Bridge 13 – Heathcote Bridge Improvements
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study
Notice of Study Commencement

Background
Town of The Blue Mountains is beginning an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act to determine the preferred method of improvement to address structural condition and roadway safety at Bridge 13 – Main Street crossing a tributary of the Beaver River in Heathcote in Town of The Blue Mountains. The study area is shown on the map provided on the reverse of this notice. The timber bridge deck is in fair condition, and roadside safety on the bridge and approaches does not meet current standards.

Study Process
This study is considered to be a Schedule ‘B’ project as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document. The Class EA Study will address the following:

- The existing and future traffic operations at Main Street;
- The existing ability to convey creek flow at Bridge 13;
- Alternative solutions to improving safety;
- The location, extent and sensitivity of the existing environments within the area;
- The potential impacts of each alternative to the noted environments and possible mitigation measures;
- Public and agency consultation and participation; and
- An assessment and evaluation of the alternatives culminating in a preferred solution.

Consultation
Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process, opportunity for public input and comment will be provided at a Public Information Centre (open house) to be held in the upcoming months, during which time the various alternative solutions and assessment of each will be presented. Further details with respect to the Public Information Centre will be advertised on the Town Website, local newspaper, and by direct mail out to Main Street residents abutting the project limits and individuals requesting to be added to the project mailing list. Information about this project can be found at https://www.thebluemountains.ca/bridges-2-3-13-environmental-assessments.cfm.

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Study Area

Figure 1 – Bridge 13 on Main Street, Heathcote

Figure 2 – Bridge 13 Elevation

Source: County of Grey GIS

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