Executive Summary

In 2018, the Town of The Blue Mountains retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to complete environmental studies associated with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process for three bridges in the Town of The Blue Mountains, Ontario. The completion of the Municipal Heritage Bridges Cultural, Heritage and Archaeological Resources Assessment Checklist for the three bridges determined that a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report was needed for each bridge. This conclusion was influenced by the age and type of the bridge structure, the potential for adjacent structures over 40 years old, its connection to a local community, and its potential inclusion as part of a cultural heritage landscape. The completion of the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports will inform the preparation of an Municipal Class Environmental Assessment terms of reference that will determine the design or removal solution for each bridge.

The subject of this Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is Bridges No. 2 and No.3. The two bridges are situated 17 metres apart on 6th Sideroad between The Blue Mountains Euphrasia Townline and 10th Line, in the Town of the Blue Mountains, Ontario. The bridges cross Mitchell’s Creek, also referred to as Mill Creek. Both bridges were constructed in 1930 and consist of four concrete t-beam/girders with a concrete bridge deck.

Bridges No. 2 and No. 3 did not meet criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06 and scored 4 points per the Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines. The conclusion that the bridges have no Cultural Heritage Value or Interest is supported by the evaluation carried out against Ontario Regulation 9/06, which is the only criteria required for establishing Cultural Heritage Value or Interest in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Manual. Accordingly, Bridges No. 2 and No. 3 were found to not have Cultural Heritage Value or Interest since they did not meet criteria set out under Ontario Regulation 9/06 and attained a score of 4 per the Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines out of a possible 100 points.

Bridges No. 2 and No. 3 are not considered to have Cultural Heritage Value or Interest as per the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process. No further work is required and an Environmental Assessment is not triggered from a cultural heritage perspective. To finalize this evaluation, this Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report should be submitted to the Town of The Blue Mountains for review and approval.

The Executive Summary highlights key points from the report only; for complete information and findings, the reader should examine the complete report.