

September 10, 2024, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

CITY OF HAMILTON

Public Information Centre #1

Safari Road Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The purpose of this Public Information Centre (PIC) is to:

- › Introduce the Study, its objectives, scope, and key issues
- › Obtain background information from local residents within the Study Area.

This meeting is a forum for the public to convey their issues/concerns or suggestions to the project team. We encourage you to discuss your concerns with the project team and to provide your comments in writing following your review of the display materials.

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STUDY AREA

The Study includes the Safari Road right-of-way (ROW) from Kirkwall Road to Valens Road.





PURPOSE & SCOPE OF THE SAFARI ROAD CLASS EA STUDY

This Study will address flooding issues within the public right-of-way (ROW) along Safari Road and improve road conditions to ensure safety and accessibility.



What is within scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study?

- ✓ Drainage improvements and flooding issues along Safari Road, including culvert crossings along Safari Road
- ✓ Active transportation facilities and truck loads
- ✓ Access requirements for Emergency vehicles, Canada Post, and local residents

What is not within scope of the EA Study?

- ✗ Drainage and flooding issues on private property
- ✗ Culvert crossings on private property
- ✗ These works are being completed under the Ontario Drainage Act (1990) through the City's Municipal Drain Study



MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) is undertaken prior to municipal road, water, wastewater and transit construction projects and ensures:

- All reasonable alternatives are considered.
- The preferred alternative will have minimal impact on the natural, cultural, social and economic environment; and
- Input from the public, technical agencies and Indigenous Nations is incorporated.

This project is classified as a **Schedule 'B' Municipal Class EA** and is subject to Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process.





KEY ISSUES

The following are some of the key issues that will be considered or addressed in the Study:

- › Drainage and flooding along Safari Road
- › Heavy presence of aquatic wildlife (i.e., fish) and ecological features (i.e., provincially significant wetlands (PSW))
- › Heavy presence of birds and Species at Risk (SAR)
- › Maintain connectivity between the upper and lower ends of the watershed
- › Maintain residential access / driveway grades
- › Other issues to be determined as we move forward in the Study

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Let us know what issues are important to you?





TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

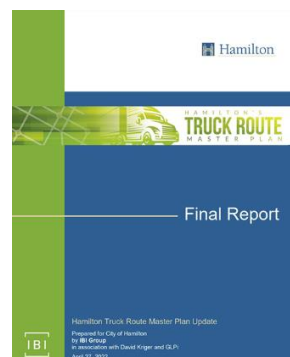
Transportation Improvements

- › Addressing road structural issues such as deteriorating pavement conditions.
- › Potential closure of a portion of Safari Road.



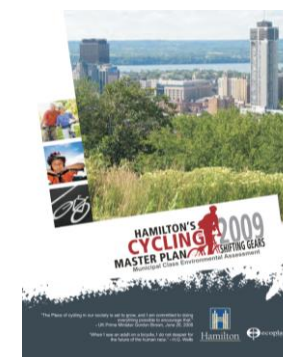
Truck Route Master Plan

- › Safari Road is a designated full-time truck route.
- › Improvements to Safari Road should allow road base to withstand full truck loads year-round.



Active Transportation

- › The Transportation Master Plan (TMP), Cycling Master Plan, and Complete Streets Design Guidelines recommend granular/soft or paved shoulders to support active transportation on Safari Road.



TECHNICAL STUDIES TO BE COMPLETED

› Natural Heritage Assessment & Tree Inventory

- Inventory natural heritage features, wildlife and wildlife habitats, Species at Risk (SAR), vegetation, and Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW).

› Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment

- Will evaluate potential for archaeological resources within or adjacent to the Study Area.

› Transportation Assessment

- Will assess current and future potential issues for the roadway and Study Area intersections as a result of any proposed improvements.

› Drainage & Hydrologic and Hydraulic Assessment

- Will assess existing drainage facilities along Safari Road to determine current capacity and investigate drainage options.

› Hydrogeological & Groundwater Assessment

- Will undertake a water well inventory and assessment of septic bed conditions.

› Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment

- Will support potential culvert crossing replacement or modifications to better convey flow beneath Safari Road and improve drainage.

› Socio-Economic Review

- Will assess the compatibility/sensitivity of the alternative road and drainage improvements and identify significance of existing land uses and determine any potential property impacts.



EVALUATION CRITERIA & ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Below is a list of factors the Study will consider when evaluating possible alternative solutions.

Evaluation Criteria

-  **Technical** – road user safety, drainage, traffic operations, etc.
-  **Natural** – wetlands, wildlife & wildlife habitats, vegetation, watershed connectivity, etc.
-  **Cultural Heritage** – potential for archaeological and cultural heritage resources, etc.
-  **Socio-Economic** – property access & impacts, adjacent land use impacts, etc.
-  **Costs** – construction costs, maintenance costs, utility relocation, property requirements, etc.

Possible Alternative Solutions

- › Raise the road profile
- › Close a portion of the road permanently
- › Drainage & stormwater management solutions
- › Other solutions to be developed as the study progresses

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What factors are important to you when evaluating alternative solutions? Are there other criteria that we should consider?



NEXT STEPS

1. Develop alternative solutions and evaluation criteria in consideration of comments received from the public and technical agencies.
2. Evaluate the alternative solutions and identify a preliminary recommended solution.
3. Present the recommended solution at a second PIC anticipated to be held in Spring 2025
4. Confirm and/or refine the recommended solution based on comments received from the public and technical agencies.
5. Prepare a Project File Report documenting the planning process and decision-making behind the preferred solution.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY



Speak to a Project Team Member



Fill Out a Comment Form



Add Your Notes to the Aerial Map



Visit <https://engage.hamilton.ca/SafariRdEA> for project progress updates



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