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Notice of Study Commencement
November 16, 2022



NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE BLAKENEY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The Project

The County of Lanark is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the review of alternatives for the Blakeney Bridge, located in the hamlet of Blakeney, over the Mississippi River, approximately 8km downstream of Almonte. The options review is a priority for the County due to the bridge's age and condition, posted weight restriction, and its potential cultural and heritage value. As part of the Environmental Assessment process, options for the bridge reconstruction include replacement with a single-lane versus a two-lane structure.

The Study Process

The project is being initiated in accordance with the latest edition of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Manual issued by the Municipal Engineers Association. The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process applies to municipal infrastructure projects including road and bridge works. This project is proceeding as a Schedule 'B' undertaking but is subject to change.

How to Participate

Public and agency consultation is an important component of the Environmental Assessment process. In addition to this notice, a **Public Information Centre (PIC)** is scheduled for December 1, 2022 at the Almonte Community Centre, as detailed below. The public is invited to review options, ask questions, and provide comments.

The **PIC** will consist of a drop-in format with displays showing design options and information regarding their cultural heritage impacts. Staff from the County will be on hand to answer any questions.

Any person who cannot attend the in-person PIC detailed below may submit their comments to the following email no later than December 7, 2022: blakeneybridge@lanarkcounty.ca

Public Information Centre

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Almonte & District Community Centre
182 Bridge St., Almonte, ON

Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the County of Lanark intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project.

More information may be found at the County's website at:
www.lanarkcounty.ca/blakeneybridge

If you are interested in receiving further information on this project, please contact the following individual:

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