which has been circulated to the First Nations Communities for communities for communities for communities for communities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mir

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Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner EIA - Environmental Permitting & Compliance, Ontario *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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From: Jenna Maidment <landguardian@caldwellfirstnation.ca>

Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 4:10 PM

To: Hellinga, Nathan <nathan.hellinga@wsp.com>

Cc: Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali <mir.talpur@wsp.com>; Zack Hamm <ecd.manager@caldwellfirstnation.ca>;

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Subject: Re: CFN comment extension RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3

Boozhoo Mir and Nathan,

Please find CFN Environment and Consultation Department's technical review on the wildlife crossing.

Miigwech for the accommodated timeframe.

Miigwech,

Jenna Maidment (she/her)

# Land Guardian - Environment and Consultation Coordinator

Environment and Consultation Department (ECD)

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On Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:47 PM Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@wsp.com</u>> wrote:

Hello Jenna,

Mir is out of the office now, but we did speak briefly after receiving your email. I have also spoken with
Michael Todd (the new PM on the City side).

We are all in agreement that we can extend the comment period for the CFN community until February 1.

Thank you for your continued involvement with our this Project.

Respectfully, Nathan

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### Nathan Hellinga

Team Lead - Environmental Permitting & Compliance, Ontario

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Subject: CFN comment extension RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3

Boozhoo Mir Ahsan,

I apologize for the delay in this email, since arriving back in the office this year the Environment and Consultation Department (ECD) has been quite busy. If possible, we would like to request an extension on our comment submission until January 31, 2024. I realise this email is arriving right on the wire however, this project is important to both ECD and the CFN community.

I hope you have a nice weekend!

Miigwech,

Jenna Maidment (she/her)

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14 Orange Street, Leamington, Ontario, N8H 1P5 Phone: **519-322-1766** Fax: **519-322-1533** 

# Date: January 30, 2024

# To: Mir Ahsan Talpur, WSP E&I Canada Limited

# **RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing**

# **Report Review and Comments**

Reference	Text Example	Comments
WSP. (2024). <i>Ojibway</i> <i>Parkway Wildlife</i> <i>Crossing Municipal</i> <i>Class Environmental</i> <i>Assessment. PIC #3</i> . The City of Windsor. Slidedeck. <u>https://www.citywindsor</u> <u>.ca/residents/Constructio</u> <u>n/Environmental-Assess</u> <u>ments-Master-Plans/Doc</u> <u>uments/IM20104013_Oj</u> <u>ibwayPkwyWildlifeCros</u> <u>sing-PIC3-2023-12-12.p</u> df Slide 7	"Additional ecological field studies were completed within the expanded study area during 2023."	Was Caldwell First Nation (CFN) Environment and Consultation Department (ECD) notified of the expanded ecological field studies? CFN ECD coordinates Field Liaison Representatives (FLRs) to participate in various forms of fieldwork on projects across Traditional Territory. To build technical capacity CFN ECD requests opportunities for participation and funding via standard CFN procedures and rates on fieldwork associated with this project.
ibid. Slide 17	SUMMARY OF EVALUATION - DESIGN OPTION 3	CFN ECD agrees with the selection of Design Option 3 as the preference. This design is an improvement from the previous Preferred Design Concept (presented in PIC#2), and takes into consideration the best option for all our relations.

ibid. Slide 17	"Direct impacts to species at risk plants are anticipated however, they may be mitigated through transplanting"	<ul> <li>ECD is glad to see these mitigations are planned and looks forward to reviewing the fulsome mitigation measures in the detailed design phase.</li> <li>ECD reiterated our first comment, and requests the opportunity for FLR and technical staff participation species transplanting.</li> </ul>
The City of Windsor. (2024). <i>Ojibway</i> <i>Parkway Wildlife</i> <i>Crossing – Evaluation of</i> <i>Wildlife Overpass</i> <i>Design Options</i> . <u>https://www.citywindsor</u> <u>.ca/residents/Constructio</u> <u>n/Environmental-Assess</u> <u>ments-Master-Plans/Doc</u> <u>uments/IM20104013-Oji</u> <u>bwayWildlifeCrossing- DesignOptionsEvaluatio</u> <u>n-2023-12-12_Draft.pdf</u>	N/A	CFN ECD is glad to see this document attached, as it provides necessary context into the weighing of preference for the design options.
ibid. p2	"Direct impacts to Willowleaf Aster (species at risk) are anticipated but may be mitigated through species transplanting. Impacts to the habitat of at least one other species at risk is anticipated but can be mitigated through exclusion measures during construction and post-construction restoration activities."	As Willowleaf Aster is a Species of Interest to Anishinaabe, CFN ECD requires a comprehensive mitigation plan to be shared and the opportunity to be involved in transplanting if necessary. CFN ECD requests the exclusion measures during construction and post-construction restoration activities be shared prior to commencement.
ibid. p4	"Lands on both sides of Ojibway Parkway and ETR tracks were assessed as part of Stage 1 Archaeological Assessments and were identified to have archaeological potential. A	While it is not mandated by the settler government to involve Indigenous communities in a Stage 2, it is best practice to do so. There are several other projects that CFN ECD has set the precedent of being involved in from Stage 1.

	Stage 2 archaeological assessment will be required during detailed design phase to determine impacts on archaeological resources and potential mitigation measures."	Therefore, ECD expects participation and funding via standard CFN procedures and rates on archaeological field participation associated with this Stage 2 and onwards.
ibid. p4	It is recommended that a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) be completed during the detailed design phase to evaluate the properties for Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.	CFN ECD requests the CHER be shared for technical revision and comments once completed. Indigenous communities in the region share a history with the buildings and landscapes associated with CHERs.

Respectfully,

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Zack Hamm Department Manager, Environmental & Consultation Caldwell First Nation 226-936-2940 ecd.manager@caldwellfirstnation.ca

# APPENDIX

**Chippewas of the Thames First Nation** 

## Shams, Aniqa

From:	Shams, Aniqa
Sent:	Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:23 AM
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Cc:	'consultation@cottfn.com'; 'fburch@cottfn.com'; Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga,
	Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Kelly, Mary K
Subject:	Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_CTFN_NOC_11_06_2020 FINAL.pdf

Good morning Chief French,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment to consider the construction of a wildlife crossing at Ojibway Parkway.

Please find attached a letter from the City as well as a summary of the Project.

I will follow-up with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa

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# Office of the City Engineer

Chief Jacqueline French Chippewas of the Thames First Nation 320 Chippewa Road, R.R. #1 Muncey, ON NOL 1Y0 jfrench@cottfn.com

November 11, 2020

# Re: Notice of Study Commencement: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief French,

The City of Windsor (City) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The Wildlife Crossing would provide safe passage for area wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure (Wood) to undertake this Class EA. The Class EA study will evaluate potential solutions to address the wildlife mortality on Ojibway Parkway. Various alternatives will be examined, including the impacts of alternatives on the social, cultural and natural environment. To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

The City has received direction from the Provincial Crown that the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation may have an interest in the study. The City is committed to involving stakeholders and Indigenous communities in this Class EA. For information, the City has attached the Notice of Study Commencement and project summary. Please feel free to share this information within your community as you feel appropriate.

We are interested in understanding any interests or questions that the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation may have about this study and if there is a potential for the study to affect Indigenous and treaty rights. We would also be interested to know if there are any sites of cultural significance to your community within, or adjacent to, the study area. If you would like to meet in person and discuss, please feel free to contact the undersigned. We will contact you by telephone soon to determine your interest in a meeting.

Sincerely,

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Felix Wong, P. Eng. Consultant Project Manager Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Email: <u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>

- Cc: consultation@cottfn.com Fallon Burch, Consultation Coordinator (<u>fburch@cottfn.com</u>) Mary Kelly, Wood (<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>)
- Encl: Notice of Study Commencement Project Summary



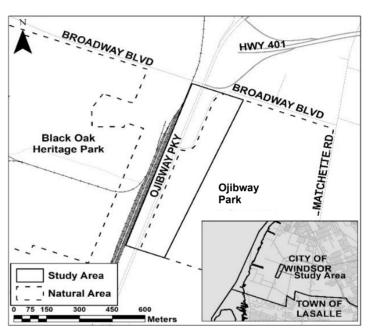


# Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing in the City of Windsor - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

A Municipal Class EA is a decision-making and planning process that identifies the potential effects of projects, such as bridge improvements, so that they can be managed prior to implementation.

#### **Project Description**

The City of Windsor has started a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. Ojibway Parkway is located within the Ojibway Prairie Complex and separates Black Oak Heritage Park (located to the west) and Ojibway Park (located to the east) (see the key map). The crossing would provide safe passage for wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex and create an ecological connection between the parks. The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) to undertake the Study.



#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

The purpose of this Class EA is to:

- Confirm the need for the wildlife crossing
- Identify and evaluate potential crossing options (underpass and overpass)
- Complete a thorough assessment to select the most feasible solution
- Identify the potential effects associated with the recommended solution and identify practical measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative effects

The first step in the study process is to develop an understanding of the current conditions in the study area. Once baseline conditions are determined, the City will develop potential alternatives to address wildlife mortality. The Class EA planning process helps identify the potential effects of proposed projects. Each proposed alternative is assessed against baseline conditions to determine the potential effects, and where necessary, identify mitigation measures to minimize or avoid those impacts. From these alternatives, the most feasible alternative will be identified. A key component of this study is to consult with the public, regulatory agencies, key stakeholders and Indigenous groups.





#### **Baseline Studies**

Baseline studies are prepared to describe the current biological, human and physical environment conditions. The following investigations will be completed as part of this study:

Biological Environment	Human Environment	Physical Environment
<ul><li>Species at Risk</li><li>Vegetation</li><li>Wildlife</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Archaeology</li> <li>Built and Cultural Heritage</li> <li>Landuse and Socio-economics</li> <li>Visual aesthetics / landscape design</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Stormwater</li><li>Soils</li></ul>

Targeted field studies within the right-of-way were completed to confirm existing environmental information and fill in minor data gaps.

#### **Potential Project Related Effects**

To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The results of the evaluation identified a preference for an overpass to provide landscape connectivity, wildlife preference for an overpass, stormwater and drainage opportunities, potential to add a gateway feature, opportunities to incorporate urban design guidelines and limited impacts on traffic flow from construction. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

Potential effects will be identified through an evaluation of the alternatives, and for the preferred alternative mitigation measure to address identified effects will be developed. This may include effects on:

- Heritage properties, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology
- Environmental features including land-based and water-based environments

#### Schedule and Next Steps

- Public Information Sessions: Scheduled for November 19, 2020 and tentatively planned for winter 2021
- Environmental Study Report (*final report*): submission tentatively planned for spring 2021

#### **Additional Information**

For more information about the City's Class EA study, please visit: <u>https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/default.aspx</u>

#### **Contact Information**

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# **CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION**

November 23, 2020

**VIA EMAIL** 

Paul Mourad City Project Administrator City of Windsor 400 City Hall Square E., Suite 404B Windsor, ON N9A 7K6

#### RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing in the City of Windsor – MCEA Study

Dear: Mr. Mourad,

We have received information concerning the aforementioned project. The proposed project is located within the McKee Treaty area to which Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) is a signatory, it is also within the Big Bear Creek Additions to Reserve (ATR) land selection area, as well as COTTFN's Traditional Territory.

After reviewing the project information, we have identified minimal concerns. The proposed Wildlife Crossing is a great solution to decrease wildlife mortality. However, as this project progresses and studies are completed, please forward an electronic copy to <u>consultation@cottfn.com</u>. If there is an Archaeology Assessment conducted, we require notification and the opportunity to actively participate by sending First Nation Field Liaisons on behalf of this First Nation.

We look forward to continuing this open line of communication. To implement meaningful consultation, COTTFN has developed its own protocol - a document and a process that will guide positive working relationships. We would be happy to meet with you to review COTTFN's Consultation Protocol.

As per 'Appendix D' of the Wiindmaagewin attached is invoice 0064. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification of this letter.

Sincerely,

Fallon Burch Consultation Coordinator Chippewa of the Thames First Nation (519) 289-5555 Ext 251 consultation@cottfn.com

c: Felix Wong, Consultant Project Manager, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions

# Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

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	Parkway Wildlife Crossing-Windsor.pdf

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Good morning Mr. Mourad,

I reviewed the *Notice of Study Commencement and Project Summary* for the aforementioned project. At this time we have minimal concerns with the project, we look forward to learning more about the project as studies are completed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Fallon



## Fallon Burch

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Thank you,

Aniqa

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# **CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION**

May 19, 2021

**VIA EMAIL** 

Paul Mourad City Project Administrator City of Windsor

#### RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Dear: Paul,

We have reviewed information concerning the aforementioned project. The proposed project is located within the McKee Treaty area to which Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) is a signatory. The project also falls within the Big Bear Creek Additions to Reserve (ATR) land selection area, as well as COTTFN's Traditional Territory.

After reviewing the project information, we have identified minimal concerns with the information that you have presented to us at this time. However, I ask that if there are changes to the project that are of a substantive nature that you keep us informed by sending an electronic notification to <u>consultation@cottfn.com</u>. If there is an Archaeology Assessment conducted, we require notification and the opportunity to actively participate by sending a First Nation Field Liaison on behalf of this First Nation.

We look forward to continuing this open line of communication. To implement meaningful consultation, COTTFN has developed its own protocol - a document and a process that will guide positive working relationships. We would be happy to meet with you to review COTTFN's Consultation Protocol.

As per 'Appendix D' of the Wiindmaagewin attached is invoice 0116. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification of this letter.

Sincerely,



Fallon Burch Consultation Coordinator Chippewa of the Thames First Nation consultation@cottfn.com

c: Felix Wong, Consultant Project Manager, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions

From:	Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali
Sent:	Monday, December 18, 2023 8:21 AM
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	Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3 (COTTFN)
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_PIC3_Notice_2023-12-12.pdf

#### 18 December 2023

#### Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Notice of Public Information Centre #3

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway to begin to re-establish an ecological connection between Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park. This study was initiated in 2020.

Public Information Centre #2 was held from April 19, 2021, to May 3, 2021. Key feedback received during this event was to consider a Wildlife Crossing that connects the Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park by crossing the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) tracks in addition to Ojibway Parkway. Accordingly, the Study Team has identified and evaluated additional design options for the Wildlife Crossing and identified a preferred design that crosses the Ojibway Parkway and the ETR tracks and connects Ojibway Park and the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park.

Public Information Centre #3 is being hosted to present the update preferred design. The City of Windsor previously contacted **Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN)** about this study (please see below the email correspondence). The City would like to share the attached Notice of Public Information Centre #3 with the COTTFN. This event is being hosted in virtual and in-person formats. **Virtual consultation is being hosted starting December 18**, **2023, and in-person consultation is planned for January 18**, **2024, with comments are being invited by January 26**, **2024.** Please refer to the attached notice for details on how to participate in Public Information Centre #3. More information can be found on project website.

We would appreciate if you could let us know if you have any questions about this study or would like to meet with the Study Team to discuss the updated preferred design.

Sincerely,

wsp

Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner Environmental Impact Assessment - Energy & Resources *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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<rsmith@cottfn.com>; Kelly Riley <kriley@cottfn.com>; kcedar@citywindsor.ca; jhagan@citywindsor.ca; Stenzel, Andreas <andreas.stenzel@woodplc.com>; Maher, Trina <trina.maher@woodplc.com> Subject: RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

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Good afternoon Aniqa,

Thank you for providing Chippewas of the Thames First Nation the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Study Report for the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing.

Based on an internal we have identified no concerns or recommendations. However, I ask that if there are any changes to the project that of a substantive nature that you keep us informed by sending an electronic notification through NationsConnect.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you that as of February 7<sup>th</sup>, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation transitioned to using <u>NationsConnect</u> to receive consultation and engagement requests as well as project updates. NationsConnect is a simple, user-friendly process, that allows government and industry users to submit consultation and engagement requests through a streamlined process. This portal tracks and organizes project information and communication logs without all the paper. Notifications or requests for NEW projects sent by email, fax and regular email will not be considered submitted and will not be reviewed. I have attached a user guide to assist with future projects.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Fallon



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Hi Fallon,

We have contacted you previously regarding City of Windsor's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway, south of Broadway Boulevard to begin re-establishing an ecological connection between Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Park. More information about this Project can be found on the webpage: <u>Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Class</u> <u>Environmental Assessment</u>

The project team has prepared a Draft Environmental Study Report to document the planning, decision making, and consultation process for this Class EA Study. Prior to finalizing the Environmental Study Report, a draft version of the report is being shared with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation for review and comment. Please use the links provided below to download the report and its appendices. We would appreciate it if you could please review and provide any comments by March 4, 2022. Following this review, the project team will finalize this report and issue it for a formal 30-day review period. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued at that time.

- Draft Environmental Study Report: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/t/wcEJhhQeBYDhH6G2">https://www.dropbox.com/t/wcEJhhQeBYDhH6G2</a>
- Appendix A Appendix G: https://www.dropbox.com/t/fdQjNDigGKzaYzFw
- Appendix H Appendix N: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/N3FwHQrOIZ5ZzX8B</u>

Please let me know if there any issues with the download links.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your feedback! Aniqa

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Good afternoon Aniqa,

Hope this email finds you well.

I have received your request to review COTTFN's Consultation Protocol. The dates that we are available to meet with you are...

June 7 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 8 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 9 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 11 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

We look forward to meeting you.

Thanks,

Fallon



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Hi Fallon,

Thank you for your response and for offering the opportunity to meet and review COTTFN's consultation protocol. The City of Windsor and Wood is very interested in understanding the consultation protocol. Can you please let me know a few times and dates that works for you and I can confirm with our team?

Thanks again, Aniga

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Please find attached a response on behalf of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in regards to the aforementioned project. I look forward to being added to the project study list as well as receiving the Environmental Study Report with the opportunity to review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Fallon Burch



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# Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

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То:	fburch@cottfn.com; jmills@cottfn.com; kodi.deleary@cottfn.com; Talpur, Mir Ahsan
	Ali; mtodd@citywindsor.ca
Subject:	Decision regarding consultation: IM20104013 - Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing
Attachments:	consultation-response-34474-im20104013-20240209-0915.pdf; wiindmaagewin- consultation-protocol-120623-approved.pdf

Please see attached PDF response letter. As per 'Appendix C' of the Wiindmaagewin Consultation Protocol, we will be sending an invoice based on our time to engage in the consultation process. The invoice will be sent from COTTFN's Finance Department.

## Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

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Hello,

Thank you for your letter dated February 7, 2024 (attached) regarding the City of Windsor's Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

Please note that as part of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, the City of Windsor (City) reaches out to the public, residents, Indigenous Nations, government agencies, and stakeholders and invites them to provide their comments and concerns about the subject matter. The City's current policy does not allow for the provision of funding to any party in order to obtain their input, as participation in this aspect of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process is not considered obligatory. In relation to archaeology works, the City will follow the standards set out in the Province of Ontario's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists which includes consultation and engagement with First Nations Communities. These standards are reflected in the province's bulletin *Engaging Aboriginal Communities in Archaeology (2011)*, as well as the current *Draft City of Windsor Archaeological Management Plan 2023*, which has been circulated to the First Nations Communities for communities for comment and review.

With respect to the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, the project team is working towards finalizing the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR), which will include the recommendations on the preferred design solution. The ESR will be presented to City Council for endorsement, prior to posting the document for review and issuing the Notice of Study Completion, in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment planning process.

Any subsequent phase of the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing project (i.e. implementation of the preferred design, including assessments, detailed design, construction, etc.) is subject to City Council's direction in the future.

Please advise if you wish to meet with the project team to discuss the current Municipal Class Environmental Assessment phase of the project, and we can provide you with some potential dates/times.

Sincerely,

Mir

**NSD** 

Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner EIA - Environmental Permitting & Compliance, Ontario *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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To: fburch@cottfn.com; jmills@cottfn.com; kodi.deleary@cottfn.com; Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali <mir.talpur@wsp.com>; mtodd@citywindsor.ca Subject: Decision regarding consultation: IM20104013 - Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing

Please see attached PDF response letter. As per 'Appendix C' of the Wiindmaagewin Consultation Protocol, we will be sending an invoice based on our time to engage in the consultation process. The invoice will be sent from COTTFN's Finance Department.



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Project Name: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing

FN Consultation ID: IM20104013

**Consulting Org Contact:** Mir Ahsan Talpur

Consulting Organization: WSP Canada

Date Received: Friday, January 19, 2024

February 7, 2024

Dear: Mir Ahsan Talpur

We have received information concerning Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing, dated January 19, 2024. The proposed project is located within the McKee Treaty Area to which Chippewas of the Thames First Nation's (COTTFN) is a signatory. It is also located within the Big Bear Creek Additions to Reserve (ATR) land selection area, as well as COTTFN Traditional Territory. After screening this project, we have identified it to be of moderate concern. As this time, I am requesting a meeting with you to review the project and gather more information.

If there is an Archaeology Assessment conducted, we require notification and the opportunity to actively participate by sending First Nation Field Liaisons on behalf of COTTFN. Please contact me at 519-289-5555 ext 251 or email at <u>consultation@cottfn.com</u> to set up a time for a meeting.

We look forward to continuing this open line of communication. To implement meaningful consultation, COTTFN has developed its own protocols - a document and a process that will guide positive working relationships. We would be happy to meet with you to review COTTFN's Consultation Protocols. As per 'Appendix C' of the Wiindmaagewin, we will be sending an invoice based on our time to review the documentation. The invoice will come from COTTFN's Finance Department. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification of this letter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed Kodi Chrisjohn-Deleary Consultation Engagement Specialist Chippewa of the Thames First Nation 320 Chippewa Road, Muncey, ON, NOL 1YO (519) 289-5555 Ext 251 consultation@cottfn.com

# APPENDIX

Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

## Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

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	'jason.henry@kettlepoint.org'
Subject:	RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

Hi Valerie,

We are following up to see if you had any questions or concerns about the project. I also left a voicemail message for you. We would be happy to talk to you about this project, so please feel free to call me or email me with any feedback you may have. I will try to follow-up with you again in a few weeks.

Thank you, Aniga

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Good morning Chief Henry,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment to consider the construction of a wildlife crossing at Ojibway Parkway.

Please find attached a letter from the City as well as a summary of the Project.

I will follow-up with Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa Aniqa Shams, B.E.S. RPP, MCIP Environmental Planner 2020 Winston Park Drive, Suite #600 Oakville, Ontario, Canada, L6H 6X7 Office: +1 (905) 568-2929 ext. 4149 Mobile: (416) 357-2093 www.woodplc.com





# Office of the City Engineer

Chief Jason Henry Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation 6247 Indian Lane Kettle and Stony Point FN, ON NON 1J1 jason.henry@kettlepoint.org

November 11, 2020

# Re: Notice of Study Commencement: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Henry,

The City of Windsor (City) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The Wildlife Crossing would provide safe passage for area wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure (Wood) to undertake this Class EA. The Class EA study will evaluate potential solutions to address the wildlife mortality on Ojibway Parkway. Various alternatives will be examined, including the impacts of alternatives on the social, cultural and natural environment. To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

The City has received direction from the Provincial Crown that the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation may have an interest in the study. The City is committed to involving stakeholders and Indigenous communities in this Class EA. For information, the City has attached the Notice of Study Commencement and project summary. Please feel free to share this information within your community as you feel appropriate.

We are interested in understanding any interests or questions that the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation may have about this study and if there is a potential for the study to affect Indigenous and treaty rights. We would also be interested to know if there are any sites of cultural significance to your community within, or adjacent to, the study area. If you would like to meet in person and discuss, please feel free to contact the undersigned. We will contact you by telephone soon to determine your interest in a meeting.

Sincerely,

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Felix Wong, P. Eng. Consultant Project Manager Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Email: felix.wong@woodplc.com

- Cc: Valerie George, Consultation Officer (<u>valerie.george@kettlepoint.org</u>) Mary Kelly, Wood (<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>)
- Encl: Notice of Study Commencement Project Summary



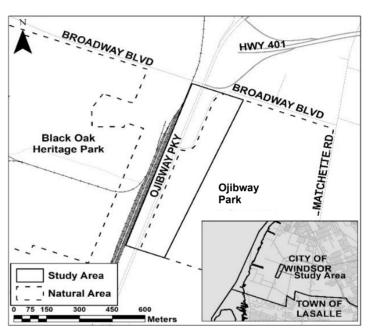


# Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing in the City of Windsor - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

A Municipal Class EA is a decision-making and planning process that identifies the potential effects of projects, such as bridge improvements, so that they can be managed prior to implementation.

#### **Project Description**

The City of Windsor has started a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. Ojibway Parkway is located within the Ojibway Prairie Complex and separates Black Oak Heritage Park (located to the west) and Ojibway Park (located to the east) (see the key map). The crossing would provide safe passage for wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex and create an ecological connection between the parks. The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) to undertake the Study.



#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

The purpose of this Class EA is to:

- Confirm the need for the wildlife crossing
- Identify and evaluate potential crossing options (underpass and overpass)
- Complete a thorough assessment to select the most feasible solution
- Identify the potential effects associated with the recommended solution and identify practical measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative effects

The first step in the study process is to develop an understanding of the current conditions in the study area. Once baseline conditions are determined, the City will develop potential alternatives to address wildlife mortality. The Class EA planning process helps identify the potential effects of proposed projects. Each proposed alternative is assessed against baseline conditions to determine the potential effects, and where necessary, identify mitigation measures to minimize or avoid those impacts. From these alternatives, the most feasible alternative will be identified. A key component of this study is to consult with the public, regulatory agencies, key stakeholders and Indigenous groups.





#### **Baseline Studies**

Baseline studies are prepared to describe the current biological, human and physical environment conditions. The following investigations will be completed as part of this study:

Biological Environment	Human Environment	Physical Environment
<ul><li>Species at Risk</li><li>Vegetation</li><li>Wildlife</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Archaeology</li> <li>Built and Cultural Heritage</li> <li>Landuse and Socio-economics</li> <li>Visual aesthetics / landscape design</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Stormwater</li><li>Soils</li></ul>

Targeted field studies within the right-of-way were completed to confirm existing environmental information and fill in minor data gaps.

#### **Potential Project Related Effects**

To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The results of the evaluation identified a preference for an overpass to provide landscape connectivity, wildlife preference for an overpass, stormwater and drainage opportunities, potential to add a gateway feature, opportunities to incorporate urban design guidelines and limited impacts on traffic flow from construction. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

Potential effects will be identified through an evaluation of the alternatives, and for the preferred alternative mitigation measure to address identified effects will be developed. This may include effects on:

- Heritage properties, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology
- Environmental features including land-based and water-based environments

#### Schedule and Next Steps

- Public Information Sessions: Scheduled for November 19, 2020 and tentatively planned for winter 2021
- Environmental Study Report (*final report*): submission tentatively planned for spring 2021

#### **Additional Information**

For more information about the City's Class EA study, please visit: <u>https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/default.aspx</u>

#### **Contact Information**

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	_August_2020.pdf; IM20104013_Ojibway Wildlife Overpass_PIC2 Notice _Chippewas of
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# **Meeting Notes**

Date: 2022-04-04	Meeting MS TEAMS 5-6pm
	at:

**Ref:** IM20104013

#### Subject/purpose:

To solicit comments and questions from Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation (CKSPFN) consultants regarding City of Windsor, Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

#### Attendees:

**IBA Braiding Ltd** (Consultation Advisors to CKSPFN) Don Richardson, CEO Waverley Birch Samantha Shrubsole

#### Wood

Nathan Hellinga, Deputy Project Manager Mir Talpur, Environmental Planner Mary Kelly, Canadian Director of Social Inclusion Vijanti Ramlogan, Human Environment Consultant

#### **City of Windsor**

Paul Mourad, Project Manager Karen Cedar, Naturalist & Manager of Nature Centre Regrets:

Emily Ferguson, IBA Braiding Ltd

#### To be presented/discussed:

#### 1.0 Introductions

The City and Wood welcomed the participants and offered an opportunity for introductions. The meeting presentation was shared with the attendees in advance of the meeting and reviewed virtually as part of this discussion during the meeting. It was noted that if there is a need for a follow up meeting, it could be scheduled.

The City offered a land acknowledgement and thanked everyone for coming together in a good way.

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#### 2.0 Background

Wood provided an overview of the outreach and engagement with Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. Wood, on behalf of the City began reaching out to CKSPFN in late 2019 and has shared information and conducted outreach since that time with CKSPFN and other Indigenous Nations that may have interest in the Project.

IBA Braiding (Waverley) identified that their proposed review budget was not approved by the City. The City had offered a reduced amount and held this meeting to support that review.

Wood provided an overview of the Project background, including the makeup of the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

#### 2.1. Need for Wildlife Crossing

Wood identified that the Ojibway Parkway separates Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Park. Ojibway Parkway contributes to wildlife mortality, so a wildlife crossing is proposed to begin reestablishing ecological connectivity and to provide safe passage for area wildlife and Species at Risk.

#### 2.2. Overview of Study Process

Wood provided an overview of the Study process and its phases, noting that the Project is in Phase 4. Once comments from agencies and Indigenous Nations are received, the Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be formally submitted for a 30-day public review period. After comments are received and responded to, a Notice of Completion will be issued.

#### 2.3. Study Area Overview

Wood provided an overview of the Project Study Area. Ojibway Park is located on the east side of the Ojibway Parkway within the Study Area. This park includes various species at risk plants.

Ojibway Parkway Trail is located on the west side of Ojibway Parkway, within the Study Area.

There is a railway yard on the west side of the Study Area that is owned by Essex Terminal Railway (ETR). An approximately 90 m wide strip of land west of the railway yard is also owned by Essex Terminal Railway.

#### 2.4. Alternative Solutions

Two alternatives for the location of the wildlife crossing structure were identified within the Study Area. Option 1 - the North Option, does not impact species at risk plant species or their habitat. Whereas Option 2 - the South Option, would impact species at risk and their habitats. Each option also considered structural alternatives – either an underpass or an overpass. Continued... Meeting Date: April 4, 2022



#### 2.5. Evaluation of Alternative Solutions

Wood provided an overview of the evaluation criteria and findings. It was noted that the overpass option has more benefits, such as more opportunities for connectivity to landscape and majority of wildlife prefer overpasses due to their attributes, such as, air flow and openness.

#### 2.6. Preferred Solution

Based on the evaluation of alternatives, the Wildlife Overpass at North Location (Option 1) was identified as Preferred Solution. This option avoids impacts to species at risk plants.

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Waverley) asked if the alternatives were evaluated to determine if they would be an ecological trap.

**Response:** Wood responded that the underpasses could pose an ecological trap depending on the length. Ecological trap was not considered as an evaluation criterion.

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Waverley) asked if specific species circumstances, such as turtle vs. deer, were evaluated for each option.

**Response:** Wood explained the evaluation was not performed on a species-specific basis but rather a consideration of which alternative would benefit the most species. Wood noted that the overpass would be planned to mimic prairie soil to the preference of the plant species. It was also noted that feedback from Windsor Police service preferred the overpass as the underpass presented crime-related risks.

#### 2.7. Alternative Design Concepts

Wood explained that four variations of an overpass was considered. There were technical design issues related to elevation and grades that had to be considered. Alternative 2 and Alternative 4 had required either retaining walls or steeper slopes at the western approach. Alternative 2 had a full suite of benefits for wildlife and did not have public safety concerns due to the existing multi-use trail being in open sight. Of the variations, Alternative 2 was identified as preferred design concept.

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Waverley) asked if there would be a possibility of a complete bridge going over the ETR railway tracks.

**Response:** Wood explained that Essex Terminal Railway has identified some concerns. Currently ETR own an approximately 90 m wide swath of land adjacent to the railway. It is not practical for a bridge to be built over that entire width since the rail lines themselves only occupy a portion of it (approximately 40m). For an extension to be considered the City would likely need to acquire the unused ETR owned land adjacent to the rail lines. An additional consideration for extending the crossing is that on the other side of the railyard, there is wetland which will need to be evaluated to determine the preferred location of the end of the bridge crossing the ETR tracks. The current option alleviates the most severe wildlife mortality concerns associated with Ojibway Parkway. As well, Wood noted that the railyard is a switching yard and the trains move slowly, roughly 16km/hr. It is a unique situation since the area still experiences a notable amount of train traffic just at lower speeds. Trains parked in this area also represent a reduced line of sight for some wildlife. Continued... Meeting Date: April 4, 2022



**Question:** IBA Braiding (Don) asked if Ontario Ministry of Transportation monitors ongoing Herb Gray Parkway and the movement of Species at Risk. There are tunnel top crossings at grade that have been successful for Eastern Foxsnake in the area.

**Response:** The City mentioned that they will receive reports in approximately a year from MTO related to wildlife monitoring on Herb Gray Parkway. Wood responded that they have been involved with the ongoing monitoring of wildlife (Eastern Foxsnake and Butlers Gartersnake) passage over the tunnel top crossings and are aware of the successes which have been achieved with those crossings.

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Don) asked about if it would be same type of soil that was used on wildlife crossings over Herb Gray Parkway?

**Response:** Wood identified that the soil type and depth proposed for the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing is consistent with the soil type and depth used for Wildlife Crossings over Herb Gray Parkway.

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Don) asked whether the City had engaged and heard from Walpole Island First Nation?

**Response:** Wood identified that the City met with Walpole Island First Nation in December 2020 and have shared materials and conducted outreach since then. No concerns have been received from Walpole Island First Nation.

#### 2.10 Proposed Wildlife Fencing

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Waverley) asked if exclusion and connectivity structures are needed? Is there a plan for a fence?

**Response:** Wood responded, yes, and identified that there is existing fencing but it does not keep wildlife out. There is a plan to run exclusion fencing along Ojibway Parkway on both sides. It would be similar to a chain link fence with smooth mesh at the bottom to deter snakes from climbing the structure.

#### 2.8. Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures

Wood explained that the ESR identifies project's potential effects and proposes mitigation measures. Wood shared few examples of potential effects and mitigation measures were shared during the meeting. For example, the City will perform a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment on areas of archaeological potential that may require disturbance during construction. A tree inventory and replacement plan would be developed in addition to the erosion and sediment plan. Construction will be phased to minimize traffic on both sides.

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Don) requested that CKSPFN be provided a copy of the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report.

**Response:** Wood confirmed that CKSPFN will be invited to participate in the archaeological fieldwork and also receive a draft copy of the report review as well as a final copy.

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#### 2.9. Overview of Engagement Process

Wood provided an overview of the engagement process, including outreach and engagement with Indigenous Nations. Wood also met with Essex Regional Conservation Authority, Essex Terminal Railway and held two virtual Public Information Centres.

**Question:** IBA Braiding (Don) identified that it is unusual to see Oneida Nation of the Thames; was the City asked to engage them?

**Response:** Wood confirmed that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks provided direction on which Indigenous Nations to engage as part of the Project. Wood explained their approach to engagement and that after this meeting, notes will be developed and shared for validation, and welcomes feedback.

#### 2.10. Next Steps

**Question:** Wood provided an overview of the next steps and inquired to the participants if they required more time to review the ESR or wanted to meet again.

**Response:** IBA Braiding (Waverley) identified that they will provide some comments next week and would like to review the updated consultation log.

Wood mentioned that the updated ESR, Section 12, will contain the consultation log related to the review of Draft ESR.

Question: Wood inquired if there were any gaps noted and if this presentation was helpful.

**Response:** IBA Braiding (Waverley, Samantha and Don) responded that it was helpful and nice to hear about the process.

## Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

From:	Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali
Sent:	Monday, December 18, 2023 8:21 AM
То:	Consultation; Don Richardson; Claire Sault; Emily Ferguson; Samantha Shrubsole
Cc:	Philip Lee; MTodd@citywindsor.ca; Cedar, Karen; DiDomenico, Marc; Hellinga, Nathan;
	Ramlogan Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3 (CKSPFN)
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_PIC3_Notice_2023-12-12.pdf
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#### 18 December 2023

#### Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Notice of Public Information Centre #3

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway to begin to re-establish an ecological connection between Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park. This study was initiated in 2020.

Public Information Centre #2 was held from April 19, 2021, to May 3, 2021. Key feedback received during this event was to consider a Wildlife Crossing that connects the Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park by crossing the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) tracks in addition to Ojibway Parkway. Accordingly, the Study Team has identified and evaluated additional design options for the Wildlife Crossing and identified a preferred design that crosses the Ojibway Parkway and the ETR tracks and connects Ojibway Park and the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park.

Public Information Centre #3 is being hosted to present the update preferred design. The City of Windsor previously contacted **Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation (CKSPFN)** about this study (please see below the email correspondence). The City would like to share the attached Notice of Public Information Centre #3 with the CKSPFN. This event is being hosted in virtual and in-person formats. **Virtual consultation is being hosted starting December 18**, **2023, and in-person consultation is planned for January 18**, **2024, with comments are being invited by January 26**, **2024.** Please refer to the attached notice for details on how to participate in Public Information Centre #3. More information can be found on project website.

We would appreciate if you could let us know if you have any questions about this study or would like to meet with the Study Team to discuss the updated preferred design.

Sincerely,

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Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner Environmental Impact Assessment - Energy & Resources *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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#### Vacation Alert: December 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024

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Cc: Philip Lee <philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca>; Maher, Trina <trina.maher@woodplc.com>; Kelly, Mary K <mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com>; Snider, Nathan <nathan.snider@woodplc.com>; Hellinga, Nathan <nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com>; Talpur, Mir <mir.talpur@woodplc.com>; Mourad, Paul <pmourad@citywindsor.ca>; kcedar@citywindsor.ca

Subject: RE: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review Meeting Minutes

Good morning,

I am following up with the meeting minutes from last week.

Thank you to the CKSPFN Consultation team for the comments and concerns received on Tuesday.

Hope you have a great long weekend.

Cheers, Vijanti

From: Consultation <<u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u>> Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 12:55 PM To: Ramlogan, Vijanti <<u>vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>>; Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Claire Sault <<u>Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org</u>>; Emily Ferguson <<u>emily@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Samantha Shrubsole <<u>sam@ibabraiding.com</u>> Cc: Philip Lee <<u>philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca</u>>; Maher, Trina <<u>trina.maher@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>>; Snider, Nathan <<u>nathan.snider@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; kcedar@citywindsor.ca Subject: Re: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

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Good afternoon all,

Ahead of our meeting this afternoon, I would like to propose a quick 30 minute meeting beginning at 5pm instead of the original 2 hours.

We have a conflict that prevents us from starting before 5pm, and would appreciate if the meeting could be more of a high level overview with questions. Please let me know if this works for you, and if you could send the presentation ahead of time we can prepare.

Thank you!

Sam

Samantha Shrubsole

Consultation Advisor to CKSPFN

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti <<u>vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:30:42 PM To: Don Richardson; Claire Sault; Consultation; Emily Ferguson; Samantha Shrubsole Cc: Philip Lee; Maher, Trina; Kelly, Mary K; Snider, Nathan; Consultation; Hellinga, Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Mourad, Paul; <u>kcedar@citywindsor.ca</u> Subject: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

Hello everyone,

I issued a MS Teams meeting for those involved on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and I will provide a pdf of the walk through presentation in advance. Looking forward to meeting you!

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Truly, Vijanti

From: Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:02 AM

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<<u>nathan.snider@woodplc.com</u>>; Consultation <<u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u>>

Subject: RE: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

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Ramlogan,

I've checked with Claire and Philip and CKSPFN-Southwind would prefer a technical meeting to assist with providing technical comments specific to the project – so Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> will be a technical meeting at 4pm with myself, Waverley Birch, Sam Shurbsole and Emily Ferguson. Our firm is on contract to provide project reviews and technical comments as instructed by our client.

Please copy the email address <u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u> on future correspondence.

Thank you, and we look forward to the discussion on Monday.

Don

Don Richardson, Ph.D. Founder and CEO IBA Braiding Ltd. Office: 226-706-9779 ext. 101 Cell: 226-820-5086 www.ibabraiding.com

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Hi Claire

Thank you for the response. We would like to ensure that we clearly understand what Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation (CKSPFN) would prefer regarding the next steps and expectations on this matter. Wood looks to continue to support and build collaborative working relationships on all of our projects and having good communications and transparent conversations is important us.

On this note, can you confirm that CKSPFN is cancelling the meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 regarding a discussion about the review of the Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report.

Alternatively, if CKSPFN would like to meet on Monday to discuss the report, or community engagement preferences on this project. Please provide us with a few topic items you would like to have our team prepare to address.

It would be most appreciated if you would provide this information by the end of today or early tomorrow.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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From: Claire Sault <<u>Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org</u>> Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 9:26 PM To: Ramlogan, Vijanti <<u>vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>>; Consultation@kettlepoint.org>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Cc: Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Emily Ferguson <<u>emily@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Philip Lee <<u>philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca</u>>; Samantha Shrubsole <<u>sam@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Shubject: RE: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

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I just realized, we already discussed this last week.

Claire

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti [mailto:vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com] Sent: March 29, 2022 10:19 AM To: Claire Sault <<u>Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org</u>>; Consultation <<u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Cc: Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Emily Ferguson <<u>emily@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Philip Lee <<u>philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca</u>>; Samantha Shrubsole <<u>sam@ibabraiding.com</u>> Subject: RE: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review Hi Claire,

Yes, April 4<sup>th</sup> works except from 3-4pm. What time during the day works for you?

How would you like to meet? Do you prefer using MS Teams or Zoom?

Thanks,

Vi

From: Claire Sault <<u>Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org</u>> Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:21 PM To: Ramlogan, Vijanti <<u>vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>>; Consultation <<u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Cc: Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Emily Ferguson <<u>emily@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Philip Lee <<u>philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca</u>>; Samantha Shrubsole <<u>sam@ibabraiding.com</u>> Subject: RE: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

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I'm available to meet on April 4<sup>th</sup> if that works for you.

Claire

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti [<u>mailto:vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>] Sent: March 23, 2022 10:38 AM To: Consultation <<u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Cc: Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Emily Ferguson <<u>emily@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Philip Lee

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<<u>Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org</u>>

Subject: RE: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

Hi Claire,

Thanks for speaking with me, yesterday. I understand CKSPFN would like to continue to be involved in monitoring and archeology studies and that you will have a new consultation advisor in two months.

In the meantime, would CKSPFN be interested in having a one or two hour virtual meeting with the City of Windsor, Wood and your staff regarding the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing? The purpose of the meeting would be to hear a brief summary of the project and give an opportunity for your feedback and answer any questions you may have. We would appreciate CKSPFN's feedback on the proposed project before we finalize the ESR and post for the public review period, which we'd like to do within the next couple of weeks. It is our hope that such a meeting could help facilitate CKSPFN's feedback.

Truly, Vi

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:28 PM

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Subject: RE: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

Hi Waverley,

Wood, on behalf of the City of Windsor, is following up regarding the estimate from Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation (CKSPFN) to review the draft ESR. As discussed today, the City has available budget of \$750 to support this review.

The City is also open to discussing CKSPFN's needs and process for this project and future projects. Learning more about CKSPFN's engagement and involvement expectations, process and needs would better inform future outreach, engagement and involvement by the City.

Please let us know if you would be interested in a discussion with the City.

Thank you, Vijanti

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 8:10 AM To: Consultation <<u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Cc: Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Emily Ferguson <<u>emily@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Philip Lee <<u>philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca</u>>; Samantha Shrubsole <<u>sam@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Claire Sault <<u>Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org</u>> Subject: RE: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

Good morning, Waverley,

Thank you for the proposed budget. I have forwarded it to Nathan Hellinga who will bring it to the City's attention.

Truly, Vijanti

From: Consultation <<u>consultation@kettlepoint.org</u>> Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:34 PM To: Ramlogan, Vijanti <<u>vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>> Cc: Don Richardson <<u>don@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Emily Ferguson <<u>emily@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Philip Lee <<u>philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca</u>>; Samantha Shrubsole <<u>sam@ibabraiding.com</u>>; Claire Sault <<u>Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org</u>> Subject: Budget: Ojibway Parkway Environmental Report Review

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Hi Vijanti,

As discussed, please see CKSPFN's proposed budget for the Ojibway Parkway Review. This covers technical review services, staff time, and CKSPFN's administrative fee. Tax is additional to the bottom total.

Kindly, Waverley --Waverley Birch (she/her) MES, RPP, MCIP Consultation Advisor to CKSPFN

#### Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

From:	Ramlogan, Vijanti
Sent:	Monday, February 28, 2022 12:51 PM
То:	Consultation; Shams, Aniqa
Cc:	Philip Lee; Emily Ferguson; Samantha Shrubsole; Claire Sault; Don Richardson
Subject:	RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Good afternoon, Waverley,

An estimated cost for the work would be appreciated for the City to review.

Thanks, Vijanti

From: Consultation <consultation@kettlepoint.org> Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:20 AM To: Ramlogan, Vijanti <vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com>; Shams, Aniqa <aniqa.shams@woodplc.com> Cc: Philip Lee <philip.lee@southwindcorp.ca>; Emily Ferguson <emily@ibabraiding.com>; Samantha Shrubsole <sam@ibabraiding.com>; Claire Sault <Claire.Sault@kettlepoint.org>; Don Richardson <don@ibabraiding.com> Subject: RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

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Vijanti,

Thank you for sharing the below project information. We are interested in reviewing this project, and are wondering if you have a modest budget available to facilitate our review? If so, we can prepare a budget for you to review.

Kindly, Waverley

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Waverley Birch (she/her) MES, RPP, MCIP Consultation Advisor to CKSPFN

> From: "Ramlogan, Vijanti" <<u>vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>> Date: February 16, 2022 at 4:17:43 PM EST To: "Shams, Aniqa" <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>>, Jason Henry <<u>Jason.Henry@kettlepoint.org</u>> Cc: Valerie George <<u>Valerie.George@kettlepoint.org</u>>, "Mourad, Paul" <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>, "Wong, Felix" <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>, "Hellinga, Nathan" <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>, "Talpur, Mir" <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>, "Maher, Trina" <<u>trina.maher@woodplc.com</u>>, "Stenzel, Andreas" <<u>andreas.stenzel@woodplc.com</u>>, <u>kcedar@citywindsor.ca</u>, <u>jhagan@citywindsor.ca</u> Subject: RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Hello Chief Henry,

I was directed by reception to send this gentle reminder regarding the draft Environmental Study Report for the City of Windsor Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing by email, this afternoon.

Please use the new links provided below to download the report and its appendices. We would appreciate it if you could please review and provide any comments by March 4, 2022. Following this review, the project team will finalize this report and issue it for a formal 30-day review period. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued at that time.

- Draft Environmental Study Report: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/t/Z5LbDE3sQorMYCnA">https://www.dropbox.com/t/Z5LbDE3sQorMYCnA</a>
- Appendix A Appendix G: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/QDKvAtuAymIKQ6S3</u>
- Appendix H Appendix N: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/8ZFImBnTdXKNfuVi</u>

I look forward to any feedback you may have. Regards, Vijanti

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Métis Nation of Ontario

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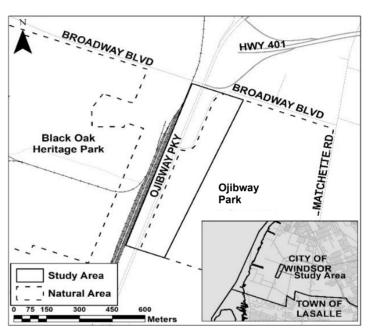


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#### Schedule and Next Steps

- Public Information Sessions: Scheduled for November 19, 2020 and tentatively planned for winter 2021
- Environmental Study Report (*final report*): submission tentatively planned for spring 2021

#### **Additional Information**

For more information about the City's Class EA study, please visit: <u>https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/default.aspx</u>

#### **Contact Information**

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The MNO is adjusting standard work practices due to the Covid-19 outbreak and to better enable staff to work remotely. Please note that the MNO's Lands, Resources and Consultations (LRC) Branch will no longer review hard copy consultation notices mailed to MNO offices. The LRC Branch will review all electronic notices and process them in accordance with our standard operating procedures. All consultation notices must be sent electronically to consultations@metisnation.org.

The Métis Nation of Ontario's LRC Branch acknowledges your information notice. The MNO reserves the right to request additional information, meetings and consultations in respect of the project should the MNO deem it to be necessary.

For additional information pertaining to consulting with Ontario Métis please visit the MNO web site at: http://www.metisnation.org/programs/lands,-resources--consultations/duty-to-consult\_

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Subject:	Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3 (MNO)
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#### 18 December 2023

#### Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Notice of Public Information Centre #3

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Sincerely,

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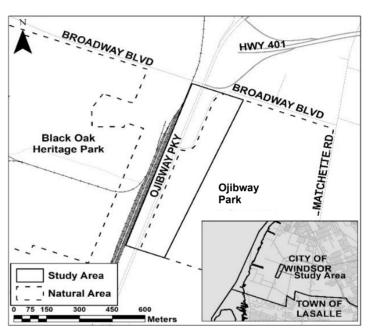


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#### **Potential Project Related Effects**

To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The results of the evaluation identified a preference for an overpass to provide landscape connectivity, wildlife preference for an overpass, stormwater and drainage opportunities, potential to add a gateway feature, opportunities to incorporate urban design guidelines and limited impacts on traffic flow from construction. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

Potential effects will be identified through an evaluation of the alternatives, and for the preferred alternative mitigation measure to address identified effects will be developed. This may include effects on:

- Heritage properties, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology
- Environmental features including land-based and water-based environments

#### Schedule and Next Steps

- Public Information Sessions: Scheduled for November 19, 2020 and tentatively planned for winter 2021
- Environmental Study Report (*final report*): submission tentatively planned for spring 2021

#### **Additional Information**

For more information about the City's Class EA study, please visit: <u>https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/default.aspx</u>

#### **Contact Information**

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## Minutes

Date:	February 25, 2021		
File #:	IM20104013		
Meeting Date & Time:	Monday – December 3, 2020 (1:00 – 1:30 pm)		
Meeting at:	Microsoft Teams		
Subject:	City of Windsor, Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Class EA Project Discussion with Oneida Nation of the Thames		
Attendees:			
Brandon Doxtator, Oneida Thames	a Nation of the	Mary Kelly, Wood Aniqa Shams, Wood	

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED

#### **ACTION BY:**

#### Introduction

- 1. Wood thanked the Oneida Nation of the Thames for the opportunity to meet and discuss the Project. Introductions were made.
- 2. Wood provided an overview of the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), with a focus on the archaeological assessments, natural heritage and the evaluation of alternatives. Wood presented Project information, including a PowerPoint and renderings from the public meeting. Copies of these materials are attached, and available at:

https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/Ojibway-Parkway-Wildlife-Crossing-Class-Environmental-Assessment.aspx

#### **Oneida Nation of the Thames**

- **3.** Brandon explained that Oneida Nation of the Thames is a signatory of the Nanfan Treaty of 1701 and their lands extend across southern Ontario and travels as far south as the Ohio River. Bandon is part of the Bear Clan.
- **4.** The Nanfan Treaty identifies hunting and economic rights, as well as the rights to live on this land. Regarding economic rights, the Oneida Nation of the Thames is interested in involvement in the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and natural environment work, through the presence of field monitors and biological monitors.

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#### **Project Summary**

- **5.** Wood provided a summary of the Project to date. The following key points were identified:
  - The City of Windsor is undertaking this Class EA to provide an ecological connection between Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Parkway.
  - There are currently 20,000 vehicles per day travelling on Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The study area is Ojibway Parkway, between Broadway Boulevard and Sprucewood Avenue.
  - Natural environment: The study area contains woodlands, provincially significant wetlands, areas of natural and scientific interests, significant wildlife habitat and diverse vegetation communities.
  - Stage 1 archaeological assessment: The Stage 1 archaeological assessment has been completed for this Project. The results indicate the need to complete a Stage 2 archaeological assessment.
  - Cultural heritage: No cultural or built heritage features are within the study area
  - Active transportation: There is a multi-use trail along Ojibway Parkway, which will be considered with the construction of the wildlife crossing.
  - Drainage and stormwater: There are currently no existing stormwater management facilities in the study area; this project provides an opportunity to incorporate stormwater management.
  - Technical studies: Several studies that are underway or will be undertaken after the preferred solution is chosen, including stormwater management assessment, traffic review, natural environment assessment, restoration ecology, contamination overview and bridge engineering/structural assessment.
  - The three alternative solutions included: Do nothing, underpass wildlife crossing and overpass wildlife crossing.
  - The preferred solution was chosen based on natural, social, technical and cost factors. Alternative 3A (Overpass Wildlife Crossing – North Option) was selected as the preferred solution because it avoids impacts to species at risks, allows crossing for various species, provides an open structure, provides a gateway feature, integrates passive stormwater management, does not impact traffic flow and allows for landscape connectivity.
  - The next steps include finalizing the preferred solution, completing technical studies, preparing alternative design concepts, and preparing the final Environmental Study Report.

#### **Initial Feedback**

- **6.** Brandon requested clarification regarding whether the overpass will be crossing over the adjacent rail tracks and if not, will this contribute to further wildlife mortality.
  - Post Meeting Note: The property along the west side of railway yard is owned by the Essex Terminal Railway. As a result of feedback received from the first stage of the Study, the City of Windsor is consulting with Essex Terminal Railway to understand their interest in the project and property considerations. City of Windsor will evaluate the option of property acquisition on the west side of the railyard. At this time, the Study will proceed on the assumption that the western slope of the Wildlife Overpass will end at the Ojibway Trail, east of railway yard. Design considerations will be incorporated to allow for future extension of the Wildlife Overpass to the west across railway yard. Monitoring will be conducted to monitor performance of the Wildlife Overpass and mortality on railway tracks. If the need to extend the Wildlife Overpass across the railway yard, the City of Windsor will consider extending the structure, subject to the availability of funding to support additional studies, design, property acquisition and construction.
- **7.** Brandon asked if there will be planned vegetation along the passage. Aniqa responded that there will be fencing provided to guide animals to the passage and the passage itself will include vegetation.
- 8. Brandon explained that there is typically an Oneida Environment Committee meeting twice a month, which would be the first gateway to receiving feedback. Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be held online. The Oneida Nation of the Thames is very interested in this Project and would like the City of Windsor to attend to present and discuss this Project. The attendees include Chief Chrisjohn, Councillors, representatives of the Clan Mothers and a few committee members. At this meeting, a determination is made about the project's impact on Treaty rights. Brandon expects this Project to be considered low impact, however in the chance that it is deemed medium or high impact, further consultation will be required. This will include more community involvement, including involvement of the Clan Mothers. The next committee meeting will be on December 8 and will only be attended by limited participants. If this is too short of a notice to participate, Brandon identified the subsequent meeting to be on January 12, 2021, from 10 am to 12 pm via Microsoft Teams. This Project would be allocated 30 minutes to present and discuss.
- **9.** Brandon explained that this Project is a great opportunity, and he is happy to see the City of Windsor taking a unique and innovative approach to address the problem.

#### **ACTION BY:**

#### **Action items**

<b>10.</b> Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment Field Monitors: Although this will likely occur during detailed design; Wood has informed the City of Windsor the need to arrange a Monitoring Agreement. Oneida Nation of the Thames to provide the draft Monitoring Agreement to the City of Windsor for review.	Oneida Nation of the Thames/ City of Windsor
<b>11.</b> Wood will also document the commitment for field monitors in the Environmental Study Report.	Wood
<b>12.</b> Aniqa to coordinate with the City on availability to attend either the December 8 or January 12 meeting and inform Brandon of availability as soon as possible.	Wood

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Per: Aniqa Shams Environmental Planner



### Minutes

Date:	February 25, 2021
File #:	IM20103036
Meeting Date & Time:	Tuesday – January 12, 2021 (10:00 am – 11:00 am)
Meeting at:	Microsoft Teams
Subject:	City of Windsor, Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Class EA –
	Project Discussion with Oneida Nation of the Thames Environment Committee Meeting
Attendees:	

Brandon Doxtator,	Paul Mourad, City of Windsor
Oneida Nation of the Thames	,
Councillor Alizabeth George-Antone,	Nathan Hellinga, Wood
Oneida Nation of the Thames	
Councillor J. Todd Cornelius,	Mary Kelly, Wood
Oneida Nation of the Thames	
Councillor Angela Antone,	Aniqa Shams, Wood
Oneida Nation of the Thames	

#### MATTERS DISCUSSED

#### **ACTION BY:**

#### Introduction

- 1. Wood thanked the Oneida Nation of the Thames for the opportunity to meet and discuss the Project. Introductions were made.
- 2. Wood provided an overview of the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), with a focus on the archaeological assessments, natural heritage and the evaluation of alternatives. Wood presented Project information via PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation material was provided to Oneida Nation of the Thames in advance of the meeting (attached). Further information is available at:

https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/Ojibway-Parkway-Wildlife-Crossing-Class-Environmental-Assessment.aspx

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#### **Oneida Nation of the Thames**

- **3.** Brandon explained that this Project falls within the Traditional Territory of the Oneida Nation of the Thames. Brandon is part of the Bear Clan.
- **4.** Oneida Nation of the Thames is a signatory of the Nanfan Treaty of 1701 and their Traditional Territory extend across southern Ontario from Otonabee River around Peterborough to as far south as the Ohio River and Chicago River in the United States. Oneida Nation of the Thames is made up of three communities with a population of approximately 20,000. About 6,300 people live in this community. Oneida Nation of the Thames are also part of the Two Row Wampum Treaty, which is the first treaty between Indigenous Peoples and Europeans. In terms of governance, there are two systems: the elected council and traditional governance system. There are also Clan Mothers, who are Title Holders and lead the conversation.
- **5.** The Nanfan Treaty of 1701 identifies hunting and economic rights, as well as the rights to live on this land. This Treaty is about non-interference, where our goal is to work together and coexist. Regarding economic rights, the Oneida Nation of the Thames is interested in involvement in the Archaeological Assessments, through the participation of field monitors.
- 6. Oneida Nation of the Thames is unique as they were not given this land from the Federal Government, but instead when they moved here in 1840, the land was purchased. Oneida Nation of the Thames manages their own lands, and that information is not given to the Federal Government. Oneida Nation of the Thames will determine the impact level of this Project and notify the Project Team. The impact level will determine involvement. This Project is likely considered low impact, which means involvement in archaeological work and protecting the environment through other means such as building bat roosting boxes to provide habitat support.

#### **Project Summary**

- **7.** Paul provided a summary of the Project to date. The following key points were identified:
  - The City is undertaking this Class EA to provide an ecological connection between Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Parkway.
  - About 20,000 vehicles per day travel on Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The Project's study area is Ojibway Parkway, between Broadway Boulevard and Sprucewood Avenue.
  - Natural environment: The study area contains woodlands, provincially significant wetlands, areas of natural and scientific interests, significant wildlife habitat and diverse vegetation communities.
  - Stage 1 archaeological assessment: The Stage 1 archaeological assessment has been completed for this Project. The results indicate the need to complete a Stage 2 archaeological assessment. The Stage 1 archaeological assessment report has been provided along with these minutes.

- Cultural heritage: No cultural or built heritage features are within the study area.
- The three alternative solutions included: Do nothing, underpass wildlife crossing and overpass wildlife crossing.
- The preferred solution was chosen based on natural, social, technical and cost factors. Alternative 3A (Overpass Wildlife Crossing – North Option) was selected as the preferred solution because it avoids impacts to species at risk, allows crossing for various species, provides an open structure, provides a gateway feature, integrates passive stormwater management, does not impact traffic flow and allows for landscape connectivity.
- The next steps include finalizing the preferred solution, completing technical studies, preparing alternative design concepts, and preparing the final Environmental Study Report.

#### **Open Discussion**

- 8. Councillor Cornelius asked what the measurements were for the Parkway?
  - a. Nathan answered that the right-of-way from Ojibway Park to Essex Terminal Railway is 40 m. The road itself is approximately 20 m and the right-of-way is another 20 m.
- **9.** Brandon requested that the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, once completed to be sent to Oneida Nation of the Thames for review. If a Stage 3 and 4 Archaeological Assessment is required, field monitors must be present.
- **10.** Councillor George-Antone asked how to direct animals to cross the bridge.
  - a. Nathan explained that fences will be provided along Ojibway Parkway. Currently, there is a chain link fence, which is acceptable for larger animals like deer but not effective for reptiles. Additionally, the existing fence has numerous gaps under it which allow for wildlife to pass through it.
- **11.** Councillor Cornelius inquired about why this Project was not started before.
  - a. Paul explained that wildlife crossings are more accepted and recognized as important now. Historically, as a society we have not acknowledged the value in nature. The Herb Gray Parkway has made these types of crossings more accepted within area. Funding is an important factor and the Detroit Bridge Authority offered to fund this Project.
- 12. Brandon asked how much acreage of habitat will the overpass be connecting?
  - a. Nathan explained that from the City's website, Black Oak Heritage Park, Ojibway Park, Tallgrass Prairie Heritage Park and Spring Garden Natural Area are approximately 604 acres (244 hectares). Of these 604 acres, Black Oak Heritage Park is approximately 180 acres and Ojibway Park is approximately 140 acres.
- **13.** Brandon expressed appreciation for the City on undertaking this Project. Brandon asked if there are others in Ontario?
  - a. Paul explained that the best example is the Herb Gray Parkway in Windsor. There is also one on Highway 69 (near Sudbury), one on the east side of Georgian Bay, a few near Collingwood and a few in the prairies, along the TransCanada Highway. These are smaller ones, focused primarily on deer.

- b. Councillor Cornelius identified that they should propose one on Highway 401, near Dorchester Road to the City of London.
- **14.** Brandon asked if there are any records of eastern wolf or hognose snake and will there be any further biological studies completed.
  - a. Nathan identified that there is no firm evidence of eastern wolf, however feedback from the public shows there might be some grey fox in this area. The City and Wood are unsure if there are any hognose snakes in the area. Further biological work will occur during detailed design.
- **15.** Brandon requested clarification if there is an existing overpass that this Project is building on.
  - a. Paul answered that there is no overpass of any kind currently.
- **16.** Brandon requested clarification of the bats listed as species within this area. Oneida Nation of the Thames can assist with the protection of bats by creating bat boxes or other items like bee boxes.
  - a. Herb Gray Parkway and the associated multi-use trail system are owned and controlled by the Ministry of Transportation. The contact person at the Ministry Transportation is Jaclyn Charlton of (Jaclyn.Charlton@ontario.ca). If Oneida Nations of the Thames has any comments or suggestions for the Herb Gray Parkway, please contact Jaclyn Charlton. She will be able to advise on what was done for bat mitigation on the Herb Gray Parkway. For bat migration and bat boxes, and trail signs with Indigenous content as part of Ojibway Park, please contact Karen Cedar (kcedar@citywindsor.ca). Ojibway Park is owned and managed by the City of Windsor through Ojibway Nature Centre. She would be happy to discuss incorporating Indigenous content.
- **17.** Councillor George-Antone asked about the likelihood that humans will be using this overpass, resulting in the residue of human scent, which will deter animals from using the overpass.
  - a. Nathan explained that the Project Team is aware of this problem and is looking into how we can reduce human presence. This can be done through education, signage and cameras.
- **18.** Brandon explained that his mother was concerned about deer potentially jumping over the overpass onto the road.
  - a. Paul explained that high fencing will be provided. The alternative design options which are currently being assessed involve a 1.8 m high concrete parapet (similar to a jersey barrier) supplemented with a 2.3 m high chain link fence mounted atop it, for a total height of 4.1 m (functional height of 3.3 m since there will be 0.8 m of fill on the overpass). The chain link fence will have additional mesh panels on the inside facing side of the fence to reduce risk of snake species getting through the fence and falling onto the road.
- **19.** Brandon asked for clarification on the trail adjacent to the overpass and if there is any type of Indigenous content is on the trail, such as Haudenosaunee language and knowledge? Conestogo has a trail system and is implementing a sign with a QR code, which allows the user to scan the code on their phone and have a video come up where an elder discusses the importance of the species in the area.

- a. Paul explained that this is not something the City has on the Herb Gray Parkway, but he will follow-up with Karen Cedar about. As mentioned in number 16, please contact both Karen Cedar and Jaclyn Charlton for more information. Although the trail system is not included in this Project, the City will investigate other opportunities to incorporate Indigenous content in their trail systems.
- **20.** Brandon asked what the construction timeline is.
  - a. Nathan explained that 2022 is the earliest for construction. The goal is to complete the Class EA by mid this year, then proceed with detailed design. The City will be working with relocating utilities during detailed design and then construction can start, with considerations given to funding restrictions.

#### **Action Items**

<b>21.</b> City to investigate the possibility of having Oneida Nation of the Thames involved in creating bat roosting boxes or bee boxes. Please contact Karen Cedar directly (kcedar@citywindsor.ca).	City of Windsor
<b>22.</b> City to investigate the possibility of incorporating Indigenous content on its trail systems, or within the multi-use pathway which would be modified as part of the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Project. Please contact Karen Cedar directly (kcedar@citywindsor.ca).	City of Windsor
<ul><li>23. Any further archaeology work (Stage 3 and 4) will require Oneida Nation of the Thames to be present with field monitors. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment once completed will be provided to Oneida Nation of the Thames for their review and comment. Wood will document the commitment to provide the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and the need for field monitors for Stage 3 and 4 Archaeological Assessment in the Environmental Study Report.</li></ul>	Wood

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Per: Aniqa Shams Environmental Planner

#### **ACTION BY:**

#### Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali

From:	Shams, Aniqa
Sent:	Thursday, February 25, 2021 10:23 AM
То:	Oneida Environment
Cc:	Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga, Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Kelly, Mary K; Chief Adrian
	Chrisjohn
Subject:	RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway
Attachments:	IM20104013_Windsor_Ojibway_Oneida_Minutes_Final.pdf; IM20204013
	_Windsor_Ojibway_Oneida Env Committee_Minutes_Final.pdf; IM20104013 St 1 AA
	City of Windsor, Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Overpass - 14_August_2020.pdf

Hi Brandon,

Hope all is well with you! Please find attached the meeting minutes from our last two meetings and the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessments. Apologizes for the delay in sending these minutes to you. If you have any other comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

We are moving forward with the next stage of the study right now (looking at alternative designs for the crossing) and we will provide you with details about the results of this stage once completed.

Thank you again for inviting us to the Oneida Environment Committee Meeting.

Best regards, Aniqa

Aniqa Shams, RPP, MCIP

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Sheko:li Aniqa,

Happy New Year or in the Oneida language Hoyan! -

I am looking forward to the conversation tomorrow as well. Yes that sounds good, I will make sure everyone has a copy if things don't work out.

If you could join at 10:30 that would be great.

Thank you / Yaw^ko

Brandon Doxtator Environment and Consultation Coordinator Oneida Nation of the Thames Oneida Public Works Office 2706 Nicholas Rd, Oneida (519)-652-6922 C: 226-378-4725

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From: <u>Shams, Aniqa</u> Sent: January 11, 2021 2:43 PM To: <u>Oneida Environment</u> Cc: <u>Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga, Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Kelly, Mary K; Chief Adrian Chrisjohn</u> Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

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Hi Brandon,

We are looking forward to the meeting tomorrow! From our end, I will be attending, Mary Kelly (Wood), Nathan Hellinga (Wood) and Paul Mourad (City of Windsor). We just wanted to confirm if you would like us to join at 10:30 (during our time on the agenda)?

I have also attached our presentation for tomorrow. If possible, we would like to share our screen and present the attached document, however in the chance that there are any technical difficulties, can you please distribute the document to all participants?

Thanks again, Aniqa

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HI Aniqa,

Sounds great. I will send them meeting invite shortly. It will be through MS Teams.

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Hi Brandon,

Thank you for meeting with us yesterday. The project manager from the City of Windsor is available for the January 12 meeting. Can you please invite Paul Mourad (<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>), Nathan Hellinga (<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>) and Mary Kelly (<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>) to the Oneida Environment Committee Meeting? Can you also let us know what platform will be used for this meeting, so we can prepare accordingly?

I am also preparing meeting minutes right now, so I hope to be able to send that to you next week!

Thanks again, Aniqa

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Good Morning,

I hope you are enjoying the weather © 1pm on Thursday works great for me. MS Teams is good as well.

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Hi Brandon,

Thank you for your response. We would be happy to have a discussion with you on Thursday at 1 pm. I can send you a meeting invite – would Microsoft Teams work for you?

Looking forward to speaking to you.

Aniqa

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Sheko:li Aniqa,

Thank you for reaching out in regards to the Class EA - Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway at such an early stage of the project. The Oneida (Onyata'a:ka) people are signatories to the 1701 Nanfran treaty in which the proposed project is located.

My initial thoughts on are that the Oneida Nation of the Thames may be interested in participating in the baseline studies that will be commenced, specifically any biological studies or any archeological assessments.

At this, I would be available to discuss the project via phone call and how the engagement process can work with our community. I am available Tuesday, or Thursday afternoon at 1pm for a discussion or anytime Friday.

Thank you and have a great day

Brandon Doxtator Environment and Consultation Coordinator Oneida Nation of the Thames Oneida Public Works Office 2706 Nicholas Rd, Oneida (519)-652-6922

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From: Shams, Aniqa [mailto:aniqa.shams@woodplc.com] Sent: November-27-20 11:27 AM To: Oneida Environment <<u>environment@oneida.on.ca</u>> Cc: Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>>; Chief Adrian Chrisjohn <<u>adrian.chrisjohn@oneida.on.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

Hello,

We are following up to see if you had any questions or concerns about the project. I also left a voicemail message for you. We would be happy to talk to you about this project, so please feel free to call me or email me with any feedback you may have. I will try to follow-up with you again in a few weeks.

Thank you, Aniqa

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Good morning Chief Chrisjohn,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment to consider the construction of a wildlife crossing at Ojibway Parkway.

Please find attached a letter from the City as well as a summary of the Project.

I will follow-up with Oneida Nation of the Thames in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa

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From:	Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali
Sent:	Monday, December 18, 2023 8:21 AM
То:	Brandon Doxtator; Cherilyn Hill
Cc:	MTodd@citywindsor.ca; Cedar, Karen; DiDomenico, Marc; Hellinga, Nathan; Ramlogan
	Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3 (ONT)
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_PIC3_Notice_2023-12-12.pdf

#### 18 December 2023

#### Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Notice of Public Information Centre #3

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway to begin to re-establish an ecological connection between Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park. This study was initiated in 2020.

Public Information Centre #2 was held from April 19, 2021, to May 3, 2021. Key feedback received during this event was to consider a Wildlife Crossing that connects the Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park by crossing the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) tracks in addition to Ojibway Parkway. Accordingly, the Study Team has identified and evaluated additional design options for the Wildlife Crossing and identified a preferred design that crosses the Ojibway Parkway and the ETR tracks and connects Ojibway Park and the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park.

Public Information Centre #3 is being hosted to present the update preferred design. The City of Windsor previously contacted **Oneida Nation of the Thames (ONT)** about this study (please see below the email correspondence). The City would like to share the attached Notice of Public Information Centre #3 with the ONT. This event is being hosted in virtual and in-person formats. **Virtual consultation is being hosted starting December 18, 2023, and in-person consultation is planned for January 18, 2024, with comments are being invited by January 26, 2024.** Please refer to the attached notice for details on how to participate in Public Information Centre #3. More information can be found on project website.

We would appreciate if you could let us know if you have any questions about this study or would like to meet with the Study Team to discuss the updated preferred design.

Sincerely,

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Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner Environmental Impact Assessment - Energy & Resources *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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#### Vacation Alert: December 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti <vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:52 AM

To: Shams, Aniqa <aniqa.shams@woodplc.com>; Brandon Doxtator <environment@oneida.on.ca> Cc: Mourad, Paul <pmourad@citywindsor.ca>; Wong, Felix <felix.wong@woodplc.com>; Hellinga, Nathan <nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com>; Stenzel, Andreas <andreas.stenzel@woodplc.com>; Talpur, Mir <mir.talpur@woodplc.com>; Maher, Trina <trina.maher@woodplc.com>; Cherilyn Hill <cherilyn.hill@oneida.on.ca>; Chief Adrian Chrisjohn <adrian.chrisjohn@oneida.on.ca>; jhagan@citywindsor.ca; kcedar@citywindsor.ca Subject: RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Good afternoon Brandon,

This is a gentle reminder regarding the voicemail, I left today, related to the draft Environmental Study Report for the City of Windsor Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing.

Please use the new links provided below to download the report and its appendices. We would appreciate it if you could please review and provide any comments by March 4, 2022. Following this review, the project team will finalize this report and issue it for a formal 30-day review period. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued at that time.

- Draft Environmental Study Report: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/t/Z5LbDE3sQorMYCnA">https://www.dropbox.com/t/Z5LbDE3sQorMYCnA</a>
- Appendix A Appendix G: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/QDKvAtuAymIKQ6S3</u>
- Appendix H Appendix N: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/8ZFImBnTdXKNfuVi</u>

In addition, would you be able to answer these questions, please.

1. The agreement document that you attached seems better suited for the fieldwork monitoring. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment will be completed during the detailed design phase. Would it be acceptable to complete the agreement at that time?

2. For the Stage 1 review funding, that you are owed, would a cheque for the payment be acceptable at this time and can the funding be provided by the City without completing an agreement?

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards, Vijanti

> Vijanti Ramlogan, MESc Intermediate Human Environment Consultant Pronouns (she/her/hers) Mobile: +705-690-6435 www.woodplc.com



From: Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:59 AM To: Brandon Doxtator <<u>environment@oneida.on.ca</u>> Cc: Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Stenzel, Andreas <<u>andreas.stenzel@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Maher, Trina <<u>trina.maher@woodplc.com</u>>; Cherilyn Hill <<u>cherilyn.hill@oneida.on.ca</u>>; Ramlogan, Vijanti <<u>vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com</u>>; Chief Adrian Chrisjohn <<u>adrian.chrisjohn@oneida.on.ca</u>>; <u>jhagan@citywindsor.ca</u>; <u>kcedar@citywindsor.ca</u> Subject: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Hi Brandon,

We have contacted you previously regarding City of Windsor's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway, south of Broadway Boulevard to begin re-establishing an ecological connection between Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Park. More information about this Project can be found on the webpage: <u>Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Class</u> <u>Environmental Assessment</u>

The project team has prepared a Draft Environmental Study Report to document the planning, decision making, and consultation process for this Class EA Study. Prior to finalizing the Environmental Study Report, a draft version of the report is being shared with Oneida Nation of the Thames for review and comment. Please use the links provided below to download the report and its appendices. We would appreciate it if you could please review and provide any comments by March 4, 2022. Following this review, the project team will finalize this report and issue it for a formal 30-day review period. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued at that time.

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- Appendix A Appendix G: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/fdQjNDiqGKzaYzFw</u>
- Appendix H Appendix N: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/N3FwHQrOIZ5ZzX8B</u>

Please let me know if there any issues with the download links. In addition, if you could also advise regarding the payment method and the field monitoring agreement, as per below, that would be much appreciated!

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your feedback! Aniqa

#### Aniqa Shams, RPP, MCIP

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From: Shams, Aniqa Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:06 AM To: Brandon Doxtator <<u>environment@oneida.on.ca</u>> Cc: Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>>; Cherilyn Hill <<u>cherilyn.hill@oneida.on.ca</u>>; Maher, Trina <<u>trina.maher@woodplc.com</u>>; Chief Adrian Chrisjohn <<u>adrian.chrisjohn@oneida.on.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2 Hi Brandon,

Following the voicemail I left this morning, we wanted to follow-up on the email below. Feel free to call me back any time if you have any questions.

Thanks, Aniqa

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From: Shams, Aniqa Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 10:26 AM To: Brandon Doxtator <<u>environment@oneida.on.ca</u>> Cc: Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>>; Cherilyn Hill <<u>cherilyn.hill@oneida.on.ca</u>>; Maher, Trina <<u>trina.maher@woodplc.com</u>>; Chief Adrian Chrisjohn <<u>adrian.chrisjohn@oneida.on.ca</u>> Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

Hi Brandon,

Just following on the email below – let me know if you need me to clarify any of our questions.

Thanks, Aniga

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Hi Brandon,

It was nice speaking to you today! As mentioned on the phone, if you could please respond to the questions below, that would be great! I'll paste them in this email again for your reference –

- 1. The agreement document that you attached seems better suited for the fieldwork monitoring. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment will be completed during the detailed design phase. Would it be acceptable to complete the agreement at that time?
- 2. For the Stage 1 review funding, would a cheque for the payment be acceptable at this time and can the funding be provided by the City without completing an agreement?

Thank you, Aniqa

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Hi Brandon,

I'm following up on the email below and the voicemail I left today – if you could please let me know your responses on the questions below, that would be great!

Thanks you, Aniqa

#### Aniga Shams, RPP, MCIP

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From: Shams, Aniga Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 2:19 PM

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Hi Brandon,

Apologies for the delayed response. The agreement document that you attached seems better suited for the fieldwork monitoring. That being said, the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment will be completed during the detailed design phase. Would it be acceptable to complete the agreement at that time?

As for the Stage 1 review funding, would a cheque for the payment be acceptable at this time and can the funding be provided by the City without completing an agreement?

Thanks in advance for providing guidance on these questions!

Aniga

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Brandon Doxtator <environment@oneida.on.ca> Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:15 PM To: Shams, Aniga <aniga.shams@woodplc.com>; Chief Adrian Chrisjohn <adrian.chrisjohn@oneida.on.ca> Cc: Mourad, Paul cpmourad@citywindsor.ca>; Wong, Felix <felix.wong@woodplc.com>; Hellinga, Nathan <nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com>; Talpur, Mir <mir.talpur@woodplc.com>; Kelly, Mary K <mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com>; Cherilyn Hill <cherilyn.hill@oneida.on.ca>

Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

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Good Day Aniga,

Thank you for sending this information regarding the project.

When reviewing archaeological assessments, we usually ask that proponents provide some kind of capacity funding for that review and comments. For a stage one review we require a \$30.00/hr fee to review and provide comments. If this moves forward to a stage 2 or beyond, we would ask that a monitor be present as well. I have attached a draft agreement that Oneida would use for your review.

My background is in archaeology and I can provide that review for the nation and it should not take it us long. For this report I would suggest approx. 5 hours to review and provide comments.

Brandon Doxtator Environment and Consultation Coordinator Oneida Nation of the Thames Oneida Public Works Office 2706 Nicholas Rd, Oneida (519)-652-6922 C: 226-378-4725

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Good morning Chief Chrisjohn,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a second public information centre (PIC) for the Ojibway Wildlife Crossing Study. This PIC will be focused on presenting the design alternatives and the preliminary preferred design.

We will follow-up with Oneida Nation of the Thames in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa

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# APPENDIX

Walpole Island First Nation (Bkejwanong Territory)

#### Shams, Aniqa

From:	Shams, Aniqa
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Cc:	dean.jacobs@wifn.org; janet.macbeth@wifn.org; Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga,
	Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Kelly, Mary K
Subject:	Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_Walpole Island_NOC_11_06_2020 FINAL.pdf

Good morning Chief Sampson,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment to consider the construction of a wildlife crossing at Ojibway Parkway.

Please find attached a letter from the City as well as a summary of the Project.

I will follow-up with Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island) in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa

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Chief Charles Sampson Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island) 117 Tahgahoning Road, R.R. #3 Wallaceburg, ON, N8A 4K9 charles.sampson@wifn.org

November 11, 2020

## Re: Notice of Study Commencement: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Sampson,

The City of Windsor (City) has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The Wildlife Crossing would provide safe passage for area wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex.

The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure (Wood) to undertake this Class EA. The Class EA study will evaluate potential solutions to address the wildlife mortality on Ojibway Parkway. Various alternatives will be examined, including the impacts of alternatives on the social, cultural and natural environment. To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

The City has received direction from the Provincial Crown that the Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island) may have an interest in the study. The City is committed to involving stakeholders and Indigenous communities in this Class EA. For information, the City has attached the Notice of Study Commencement and project summary. Please feel free to share this information within your community as you feel appropriate.

We are interested in understanding any interests or questions that the Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island) may have about this study and if there is a potential for the study to affect Indigenous and treaty rights. We would also be interested to know if there are any sites of cultural significance to your community within, or adjacent to, the study area. If you would like to meet in person and discuss, please feel free to contact the undersigned. We will contact you by telephone soon to determine your interest in a meeting.

Sincerely,

papino

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Felix Wong, P. Eng. Consultant Project Manager Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Email: <u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>

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- Encl: Notice of Study Commencement Project Summary



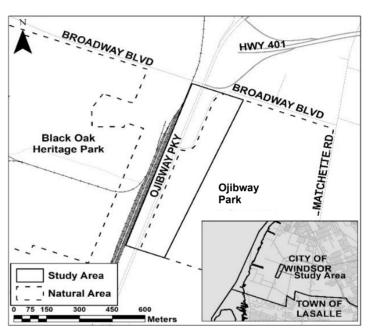


## Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing in the City of Windsor - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

A Municipal Class EA is a decision-making and planning process that identifies the potential effects of projects, such as bridge improvements, so that they can be managed prior to implementation.

#### **Project Description**

The City of Windsor has started a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway. Approximately 20,000 vehicles per day travel along the Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. Ojibway Parkway is located within the Ojibway Prairie Complex and separates Black Oak Heritage Park (located to the west) and Ojibway Park (located to the east) (see the key map). The crossing would provide safe passage for wildlife and species at risk in the Ojibway Prairie Complex and create an ecological connection between the parks. The City has retained Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (Wood) to undertake the Study.



#### **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

The purpose of this Class EA is to:

- Confirm the need for the wildlife crossing
- Identify and evaluate potential crossing options (underpass and overpass)
- Complete a thorough assessment to select the most feasible solution
- Identify the potential effects associated with the recommended solution and identify practical measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative effects

The first step in the study process is to develop an understanding of the current conditions in the study area. Once baseline conditions are determined, the City will develop potential alternatives to address wildlife mortality. The Class EA planning process helps identify the potential effects of proposed projects. Each proposed alternative is assessed against baseline conditions to determine the potential effects, and where necessary, identify mitigation measures to minimize or avoid those impacts. From these alternatives, the most feasible alternative will be identified. A key component of this study is to consult with the public, regulatory agencies, key stakeholders and Indigenous groups.





#### **Baseline Studies**

Baseline studies are prepared to describe the current biological, human and physical environment conditions. The following investigations will be completed as part of this study:

Biological Environment	Human Environment	Physical Environment
<ul><li>Species at Risk</li><li>Vegetation</li><li>Wildlife</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Archaeology</li> <li>Built and Cultural Heritage</li> <li>Landuse and Socio-economics</li> <li>Visual aesthetics / landscape design</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Stormwater</li><li>Soils</li></ul>

Targeted field studies within the right-of-way were completed to confirm existing environmental information and fill in minor data gaps.

#### **Potential Project Related Effects**

To advance the study, an evaluation was completed to determine if the wildlife crossing should be developed as an underpass or overpass. The results of the evaluation identified a preference for an overpass to provide landscape connectivity, wildlife preference for an overpass, stormwater and drainage opportunities, potential to add a gateway feature, opportunities to incorporate urban design guidelines and limited impacts on traffic flow from construction. The detailed results of the evaluation will be available on the City's website and a link will be provided.

Potential effects will be identified through an evaluation of the alternatives, and for the preferred alternative mitigation measure to address identified effects will be developed. This may include effects on:

- Heritage properties, cultural heritage landscapes and archaeology
- Environmental features including land-based and water-based environments

#### Schedule and Next Steps

- Public Information Sessions: Scheduled for November 19, 2020 and tentatively planned for winter 2021
- Environmental Study Report (*final report*): submission tentatively planned for spring 2021

#### **Additional Information**

For more information about the City's Class EA study, please visit: <u>https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/default.aspx</u>

#### **Contact Information**

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#### Shams, Aniqa

From:	Charles Sampson < charles.sampson@wifn.org >
Sent:	Wednesday, November 11, 2020 2:36 PM
То:	Shams, Aniqa
Cc:	Dean Jacobs; Janet Macbeth; Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga, Nathan; Talpur, Mir;
	Kelly, Mary K
Subject:	Re: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

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Miigwetch Aniqa, Janet Macbeth will address this matter on my behalf. Chief Charles Sampson, WIFN

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

------ Original message ------From: "Shams, Aniqa" <aniqa.shams@woodplc.com> Date: 2020-11-11 10:31 AM (GMT-05:00) To: Charles Sampson <charles.sampson@wifn.org> Cc: Dean Jacobs <Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org>, Janet Macbeth <Janet.Macbeth@wifn.org>, "Mourad, Paul" <pmourad@citywindsor.ca>, "Wong, Felix" <felix.wong@woodplc.com>, "Hellinga, Nathan" <nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com>, "Talpur, Mir" <mir.talpur@woodplc.com>, "Kelly, Mary K" <mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com> Subject: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

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Thank you, Aniqa

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## Minutes

Date:	February 25, 2021
File #:	IM20104013
Meeting Date & Time:	Tuesday – November 24, 2020 (11:00 – 11:40 am)
Meeting at:	Microsoft Teams Call
Subject:	City of Windsor, Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Class EA Project Discussion with Walpole Island First Nation (WIFN)
Attendees:	
Janet Macbeth, WIFN	Mary Kelly, Wood
	Aniqa Shams, Wood

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#### **ACTION BY:**

#### Introductions

- **1.** Wood thanked WIFN for the opportunity to meet and discuss the Project. Introductions were made.
- 2. Wood provided an overview of the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), with a focus on the archaeological assessments, natural heritage and the evaluation of alternatives. Wood presented Project information, including a PowerPoint and renderings from the public meeting. Copies of these materials are attached, and available at:

https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/Construction/Environmental-Assessments-Master-Plans/Pages/Ojibway-Parkway-Wildlife-Crossing-Class-Environmental-Assessment.aspx

#### WIFN

- **3.** Janet explained that this Project has been discussed for years. WIFN was heavily involved in the wildlife crossing for the Herb Gray Parkway. WIFN would like to ensure that the wildlife crossing for Ojibway Parkway is designed appropriately and is used by wildlife.
- 4. Mary requested clarification on WIFN's consultation protocol to ensure Project activities respectfully followed the expectations. Janet explained that WIFN requires notification of projects, such as through a notice of commencement, which can be followed by a meeting to discuss the project. If a technical review is

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required, then a budget (that the proponent would provide reimbursement for) and necessary resources will need to be determined to be appropriately involved in the process. All initial notifications should be directed and addressed to Chief Sampson, with Janet cc'd on the emails. However, following the initial email, if there are several back and forth emails with Janet, Chief Sampson does not need to be included. All major updates on the project and notices will have to go to Chief Sampson.

#### **Project Summary**

- 5. Wood provided a summary of the Project to date.
  - The City of Windsor is undertaking this Class EA to provide an ecological connection between Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Parkway.
  - There are currently 20,000 vehicles per day travelling on Ojibway Parkway and E.C. Row Expressway, which contributes heavily to wildlife mortality. The study area is Ojibway Parkway, between Broadway Boulevard and Sprucewood Avenue.
  - Natural environment: The study area contains woodlands, provincially significant wetlands, areas of natural and scientific interests, significant wildlife habitat and diverse vegetation communities.
  - Stage 1 archaeological assessment: The Stage 1 archaeological assessment has been completed for this Project. The results indicate the need to complete a Stage 2 archaeological assessment.
  - Cultural heritage: No cultural or built heritage features are within the study area.
  - Active transportation: There is a multi-use trail along Ojibway Parkway, which will be considered with the construction of the wildlife crossing. Human access will not be provided on the wildlife crossing; the multi-use trail will be below the crossing.
  - Drainage and stormwater: There are currently no existing stormwater management facilities in the study area; this project provides an opportunity to incorporate stormwater management.
  - Technical studies: Several studies that are underway or will be undertaken after the preferred solution is chosen, including stormwater management assessment, traffic review, natural environment assessment, restoration ecology, contamination overview and bridge engineering / structural assessment.
  - The three alternative solutions included: Do nothing, underpass wildlife crossing and overpass wildlife crossing.
  - The preferred solution was chosen based on natural, social, technical and cost factors. Alternative 3A (Overpass Wildlife Crossing – North Option) was selected as the preferred solution because it avoids impacts to species at risk, allows crossing for various species, provides an open structure, provides a gateway feature, integrates passive stormwater management, does not impact traffic flow and allows for landscape connectivity.

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• The next steps include finalizing the preferred solution, completing technical studies, preparing alternative design concepts and preparing the final Environmental Study Report.

#### **WIFN Initial Comments**

- Janet indicated that WIFN prefers an overpass structure (rather than an underpass) for the wildlife crossing. Wood will document this preference in the Environmental Study Report Consultation Record.
- 7. Janet identified that WIFN needs to be involved in the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment field work. Currently, WIFN is revising their rates for field monitors to be consistent with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation rates. WIFN would like an agreement to be established as soon as possible. This agreement can be established with the proponent or the consultant. Once the rates are determined, WIFN will provide the draft agreement to the City for review. Wood will also document the commitment for field monitors in the Environmental Study Report.
- **8.** WIFN would like to be consulted during key stages of the process and an update is requested during phase 3, specifically on the results of the study. WIFN will also be interested in reviewing the Environmental Study Report.
- **9.** At this time, WIFN does not have any specific comments, however Janet requested Wood to follow-up in a few weeks to check if there are any other concerns.
- **10.** Janet requested a comprehensive list of species within the study area. Specifically, Janet inquired about why snakes were not included on the presentation slides, as snake relocation was an important consideration for the Herb Gray Parkway project.
  - a. Post meeting note: As the Project is in its early stages, a comprehensive list of species is not available at this time. Once the natural environment report is complete, Wood will provide the report to WIFN for review.
- **11.** Janet inquired about data to back up the need for this wildlife crossing. She requested any mortality studies or location data that have been completed to date or is available for this area.
  - a. Post meeting note: Road mortality data is often used to determine hotspots and is regularly used for some animal groups, such as reptiles. However, this crossing structure is to accommodate all wildlife (including plants). Wildlife-vehicle collisions can not always be relied on (e.g., the bias in reporting, low volume roads, generalize location reporting), and other methods have evolved to determine crossing locations. Road mortality data can not replace incorporating information about the surrounding habitat and landscape structure into an analysis of crossing locations. The location of the crossing considers that wildlife-vehicle collisions tend

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to occur where animals find it easier to cross roads. The current Parkway does not have appropriate fences or large steep embankments to deter animals from crossing or funnel animals to better crossing points. The preferred design will also incorporate fencing to direct animal use to the crossing structure. Wildlifevehicle collision data has been requested and mapping illustrating this data will be provided within the Natural Assessment Environment Report.

- **12.** Janet requested clarification on how the location of the wildlife crossing (south option and north option) was chosen.
  - a. Post meeting note: Overall, the landscape was used to determine where the crossing should be located. This overpass crossing is intended for more than just herptile species. Habitat availability on either side of road was considered as a factor in determining where most animals will choose to cross. The main purpose of the crossing is to provide tall grass prairie and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest connection for habitats, with appropriate fencing.
    - i. The south option was selected as it is located where the existing multi-use trail is closest to the parkway. This will be the most cost-effective option as it will not require moving the trail and it is within an area with fewer trees on the railway side. The natural environment assessment identified that there are SAR plants near the proposed south option; however, the number of individuals are limited, so mitigation requirements would not be extensive.
    - ii. The north option was selected as it is a more balanced distance between SAR plant species and in an area of canopy opening on both sides of the parkway. This will require less tree removal. However, in this area, the trail will have to be reconfigured.
- 13. Janet requested a timeline for the project.
  - a. Post meeting note: The preferred solution will be finalized by the end of 2020. Winter and spring 2021 will be focused on completing various technical studies and the preliminary design. The Environment Study Report is scheduled to be completed by summer 2021. The construction timeline is unknown at this time.

#### **Action Items**

**14.** Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment Field Monitors: Although this will likely occur during detailed design; Wood has informed the City of Windsor the need to arrange a Monitoring Agreement. Once the rates are determined, WIFN will provide the draft agreement to the City for review.

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<b>15.</b> Aniqa will follow-up with Janet in two weeks to check if there are any further comments or questions.	Wood
<b>16.</b> In winter 2021, after the completion of technical studies, a summary will be provided to WIFN. The Natural Environment Report will also be sent to WIFN.	Wood
17. Wood will document WIFN preference for an overpass in the Environmental Study Report Consultation Record. Wood will also document the commitment for field monitors in the Environmental Study Report.	Wood
<b>18.</b> Wood will provide the final Environmental Study Report to WIFN for review.	Wood

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

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Per: Aniqa Shams Environmental Planner

#### Shams, Aniqa

From:	Janet Macbeth <janet.macbeth@wifn.org></janet.macbeth@wifn.org>
Sent:	Thursday, November 19, 2020 1:06 PM
То:	Shams, Aniqa
Cc:	Dean Jacobs; Mourad, Paul; Wong, Felix; Hellinga, Nathan; Talpur, Mir; Kelly, Mary K;
	Charles Sampson
Subject:	Re: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

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Hi Aniqa,

Let's try Nov 24th at 11am.

Thanks,

Janet

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Sent: November 19, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Janet Macbeth <Janet.Macbeth@wifn.org>
Cc: Dean Jacobs <Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org>; Mourad, Paul <pmourad@citywindsor.ca>; Wong, Felix
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Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway

Hi Janet,

We would be happy to have a meeting with you next week. It would be with myself and Mary Kelly, who is our consultation expert.

Our availability is listed below: November 24: 11:00 am-12:00 pm November 25: 2:00-3:00 pm November 26: 11:00 am-12:00 pm or any time after 1 pm November 27: Any time after 1 pm

If these times don't work for you, please let me know any alternative times that works best for you. Looking forward to speaking to you.

Best regards, Aniqa

From: Janet Macbeth <Janet.Macbeth@wifn.org>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:18 AM

To: Shams, Aniqa <aniqa.shams@woodplc.com>; Charles Sampson <charles.sampson@wifn.org>
 Cc: Dean Jacobs <Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org>; Mourad, Paul <pmourad@citywindsor.ca>; Wong, Felix
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Hi Aniqa,

We are definitely interested in learning more about this proposal. Let me know your availability in the next couple of weeks to discuss in more detail.

Thanks, Janet

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From:	Talpur, Mir Ahsan Ali
Sent:	Monday, December 18, 2023 8:21 AM
То:	Janet Macbeth; Dean Jacobs
Cc:	MTodd@citywindsor.ca; Cedar, Karen; DiDomenico, Marc; Hellinga, Nathan; Ramlogan
	Murphy, Vijanti
Subject:	Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Public Information Centre #3 (WIFN)
Attachments:	IM20104013_OjibwayWildlifeCrossing_PIC3_Notice_2023-12-12.pdf

#### 18 December 2023

#### Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Notice of Public Information Centre #3

The City of Windsor is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to consider the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway to begin to re-establish an ecological connection between Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park. This study was initiated in 2020.

Public Information Centre #2 was held from April 19, 2021, to May 3, 2021. Key feedback received during this event was to consider a Wildlife Crossing that connects the Ojibway Park and Black Oak Heritage Park by crossing the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) tracks in addition to Ojibway Parkway. Accordingly, the Study Team has identified and evaluated additional design options for the Wildlife Crossing and identified a preferred design that crosses the Ojibway Parkway and the ETR tracks and connects Ojibway Park and the natural areas associated with Black Oak Heritage Park.

Public Information Centre #3 is being hosted to present the update preferred design. The City of Windsor previously contacted **Walpole Island First Nation (WIFN)** about this study (please see below the email correspondence). The City would like to share the attached Notice of Public Information Centre #3 with the WIFN. This event is being hosted in virtual and in-person formats. **Virtual consultation is being hosted starting December 18, 2023, and in-person consultation is planned for January 18, 2024, with comments are being invited by January 26, 2024.** Please refer to the attached notice for details on how to participate in Public Information Centre #3. More information can be found on project website.

We would appreciate if you could let us know if you have any questions about this study or would like to meet with the Study Team to discuss the updated preferred design.

Sincerely,

wsp

Mir Ahsan Talpur, RPP, MCIP, EP Senior Environmental Planner Environmental Impact Assessment - Energy & Resources *He/Him* M+ 1 647-545-8974

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Vacation Alert: December 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti <vijanti.ramlogan@woodplc.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 9:44 AM

To: Shams, Aniqa <aniqa.shams@woodplc.com>; Janet Macbeth <janet.macbeth@wifn.org>; Dean Jacobs <br/> <Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org>

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#### jhagan@citywindsor.ca Subject: RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Good morning Janet and Dean,

Below you will find links to the documents for review by March 4, 2022 for the Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing- Draft Environmental Study Report for the City of Windsor.

Here are the links:

- Draft Environmental Study Report: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/t/XeHI1dukc1vpm1Pg">https://www.dropbox.com/t/XeHI1dukc1vpm1Pg</a>
- Appendix A Appendix G: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/twyRx2YjQREfQUtZ</u>
- Appendix H Appendix N: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/U5bT01AxhHEk9SE0</u>

Please let me know if you have any trouble with them.

Regards, Vijanti

From: Ramlogan, Vijanti Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:32 AM To: Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>>; Janet Macbeth <<u>janet.macbeth@wifn.org</u>>; Dean Jacobs <<u>Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org</u>> Cc: Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Maher, Trina <<u>trina.maher@woodplc.com</u>>; jhagan@citywindsor.ca; kcedar@citywindsor.ca; Stenzel, Andreas <<u>andreas.stenzel@woodplc.com</u>> Subject: RE: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Hello Mr. Jacobs,

As a follow-up to the email on Feb.1<sup>st</sup>, please use the new links provided below to download the report and its appendices. We would appreciate it if you could please review and provide any comments by March 4, 2022. Following this review, the project team will finalize this report and issue it for a formal 30-day review period. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued at that time.

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- Appendix H Appendix N: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/t/8ZFImBnTdXKNfuVi</u>

I look forward to any feedback you may have. Regards, Vijanti

From: Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 10:59 AM

To: Janet Macbeth <janet.macbeth@wifn.org>; Dean Jacobs <<u>Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org</u>>

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## <a href="mailto:andreas.stenzel@woodplc.com"> Subject: Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing - Draft Environmental Study Report

Hi Janet and Dean,

We have contacted you previously regarding City of Windsor's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the construction of a Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway, south of Broadway Boulevard to begin re-establishing an ecological connection between Black Oak Heritage Park and Ojibway Park. More information about this Project can be found on the webpage: <u>Ojibway Parkway Wildlife Crossing Class</u> <u>Environmental Assessment</u>

The project team has prepared a Draft Environmental Study Report to document the planning, decision making, and consultation process for this Class EA Study. Prior to finalizing the Environmental Study Report, a draft version of the report is being shared with Walpole Island First Nation for review and comment. Please use the links provided below to download the report and its appendices. We would appreciate it if you could please review and provide any comments by March 4, 2022. Following this review, the project team will finalize this report and issue it for a formal 30-day review period. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued at that time.

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Thank you and we look forward to receiving your feedback! Aniqa

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From: Charles Sampson <<u>charles.sampson@wifn.org</u>> Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 3:19 PM To: Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Cc: Janet Macbeth <<u>janet.macbeth@wifn.org</u>>; Dean Jacobs <<u>Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org</u>>; Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>> Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

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Thank you Aniqa,

From a technical perspective, I will rely on Janet to provide you with any comments of concern from this First Nation. Chief Sampson

From: Shams, Aniqa <<u>aniqa.shams@woodplc.com</u>> Sent: May 3, 2021 2:45 PM To: Charles Sampson <<u>charles.sampson@wifn.org</u>> Cc: Janet Macbeth <<u>Janet.Macbeth@wifn.org</u>>; Dean Jacobs <<u>Dean.Jacobs@wifn.org</u>>; Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>> Subject: RE: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

Good afternoon Chief Sampson,

We are following up to see if you had any questions or concerns about the project.

Janet, I left you a voicemail today - please feel free to call or email me back with any feedback you may have. We will try to follow-up with you again in a few weeks.

Thank you, Aniqa

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From: Shams, Aniqa Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:03 AM To: <u>charles.sampson@wifn.org</u> Cc: <u>janet.macbeth@wifn.org</u>; <u>dean.jacobs@wifn.org</u>; Mourad, Paul <<u>pmourad@citywindsor.ca</u>>; Wong, Felix <<u>felix.wong@woodplc.com</u>>; Hellinga, Nathan <<u>nathan.hellinga@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir <<u>mir.talpur@woodplc.com</u>>; Kelly, Mary K <<u>mary.k.kelly@woodplc.com</u>>; Talpur, Mir Subject: Windsor - Class EA Wildlife Crossing at Ojibway Parkway: PIC #2

Good morning Chief Sampson,

The City of Windsor is undertaking a second public information centre (PIC) for the Ojibway Wildlife Crossing Study. This PIC will be focused on presenting the design alternatives and the preliminary preferred design.

We will follow-up with Walpole Island in the near future to discuss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Thank you, Aniqa

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