

**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**COUNTY ROAD 17 BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS**

**DETAIL DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

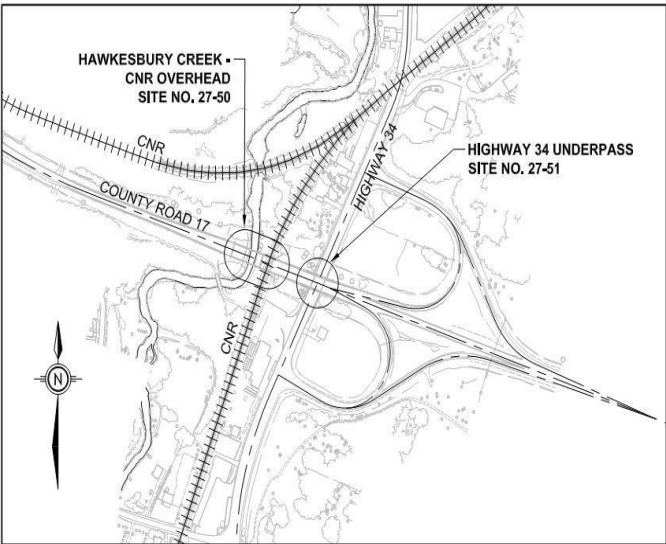
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The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) is completing a Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the replacement of the CNR/Hawkesbury Creek Overhead Bridge and the Highway 34 Underpass at County Road 17 in the Town of Hawkesbury/Champlain Township and the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The CNR/Hawkesbury Creek Overhead Bridge is a three-span bridge carrying two lanes of traffic and two speed change lanes (for the interchange ramps) on County Road 17 (formerly Highway 17) over Hawkesbury Creek and the CN rail line. The Highway 34 Underpass is located approximately 50m to the east of the CN rail line and also carries two lanes of traffic and two speed change lanes over Highway 34. Both bridges are nearing the end of their useful service life and require replacement. The replacement bridges will be reduced to two lanes (eliminating the existing speed change lanes), as recent traffic analysis has shown that they are no longer required to accommodate future traffic volumes. Other key features of the recommended plan include:

- Replacement of the CNR/Hawkesbury Creek Overhead & Highway 34 Underpass using accelerated bridge replacement construction;
- Short duration road closures, which will be required to minimize property impacts and reduce the overall duration of construction. During these closures, traffic will be detoured; and
- Modifications to the WB on-ramp and EB off-ramp at Highway 34.



**THE PROCESS**

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' undertakings under the Ministry of Transportation's Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000), and will be documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The TESR will be made available for a 30-day public review period once completed. Should the anticipated impacts of the recommended detail design be deemed minor in nature, the MTO may elect to 'step-down' this project to a Group 'C' undertaking. At that time, a separate 'step-down' notice will be published to advise the public of the associated review and approval requirements.

## ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Project details including the preliminary recommended plan, anticipated impacts, road closures and proposed detour routes will be posted on the project website ([www.cr17bridges.com](http://www.cr17bridges.com)) on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**. We encourage you to review this material and provide any questions, comments or concerns by **Friday, April 27, 2018**. Comments can be provided online through the website or by contacting the project team, below. If you are unable to access the project website or have any accessibility requirements, please let us know by contacting the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Project Engineer at the address listed below.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)*, comments and information regarding this project, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please let us know.

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