

Notice of Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Approval & Study Commencement for 407 East Individual Environmental Assessment

APPROVAL OF EA TERMS OF REFERENCE

On **January 17, 2005**, the Minister of the Environment approved the Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference (ToR) for 407 East. The approved EA ToR is available for review on the project Web site www.407eastea.com or at the following locations:

Regional Municipality of Durham Clerks Department 605 Rossland Rd. E., Whitby, ON 905-668-7711	Township of Brock Clerks Department 1 Cameron St. E., Cannington, ON 705-432-2355	City of Pickering Clerks Department 1 The Esplanade, Pickering, ON 905-420-2222
City of Pickering Public Library Main Branch 1 The Esplanade, Pickering, ON 905-831-6265	City of Pickering Public Library Greenwood Branch 3540 Westney Rd., Ajax, ON 905-683-3844	Town of Ajax Clerks Department 65 Harwood Ave. S., Ajax, ON 905-683-4550
Town of Ajax Public Library Main Branch 55 Harwood Ave. S., Ajax, ON 905-683-4000	Town of Ajax Public Library McLean Branch 95 Magill Dr., Ajax, ON 905-428-8489	Town of Whitby Clerks Department 575 Rossland Rd. E., Whitby, ON 905-668-5803
Town of Whitby Public Library Main Branch 405 Dundas St. W., Whitby, ON 905-668-6531	Town of Whitby Public Library Brooklin Branch 8 Vipond Rd., Brooklin (Whitby), ON 905-655-3191	City of Oshawa Clerks Department 50 Centre St. S., Oshawa, ON 905-725-3351
City of Oshawa Public Library Main Branch 65 Bagot St., Oshawa, ON 905-579-6111	City of Oshawa Public Library Northview Branch 250 Beatrice St. E., Oshawa, ON 905-576-6040	Municipality of Clarington Clerks Department 40 Temperance St., Bowmanville, ON 905-623-3379
Municipality of Clarington Library Bowmanville Branch 163 Church St., Bowmanville, ON 905-623-7322	Municipality of Clarington Library Courtice Branch 2950 Courtice Rd., Courtice, ON 905-404-0707	Municipality of Clarington Library Newcastle Branch 50 Mill St. N., Newcastle, ON 905-987-4844
Municipality of Clarington Library Clarke Branch 127 Church St., Orono, ON 905-983-5507	Township of Scugog Scugog Public Library 231 Water St., Port Perry, ON 905-985-7686	Township of Uxbridge Clerks Department 51 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge, ON 905-852-9181
Township of Uxbridge Public Library 9 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge, ON 905-852-9747	Township of Scugog Clerks Department 181 Perry St., Port Perry, ON 905-985-7346	TSH Local Project Office 300 Water St., Whitby, ON 905-665-3474
City of Peterborough Clerks Department 500 George St. N., Peterborough, ON 705-742-7777	County of Peterborough Clerks Department 470 Water St., Peterborough, ON 705-743-0380	County of Northumberland Clerks Department 860 William St., Cobourg, ON 905-372-3329

Please call ahead to book appointment

COMMENCEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in consultation with the Region of Durham, its constituent and surrounding municipalities, is commencing an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) Study to address transportation deficiencies in the Region of Durham by providing additional transportation opportunities and capacity within and through the Region of Durham for a 30 year planning horizon and beyond. The interactions among the Region of Durham, the GTA, the City of Kawartha Lakes, the City of Peterborough and the Counties of Northumberland and Peterborough will become more critical as population and employment levels in all of these areas continue to grow.

THE PROCESS

This Study will fulfill the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (OEAA) as well as the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) and will be undertaken by MTO's Central Regional Planning and Environmental Office, in accordance with the approved process detailed in the EA ToR.

Public involvement is an important element to the success of the Study in terms of identifying transportation needs and assessing potential environmental impacts and mitigation. In order to facilitate this participation, an extensive public consultation process will be undertaken and Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held at key points in the Study, with the first expected in mid-2005. The time and locations of these PICs will be advertised in local newspapers and on the project Web site: www.407eastea.com

At any time during the environmental assessment process, the public and stakeholders can provide input and comments related to the IEA Study. At the conclusion of the Study, an IEA Study Report will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment for review and approval. If, at the completion of the Study, any member of the public feels that serious concerns remain unresolved, he or she has the right to request that the Minister of the Environment refer the project to a hearing.

COMMENTS

Any comments and information regarding this project will be collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list or have any project-related questions, please contact either of the individuals listed below.

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