

Town of The Blue Mountains Transportation Master Plan - Comments and Responses Table

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<b>Notice of Study Commencement</b>						
	6/24/2021	Mark Badali, Regional Environmental Planner-Southwest Region, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Email: Mark.Badali1@ontario.ca Phone: (416) 457-2155	<p>This letter is in response to the Notice of Commencement for the above noted project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) acknowledges that the Town of The Blue Mountains (proponent) has indicated that the study is following the approved environmental planning process for a Master Plan (Approach #1) under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). The updated (February 2021) attached "Areas of Interest" document provides guidance regarding the ministry's interests with respect to the Class EA process. Please address all areas of interest in the EA documentation at an appropriate level for the EA study. Proponents who address all the applicable areas of interest can minimize potential delays to the project schedule. Further information is provided at the end of the Areas of Interest document relating to recent changes to the Environmental Assessment Act through Bill 197, Covid-19 Economic Recovery Act 2020. The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge, real or constructive, of the existence or potential existence of an Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that may adversely impact that right. Before authorizing this project, the Crown must ensure that its duty to consult has been fulfilled, where such a duty is triggered. Although the duty to consult with Aboriginal peoples is a duty of the Crown, the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of this duty to project proponents while retaining oversight of the consultation process. The proposed project may have the potential to affect Aboriginal or treaty rights protected under Section 35 of Canada's Constitution Act 1982. Where the Crown's duty to consult is triggered in relation to the proposed project, the MECP is delegating the procedural aspects of rights-based consultation to the proponent through this letter. The Crown intends to rely on the delegated consultation process in discharging its duty to consult and maintains the right to participate in the consultation process as it sees fit. Based on information provided to date and the Crown's preliminary assessment the proponent is required to consult with the following communities who have been identified as potentially affected by the proposed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beausoleil First Nation</li> <li>• Chippewas of Georgina Island</li> <li>• Chippewas of Rama First Nation (Chippewas of Mnjikaning)</li> <li>• Chippewas of Nawash First Nation*</li> <li>• Saugeen First Nation</li> </ul> <p>* Please note that both communities are represented by the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) Environment Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huron-Wendat Nation (if there is potential for the project to impact archeological resources)</li> <li>• Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)</li> </ul> <p>MNO Georgian Bay Métis Council (please cc MNO Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch)</p> <p>Steps that the proponent may need to take in relation to Aboriginal consultation for the proposed project are outlined in the "Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process". Additional information related to Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act is available online at: <a href="http://www.ontario.ca/environmentalassessments">www.ontario.ca/environmentalassessments</a>. Please also refer to the attached document "A Proponent's Introduction to the Delegation of Procedural Aspects of Consultation with Aboriginal Communities" for further information, including the MECP's expectations for EA report documentation related to consultation with communities. The proponent must contact the Director of Environmental Assessment Branch (EABDirector@ontario.ca) under the following circumstances subsequent to initial discussions with the communities identified by MECP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal or treaty rights impacts are identified to you by the communities</li> <li>• You have reason to believe that your proposed project may adversely affect an</li> <li>• Aboriginal or treaty right <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Consultation with Indigenous communities or other stakeholders has reached an impasse</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A Part II Order request is expected on the basis of impacts to Aboriginal or treaty rights</li> </ul> <p>The MECP will then assess the extent of any Crown duty to consult for the circumstances and will consider whether additional steps should be taken, including what role you will be asked to play should additional steps and activities be required. A draft copy of the report should be sent directly to me prior to the filing of the final report, allowing a minimum of 30 days for the ministry's technical reviewers to provide comments. Please also ensure a copy of the final notice is sent to the ministry's Southwest Region EA notification email account (eanotification.swregion@ontario.ca) after the draft report is reviewed and finalized. Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at mark.badali1@ontario.ca.</p>	8/16/2021	Nevena Gazibara	<p>Thank you for taking the time to review the Town of The Blue Mountains Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Notice of Study Commencement and Public Comment Invited and for taking the time to outline the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Areas of Interest.</p> <p>Please note that this study is being undertaken in accordance with Approach #1 of the Master Planning Process, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015). As such, the TMP will generally address Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process and will form the basis for the recommended Schedule B and C transportation infrastructure projects identified within the TMP report. The TMP is intended to provide a framework for transportation infrastructure improvement planning over the long term.</p> <p>Detailed investigations that address the MECP's Areas of Interest such as climate change, air quality, natural environment, surface water, groundwater, utilities, contaminated sites, excess materials management, species at risk, and sourcewater protection will be carried out as part of subsequent studies, as required. The evaluation of transportation solutions being carried out as part of this TMP study will consider technical and environmental constraints at a high level, and will be based on a desktop review of readily available information. Consultation with Aboriginal communities is an integral part of the MCEA process. As part of the study commencement, the study team has provided the following communities with a Notice of Request to Consult and appending Notice of Study Commencement via mail and email on May 14, 2021. Each community was subsequently contacted by telephone to ensure that the notice and corresponding letter were received, and to confirm how each community wishes to be engaged throughout the study process. All of the Aboriginal communities identified below were also sent a Notice of Online Public Information Centre 1 (PIC 1) via email on July 16, 2021.</p> <p>The study team will continue to contact these Aboriginal communities at key study milestones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Historic Saugeen Métis</li> <li>› Huron-Wendat Nation</li> <li>› Wyandotte Nation</li> <li>› Métis Nation of Ontario</li> <li>› Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environmental Office</li> <li>› Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation</li> <li>› Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation</li> <li>› Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation</li> <li>› Chippewas of Rama First Nation</li> <li>› Beausoleil First Nation</li> <li>› Williams Treaties First Nations Coordinator</li> </ul> <p>To date, we have received correspondence from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, the Huron-Wendat Nation, and the Chippewas of the Rama First Nation. The communities will continue to be notified of project updates for the balance of the study and all correspondence will be documented within an Aboriginal Communities Log.</p> <p>Thank you once again for your letter and associated comments on behalf of MECP. Should you have any further comments, questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. ›</p>
	8/16/2021	Mark Badali, Regional Environmental Planner-Southwest Region, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Email: Mark.Badali1@ontario.ca Phone: (416) 457-2155	Hi Nevena, Thank you very much for your response. Likewise, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the ministry's mandated areas of interest or the Class EA process.			No response required
	8/17/2021	Brent Scobie (Public)	The Lora Bay Condo Committee met today and discussed vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic in Lora Bay. We discussed Lora Bay Drive and Sunset Blvd, our committee will be sending a letter to you with some topics for your consideration in your Transportation Master Plan (TMP) study. When is the deadline to have something to you?	8/25/2021	Adam Fraser	Thank you for your email. The TMP study team will gladly accept your letter and other future input. As noted in the Lora Bay Condo Committee letter from August 12 addressed to the Town's Transportation Committee, the Lora Bay Condo Committee will be added to the TMP stakeholder list. Please confirm who the primary contact is for communication purposes.

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	8/25/2021	Drew Brims Lora Bay Condo Committee c/o 143 Dory Row, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0	I am writing on behalf of the Lora Bay Condo Committee (LBCC) which is comprised of one representative from each of the eight Condominium Corporations currently in existence in Lora Bay. Each representative has the authority to speak on behalf of their board. The eight boards represent 371 households which span from the extremities and offshoots of Eastridge Dr., Westridge Dr., the west side of Lora Bay Drive, the south side of Sunset Blvd. and The Cottages Collection. Lora Bay will expand to approximately 1200 homes upon completion, not including the waterfront homes along Sunset Blvd. (A list of LBCC members and the boards they represent is at the end of this letter.) The LBCC is concerned about traffic safety on Lora Bay Drive and Sunset Blvd. and would like your committee to consider these areas of concern:-There are no speed limit signs on Lora Bay Drive and many drivers are not aware that the speed limit is 50 km/hr (the default speed limit in the Town of The Blue Mountains)-The roundabout at the intersection of Lora Bay Drive/Eastridge Drive and Westridge Drive, plus the Georgian Trail and the Golf Cart path has no definitive right-of-way signage showing who has the right-of-way and who should yield. Pedestrians, cyclists, golf carts and vehicular traffic all come together at this intersection. The current signs show "Pedestrian" and "Golf Cart Xing" but do not specify whether pedestrians and/or golf carts, or vehicles have the right-of-way.-Sunset Blvd. has signs posted for a speed limit of 50 km/hr which, in the opinion of our LBCC members is too fast for the conditions – there are no sidewalks or off-road paths for much of this stretch and pedestrians are mixing with vehicular traffic. In order to alleviate the dangerous situations mentioned above, the LBCC requests the following of The Town of Blue Mountains:-Reduce the speed limit on Lora Bay Drive and Sunset Blvd. to 40 km/hr and post signs to that effect, beginning at the intersection of Lora Bay Drive and Highway 26 and continuing until at least the intersection with 39th Sideroad. - Post signs at all access points of the roundabout clearly defining who has the right-of-way, this includes the two approaches from Lora Bay Drive, the approaches from Eastridge Drive and Westridge Drive plus both directions of the Georgian Trail and the golf cart path which crosses just north of the roundabout. We ask that you consider these suggestions within the Transportation Master Plan or, better still, for immediate consideration by the Traffic Department to improve the safety of all residents, motorists, and visitors to Lora Bay.	9/2/2021	Adam Fraser	Good morning Mr. Brims, Thank you for your email and letter. I have read the letter and forward it to our Transportation Master Plan (TMP) consultants for study considerations.