



March 26, 2025

**RE: Notice of Public Information Centre
Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 Km West of CPR
Overhead at Ouimet (GWP 129-90-00)
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained WSP Canada Inc. to undertake the detail design and class environmental assessment study for Highway 11/17 four-laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 km west of CPR Overhead at Ouimet, for 7.6 km. A map showing the study area is included in the attached notice.

The study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the public information centre (PIC) will be held in person on **April 10, 2025** at the McGregor Recreation Centre. We invite you to attend the preview session for external agencies, Indigenous communities, and municipalities scheduled from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or the public session between 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The PIC presentation will also be available on the project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca. Please provide any comments you may have about this study by **May 10, 2025**.

Following the PIC, WSP will prepare a design and construction report (DCR) that will document the environmental assessment and detail design. The DCR will be available for a 30-day comment period.

If you wish to obtain additional information about the project or provide input at any point during the study, please visit the study website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca or contact one of the project team members listed on the attached notice.



Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

Sincerely,

WSP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Kleine'.

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Encl. Notice of Public Information Centre

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 km West of CPR Overhead at Ouimet

THE STUDY

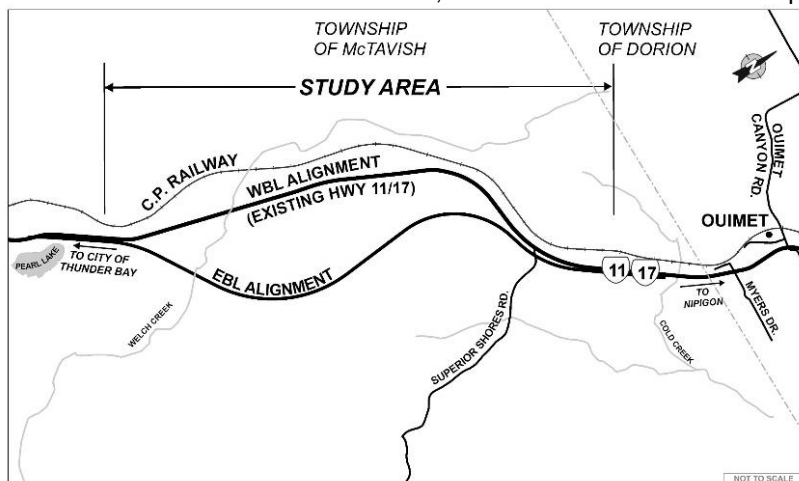
WSP, on behalf of the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, is undertaking the detail design and class environmental assessment study for Highway 11/17 four-laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 km west of CPR Overhead at Ouimet, for 7.6 km as shown in the map.

The study includes:

- Twinning the existing highway at the east and west limits of the project with a 30 m median;
- Rehabilitating and improving the existing highway to become the westbound lanes;
- Creating new eastbound lanes, up to 1.2 km south of the existing highway.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000).



The purpose of the public information centre (PIC) is to provide an update on the environmental assessment study, including the anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures and present the preferred detail design plan and next steps.

Following the PIC, WSP will prepare a design and construction report (DCR) that will document the environmental assessment and detail design. The DCR will describe the preferred design, document public and agency consultation and outline the environmental mitigation measures and provisions that will be in place during construction. Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

The DCR will be available for a 30-day comment period. Notices will be posted on the project website, published in local newspapers, and sent to persons on the project mailing list when the DCR is available for viewing.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The PIC will be held as an **in-person open house**. Representatives of the project team from MTO and WSP will be in attendance to discuss the project. We encourage interested persons to attend to learn more and to provide input to ensure that concerns can be addressed by the project team as the study progresses. The PIC presentation will also be available on the project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca. Comments are kindly requested by **May 10, 2025** and can be submitted through the online comment form available on the website or by contacting one of the project team members listed below.

The PIC will be held as follows:

Date: April 10, 2025
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: MacGregor Recreation Centre
800 Lakeshore Drive, Shuniah ON P7A 0S1

The PIC venue is fully accessible and will be compliant with the requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed below.

COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments or if you would like to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact the individuals listed below or visit www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca.

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