

Notice of Online Public Information Centre #2

Major Arterial Roadway Connection Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

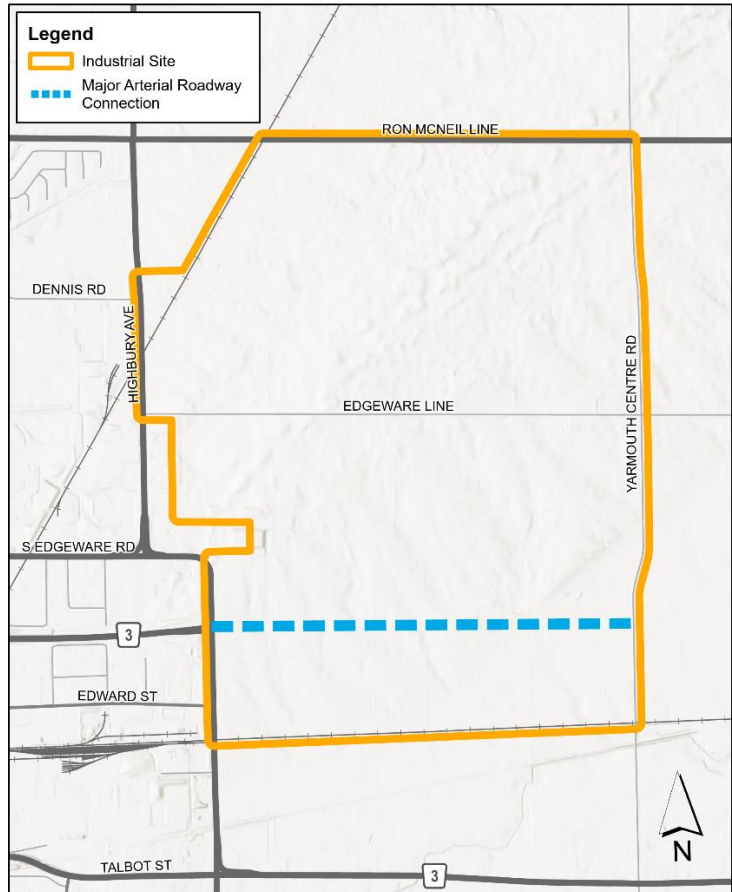
The Study

The City of St. Thomas is establishing a new industrial subdivision in the northeast. To accommodate growth and development, and to provide access to this new subdivision, a new arterial road is needed.

The new road will be a major arterial road that connects Centennial Avenue and Yarmouth Centre Road, as shown in the study area map.

The City has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Major Arterial Roadway Connection between the existing intersection of the St. Thomas Expressway and Centennial Avenue easterly to Yarmouth Centre Road.

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held virtually between June 13, 2023 and August 4, 2023. The purpose of the first PIC was to present existing conditions of the study area, identify potential problems/opportunities and obtain feedback from the public to inform this Class EA study.



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The second PIC will be held virtually between October 18, 2023 and November 8, 2023. The purpose of the second PIC is to present the evaluation of the major arterial road alternative design concepts, present the preferred solution, obtain public input and outline the next steps in the Class EA process.

The Process

This study is being carried out as a **Schedule 'C'** project under the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (March 2023), which is a planning process approved under *Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act*.

In identifying the recommended improvements, the study will consider technical and aesthetic requirements; as well as socio-economic; cultural heritage, and natural environment factors. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared to document the Municipal Class EA planning and decision-making process and made available for a 30-day public review period. A Notice of Completion will be issued at that stage. The ESR will document the Class EA process from Phase 1 to Phase 4.

Get Involved

Public input is an important part of the Class EA process. As such, the City of St. Thomas encourages the public and stakeholders to participate in this planning process by reviewing the online Public Information Centre 2 (PIC #2) information, and completing a comment form by **November 8, 2023** at: <http://www.stthomas.ca/MajorArterialEA>

To provide comments, questions, or concerns on the materials, to join the project mailing list, or request a hard copy of the PIC #2 material, contact the below.

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study.

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