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Monarch Butterfly Garden is Official

Red Rock Public School along with Red Rock Best Start commemorated the Monarch Butterfly Garden planted in the spring. Their site is an official Monarch Waystation registered at www.MonarchWatch.org.T o celebrate this distinction, students and staff inspected the garden for butterflies, growth and new milkweed seedlings! It was noted that the milkweed, cornflower and other Monarch butterfly supporting plants had flourished over the summer and that the garden is very lush. Students erected the official

The students and Staff of way station sign by using a power drill and screwdriver. Writing an acrostic poem was another way the group honoured their hopes of creating habitat for Monarch migration:

- Beautiful
- Use nectar
- Take off
- Travel far away
- Eat leaves
- Return to their home
- Flutter and fly in the sky

Land on leaves and lay an egg

- You used to be a caterpillar
- Submitted by Karin Mackenzie

National School Safety Week 2015: Dress Brightly and Be Seen

This National School Safety Week, October 17 to 23, the Canada Safety Council encourages young pedestrians and cyclists to dress brightly to be seen.

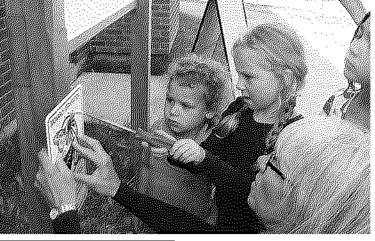
"As light levels drop, frivers have more difficulty seeing pedestrians and cyclists on the road," says Jack Smith, president of the Canada Safety Council. "Wearing bright colours and retro-reflective material can help you stay safe while walking and cycling."

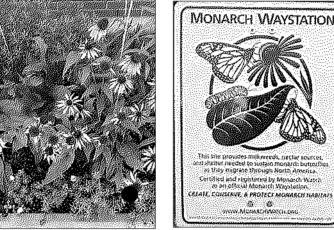
September to November tend to be the worst months of the year for young pedestrians getting hit by motor vehicles. The riskiest time of the day for pedestrians and cyclists to be on the road is in late afternoon, at night, and in dim light conditions when they are less visible to drivers. Any time a car needs its headlights, visibility can be improved by wearing clothing with retro-reflective markings. Retro-reflective materials bounce light back towards the light source, so they will appear very bright and stand out from the background when headlights shine on them. Research shows that pedestrians and cyclists wearing retro-reflective materials are more likely to be seen and recognized by drivers. The best place to

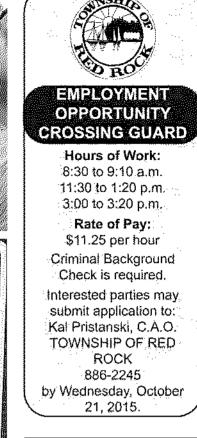
sport retro-reflective markings is on the arms and legs.

To help kids be bright and be seen, the Canada Safety Council is offering a limited number of retro-reflective crafting kits to interested teachers and children's group leaders. A retro-reflective craft activity can help launch a wider discussion with youth around pedestrian and cycling safety. Email csa@safetycouncil.org or call 613-739-1535 to order your kit. Teachers and children's group leaders' names will be entered into a contest to win a 3M product gift basket compliments of 3M Canada.

Also, kids can challenge the adults in their lives to a friendly road safety quiz posted on our Elmer the Safety Elephant website at www.elmer.ca.





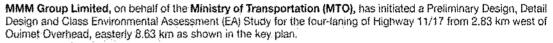


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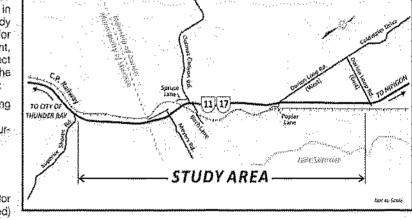
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Pedestrian Safety Tips for Kids

1. **Be bright:** Wear clothin with retor-reflective patches and make sure your bicycle has reflectors and a light.

2. Ensure drivers have seen you before you step off the curb by **making eye contact**.

3. Leave the phone alone and turn down the tunes when crossing the street.

4. And of course, look Continued on Page 6 The Addendum to the ESR and DCR will be available for a 3D-day review period at later points during the Study process. Notices will be posted and published when the Addendum to the ESR and the DCR are available for viewing.

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Vatican defends reporting on family issues meeting

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican press office defended its reporting of a big meeting on family issues Thursday after a dispute arose over what Pope Francis told bishops behind closed doors about his hopes for a free and open debate.

One of the participants in the synod, the Rev. Antonio Spadaro, tweeted earlier this week that Francis had warned the prelates against falling into a "conspiracy" mindset as they discuss how the church can better minister to Catholic families, gays, divorcees and couples in civil unions.

But in his briefing to reporters Tuesday, the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, didn't quote Francis as making such an explosive and critical admonition. His summary of Francis' remarks was more generic, and a text of Francis' remarks was never provided to the media

Lombardi confirmed Thursday that the pope indeed uttered the

words but said he wasn't obliged to make public everything that everyone says.

The dispute underscored what veteran Vatican watcher John Allen called the "dirty little secret" of reporting on the synod: Journalists aren't allowed inside, and must rely on Vatican spokesmen or the participants themselves to recount after the fact what was said.

Given the passions, divisions and sheer numbers at play, that can produce lopsided, ideologically driven or even contradictory reports.

On Wednesday, for example, Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput told a press conference that many Africans felt that the draft document for the meeting was too focused on issues of concern to the West, and not Africa.

On Thursday, Monsignor Charles Palmer-Buckle, archbishop of Accra, Ghana, said that, on the contrary, the document reflected the concerns of the universal church.

Lombardi was asked Thursday

about the "conspiracy" comment and whether Francis did indeed say it.

Spadaro, a fellow Jesuit who is close to Francis, had tweeted that the pope had asked the bishops to "not give into the 'hermeneutic of conspiracy' which is sociologically weak and spiritually doesn't help."

Lombardi said he follows a "precise criteria" in his reports to the media about what goes on behind closed doors, suggesting that he omitted Francis' admonition on purpose.

DNA study supports theory Eurasians migrated to Africa

BY FRANK JORDANS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — Scientists say they have extracted ancient DNA from the skull of a man buried in the highlands of Ethiopia 4,500 years ago that supports the theory that Eurasian farmers migrated into Africa some 3,000 years ago.

This Stone Age resettlement had previously been theorized, but the rare find allowed scientists to see what DNA looked like well before the time the migration would have taken place. A comparison with modern populations around the world allowed them to see that the migrants left their genetic mark in the furthest corners of Africa.

"This is the first ancient human genome found in Africa to have been sequenced," said Marcos Gallego Llorente, a geneticist at the University of Cambridge and member of the international team of researchers whose findings were published Thursday in the journal Science.

Previously, scientists had only been able to sequence DNA from samples found in northern and arctic regions, because the climate there allows genetic material to survive for longer. In 2011, archaeologists with the help of local people discovered a cave containing the bones of a man — dubbed Mota — who died around 2,500 BC and from whose temporal bone they managed to extract intact DNA.

By comparing this ancient DNA with modern samples, researchers were able to map genetic changes that have taken place in the past 4,500 years. They found that East African populations now have as much as a quarter Eurasian ancestry, while those in the far west and south of the continent still have at least 5 per cent of their genome from Eurasian migrants.

"This paper is exciting because it is the first to get ancient DNA from Africa. I think the analyses are also interesting, in particular, the claim that all sub-Saharan Africans today have a substantial amount of ancestry from back-to-Africa migrations," said David Reich, a geneticist at the Harvard Medical School who wasn't involved in the study. "This is a fairly surprising claim, but the analyses seem thorough."

The researchers traced this injection of genes to an event known as the 'Eurasian backflow.' It describes a period some 3,000 years ago when people from the Near East and Anatolia streamed into the Horn of Africa, a reverse migration to that which led the first humans out of Africa about 100,000 years ago.

"It is possible that there were even more ancient migrations back to Africa," said Llorente, "but what we can say for sure is that there was a very big migration after the time Mota lived."

It was so big, in fact, that the number of migrants flooding into the Horn of Africa may have amounted to over a quarter of the population of the region at the time.

It's not clear why they moved, though one theory that's been suggested is that farmers looking for fertile land travelled up the Nile. Wheat and barley, which first emerged in the Near East, appeared as crops in East Africa around 3,000 years ago.

Paul Heggarty, a linguist at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, who also wasn't involved in the study, said the Eurasian backflow theory ties in with research about the spread of Semitic languages from the Near East to Ethiopia.

By analyzing the kinds of genes the Stone Age farmers carried to Africa, the scientists also found they were closely related to the same population that had brought agriculture to Europe about 7,000 years ago. Today, those ancient farmers' closest genetic relatives are found on the island of Sardinia.

This means that modern-day migrants from East Africa crossing the Mediterranean to Europe may encounter distant cousins whose ancestors took a different path than theirs thousands of years ago.



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California to phase out microbeads in soap

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Thursday requiring California to phase out the use of microscopic exfoliating beads in personal care products sold in the state starting in 2020 to protect fish and wildlife.

The tiny plastic beads found in soap, toothpaste and body washes are so small that they are showing up in the bodies of fish and other wildlife after passing through water filtration systems without disintegrating.

Assemblyman Richard Bloom, D-Santa Monica, said his bill, AB888, seeks to drastically restrict all use of the non-biodegradable beads, which can contain various toxins.

"AB888 was carefully crafted to avoid any loopholes that would allow for use of potentially harmful substitutes," Bloom said in a statement Thursday. "This legislation ensures that personal care products will be formulated with environmentallysafe alternatives to protect our waterways and oceans."

A number of companies are replacing microbeads with natural substances such as ground-up fruit pits.

California lawmakers have attempted similar legislation before, but they met opposition from personal-care product companies.

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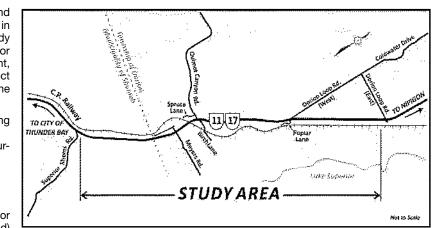
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TURKEY TIME: She Iter House volunteers prepare meals on Monday.

Thanksgiving Santa Claus

THUNDER BAY By Jon Thompson – TB Source

Nick Purich spent his first Thanksgiving in town buying turkey dinner for the homeless -- 300 dinners, to be exact.

Purich has been living in Thunder Bay less than three months but he and his visiting parents footed the entire bill for Thanksgiving dinner at Shelter House.

Purich grew up in Saskatoon and helping the less fortunate became a holiday staple in his household. He and his family continued the tradition in his new town on Monday , complete with cooking and serving meals.

"I've always felt very lucky and very fortunate in my family and in my own life that we've got food on the table," Purich said.

"In every city I've lived in, I've seen there are people that don't. It's a very prevalent need so it's relatively easy to get involved and do something about it."

Shelter House staff had been cutting carrots since early Sunday and over two days, they cooked 16 turkeys for clients, along with stuffing gravy and vegetables.

Shelter House development of ficer Alexandra Calderon said the turkey meal is a welcome protein change in her service's kitchen but there's something special about the Thanksgiving meal.

"There's a lot more families. Everyone's a lot friendlier," she said.

Union worried about TPP

LABOUR By Jon Thompson – TB Source

The union representing 27,000 forestry industry workers is concerned the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement could mean less value-added jobs in Canada.

Unifor spokesman Scott Doherty said although the agreement to liberalize trade between 12 countries on both shores of the Pacific Ocean that was signed on Sunday could open markets for Canadian pulp and newsprint, the union is concerned it may mean more raw logs shipped overseas from Canadian forests.

Governments have yet to release the TPP text but the agreement would drop tarif fs between countries in very dif ferent stages of development, opening Canada's labour competitiveness to countries like Malaysia, Peru and Vietnam.

Doherty expressed concern for the future of sawmilling operations as well as pulp and paper mills.

Do you have an opinion to share? E-mail the editor at ldunick@dougallmedia.com

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«Title» «FirstName» «LastName» «JobTitle» «Address1», «Address2» «City», «Province» «PostalCode» Directly mailed to federal and provincial agencies, municipalities, school boards, emergency services, utilities, and potentially interested stakeholders on the project mailing list. A copy of the OGN and an agency comment form were enclosed.

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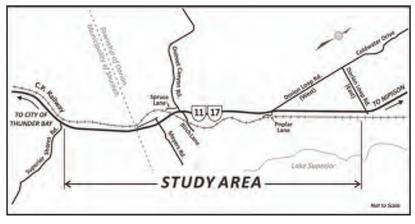
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- Métis Nation of Ontario Head Office
- Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Rocky Bay)
- Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point)
- Pic Mobert First Nation
- Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation
- Michipicoten
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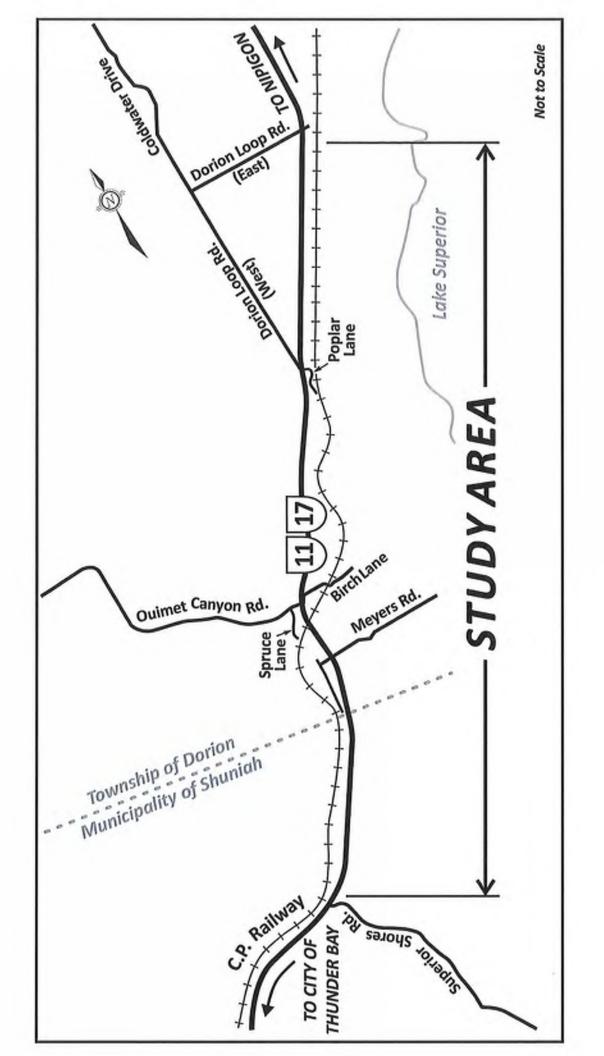
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Nishnawbe Aski Nation 710 Victoria Avenue East 3rd floor Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5P7

Attention: Grand Chief Harvey Yesno

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Pays Plat First Nation 10 Central Place Pays Plat, ON POT 3C0

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Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (Lake Nipigon Ojibway) P.O. Box 120 Beardmore, ON P0T 1G0

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Métis Nation of Ontario Head Office 500 Old St. Patrick Street Unit 3 Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4

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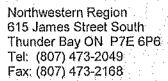
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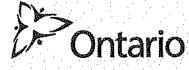
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Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay) 1186 Memorial Avenue P.O. Box 29100, Mcintyre Centre Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6P9

Attention: Chief Wilfred Norman King

RE: Notice of Study Commencement Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study G.W.P. 135-90-00

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Following the planning and preliminary design phase in 1997, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) was filed for public review and comment, and subsequently the project was cleared to proceed. The EA approved plan included:

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- Improvements at / modifications to intersecting roads.

The four-lane highway corridor was designated (protected) in 2003.

Consultation will take place throughout the study. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned during the study and you will be notified of these events once they are scheduled.

This project will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000).

Currently, the four-laning of this portion of Highway 11/17 is not included in the Northern Highways Program (e.g. not funded).

I am available to meet with you at your convenience to review the details of the project and discuss any concerns or considerations you may have.

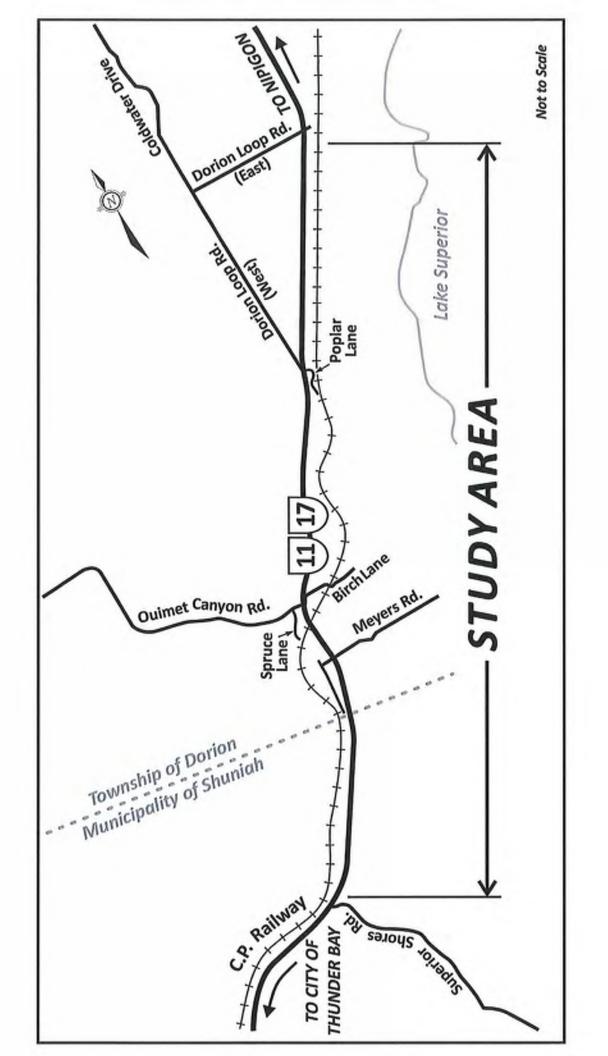
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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-465-5034 or (807) 473-2049 if you have any questions or comments, or would like to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

Rick Inman Senior Project Manager

cc: Real Bouchard, MTO Karen M. Zan, MMM Greg Moore, MMM



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OGN and Notification Letters

April 5, 2016

Nipigon-Red Rock Gazette

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Crafters



Sara Jeffrey

Diana Bockus visited Nipigon to to see the town. A lifelong resident of Northern Ontario, Diana grew up in Marathon and Thunder Bay. She married Larry and raised their children on the farms in the South Gilles area. Larry worked for Ontario Hydro along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Larry farmed the old way, using draft horses and equipment which he bought or built.

Diana grew a huge vegetable garden, preserved their food and fruit, sold produce at the Market and

Sara Jeffrey - Photo developed the Silver Moun-

tain Food Group for group purchasing power. While she was in Nip-

igon, Diana visited the Legion, La Luna, and a few crafters. She weaves blankets and rugs and has knit for years and is looking to expand her talents by felting her knitting. Linda Benson had a large armoire filled with her knitting, from hats and socks along with felted hats, toques and booties.

After driving around town she declared she would be back in the summer to see and learn more.

Water Walk

On March 24 there was a Water Walk held at Boulevard Lake in Thunder Bay. It was guided by the vision of Josephine Mandamin, an Anishinaabe Grandmother.

The first water walk took place in 2003 around Lake Superior and since then 11 other Mother Earth Water Walks have taken place, inspiring local water walks across the country. The water walk was done to raise awareness around the importance of water and to garner support for the protection of water. There are currently multiple threats to the waterways in Northwestern Ontario. If approved by the National Energy Board, the proposed Energy East pipeline would transport over 1.1 million barrels of diluted tar sand bitumen or 'dilbit' daily across the Nipigon River in a retro-fitted pipe. According to Ruth Cook, a member of the Executive on the Council of Canadians, "The

results could be catastrophic." If the pipeline were to leak, which Cook explains is not unlikely, "bitumen could make its way into Nipigon Bay and eventually Lake Superior. If this happens the clean-up could take years, cost billions of dollars and the Lake would never be the same." Drinking water for thousands of people could be affected by such a spill.

The walk gave participants the opportunity to contemplate their dependence on and responsibility to water. Lana Ray, co-organizer of the event explained, "Our concern for the health, cleanliness and safety of our water is universal so we wanted to make this walk inclusive. No matter who we are or where we live we all depend on water for our survival."

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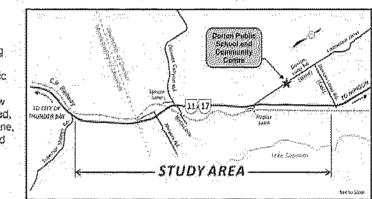
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Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Ontario

Walkers were encouraged to walk as far as they could and there were refreshments and snacks available for all.

Do you know someone who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, graduation or any other special occasion? If you do, why not place an ad in the Nipigon Red Rock Gazette!

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THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

Saturday, April 9, 2016



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the seasonally adjusted annual rate was 204.251 units in March, down from 219.077 in February. However, the drop was less than what had been expected by econo-mists who were looking for an annu-al rate of 190,000 for the month, ac-cording to Thomson Reuters. "The current building pace sug-gests that residential investment should continue being a growth con-tributor through the first half of the year, as started projects are seen through completion," CIBC econo-mist Nick Exarhos said.

CMHC said the six-month moving average of housing starts slipped to an annual rate of 196,783 units in March compared with 201,618 in Feb-

The Bank economist Warren Kirk-land noted that B.C. and Ontario are likely to continue to enjoy strong gains in construction activity along with better economic conditions. "Construction activity is likely to be a drag on growth in provinces that are experiencing both a deterio-ration in economic conditions and a housing market downturn, includ-ing Alberta and Saskatchewa," Kirkland said. "Everyone else will be somewhere

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Loonie jumps, markets surge Elsewhere in commodities, May natural gas shed three cents to US\$1.99 per mmBtu, May copper added a penny to US\$2.09 a pound and June gold rose \$6.30 to US\$1.243.80 a troy ounce. South of the border, the Dow Jonins at 17,576 95, while the broad-er \$4P 500 added 5.69 points to 2.32 points to 4,550.69. Shares of Gap (NYSE:GPS) fell \$3.83, or 13.84 per cent, to US\$23.85, after the retailer said all three of its big chains — Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic — saw sales drop in March. Meanwhile, the U.S. Commerce Department businese rudined wtockpiles or the fifth straight month in February while their wales dropped for the fourth RY ALEXANDRA POSADZKI

AND BRIAN MCKENNA THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO — Strong economic ata and a surge in the price of oil oosted the Toronto stock market data boosted the Toronto stock market to a triple-digit gain Friday while the Canadian dollar soared almost a full cent against its U.S. counter-

art. The Toronto Stock Exchange's The Toronto Stock Exchange's S&P/TSX composite index climbed 130.29 points to 13.366 73, led by the metals and mining sector, which gained 6.02 per cent, while energy stocks climbed 2.73 per cent. The gain in energy issues came as the May contract for North American benchmark crude shot up \$2.46 to US\$39.72 a barrel. Meanwhile, the oil-sensitive

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sales dropped for the fourth straight month. The numbers reflect sluggish economic growth as American businesses have struggled over the past year with spreading weakness overseas and a U.S. strong dollar, which makes American products less competitive on foreign mar-kets. Bowie said. "I would expect that this trend will continue for a longer period of time," Bowie said. "The Canadian market, in my mind, has been over-

less competitive on toreign mar-kets. In overseas trading, European stocks rallied, with Germany's DAX adding one per cent, while France's CAC 40 rose 1.4 per cent and the FTSE 100 in Britain climbed 1.1 per cent. In Asia, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index finished 0.46 per cent higher, South Korea's Kospi dipped 0.1 per cent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.51 per cent. In economic news, a Statistics In economic news, a Statistics Canada report showed the econo-my created 46,000 jobs last month. That was the biggest one-month jump since October and reduced the national unemployment rate to 7.1 per cent from 7.3 per cent in February.

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Court rejects Wisconsin right-to-work law THE ASSOCIATED PRES

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's right-to-work law, championed by Republican Gov. Scott Walker as he was

championed by Republican Gov. Scott Walker as he was mounting his run for president, was struck down Friday as violating the state constitution. Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel, also a Re-publican, promised to agpeal the decision and said he was confident it would not stand. Schimel has not made a decision on whether to seek an immediate suspension of the ruling while the appeal is pending, spokesman John-

the runng while the appeal is pending, spokesman John-ny Koremenos said. "We are confident Wisconsin's freedom-to-work law is constitutional and will ultimately be upheld," Walker wrote on Twitter. Three unions filed the lawsuit last year shortly after Walker signed the bill into law Right-to-work laws pro-bidly husinescen and mixon & foremenabilen accompany.

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Republicans who backed the law dismissed the ruling, saying it will be reversed. "No one should be forced to join a union or pay union dues as a condition of employment," Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said in a statement.

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Tory critic focused on 'sharing economy'

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rules. In prepared remarks, Nuttall says Conservatives support of says Conservatives support strong competition that drives down prices for consumers.

He says that while the sharing economy presents challenges for regulators, too much regulation would stifle opportunity for busi-

rie, Ont. "We as a country can choose to be the type of jurisdiction that builds regulatory and taxation frameworks that support innova-tion, and by doing so we are more likely to benefit from the new sharing economy

THUNDER BAY INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORTS AUTHORITY INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING And COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Annual Public Meeting and Community Consultative Committee Meeting of Thunder Bay International Airports Authority Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Airport, 3rd Floor, 100 Princess Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S2. This meeting is open to all members of the public. Members of the public will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions and express views about the Authority's operations and affairs. Copies of the Authority's financial statements, annual auditor's report and annual report will be available for review

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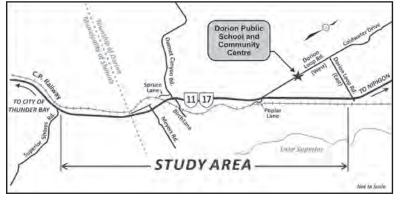
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LOCALNEWS

Snowmobile crash kills 1

A snowmobile collision in Hudson, Ont. has claimed the life of a 70-year-old man.

Jermaine Mainville was pronounced dead on Sunday night after the single-sled collision.

Police, in a release issued on Monday, said the incident occurred at about 8 p.m. The victim was raced to hospital in Sioux Lookout, where he was pronounced dead.

A post-mortem was scheduled for Monday.

Fire victims identified

Police have released the names of nine people killed in a deadly March 29 fire at Pikangikum First Nation.

Three children, including a five-month-old baby, were among the victims.

Post-mortem examinations were conducted on all of the victims last Sunday. The cause of death was determined to be smoke inhalation

- The following victims have been identified as:
- Dean Strang, 51 years, Dunsford Road
- Annette Strang, 49 years, Dunsford Road
- Gilbert Strang, 31 years, Dunsford Road
- Sylvia Peters, 41 years, Suggashie Road
- Dietrich Peters, 35 years, Joe's Avenue
- Faith Strang, 24 years, Joe's Avenue
- Ireland Peters, 4 years, Joe's Avenue
- Aubree Strang, 2 years, Joe's Avenue

• Amber Strang, 5 months, Joe's Avenue

The investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing and remains undetermined.

Foul play is not suspected.

Ontario

Starved dog owners face 9 charges

man and a woman face a total of nine charges after a starved Adog was discovered in the Picton Avenue area last month.

The dog was found wandering in the Junot and Windsor area of Thunder Bay in mid-March and appeared to be extremely malnourished.

The Thunder Bay District Crime S toppers posted photographs on its Facebook page looking for information and the animal' s owners were located shortly after that.

Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals agent Jeremy Gardiner called the condition of the dog alarming.

Gardiner on Friday confirmed with TBT News that a 28-year old man and a 27-year -old woman now face a total of nine charges in connection with this incident.

Gardiner added that the dog remains in the possession of the OSPCA where it continues to recover.

Pursuit suspects arrested in Kenora

wo people have been taken into custody following a pursuit of a vehicle stolen in Saskatchewan.

OPP officers on patrol of Highway 17 Thursday morning observed an eastbound sport utility vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed, which matched the description of a vehicle involved in an alleged theft of fuel in Manitoba.

The officers tried to pull the vehicle over but were unsuccessful, leading to a brief chase. The officers ended the chase in the interest of public safety and instead tried to intercept the vehicle with a spike belt.

Around 40 minutes later they located the vehicle on a side road east of Kenora and again tried to stop it but were unsuccessful as it returned into Highway 17. It approached the spike belt and left the roadway to aoid it

At 10 a.m. the vehicle, which had stolen Alberta license plates, went off the road near Triangle Lake and ended up in a ditch. A man and a woman were arrested after trying to flee on foot.

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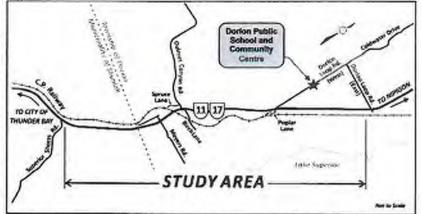
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Mr. Paul Higgins President Thunder Bay Nordic Trails Association 851 - 20th Side Road Thunder Bay, ON P7J 1M6 Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Kristie Kuper Thunder Bay KOA 162 Spruce River Road Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6B3 Mr. Dan Andrews General Manager Trans Canada Trails Ontario P.O. Box 27 Lindsay, ON K9V 4R8

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Thunder Bay Hiking Association P.O. Box 10041 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T6

Mr. Frank Pianka Thunder Bay Representative The Alpine Club of Canada 174 Inglewood Crescent Thunder Bay, ON P7C 2E9

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Emailed to agency contacts preferring email correspondence on the project mailing-list. A copy of the OGN was enclosed.

March 30, 2016

Re: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion (G.W.P. 135-90-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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Yours Very Truly,

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Domenica D'Amico, P. Eng. Project Manager

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«Title» «FirstName» «LastName» «JobTitle» «Company» «Branch» «Address1» «Address2» «City», «Province» «PostalCode» Emailed to Ontario Heritage Trust and Thunder Bay Field Naturalist contacts on the project mailing-list. A copy of the OGN was enclosed.

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The Project Team is aware of your interest in the preservation of and the potential impacts associated with the study. Please note minimizing project impacts to this unique feature was considered as part of the review of the four-lane route alternatives and the side road connections. Although some impacts are anticipated, the proposed plan is expected to avoid direct

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Domenica D'Amico, P. Eng. Project Manager

cc: Sean Fraser, Ontario Heritage Trust, Director of Heritage Programs and Operations Rick Inman, MTO, Project Manager Steven Wall, MTO, Environmental Planner Karen Zan, MMM Group Limited, Project Director/Consultant Assistant Project Manager Greg Moore, MMM Group Limited, Consultant Environmental Planner

Agency (Emailed)

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada **Email**: EACoordination_ON@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca

Environmental Coordinator Transport Canada **Email**: EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca Mr. Keith Noronha Infrastructure Ontario **Email**; Keith.Noronha@infrastructureontario.ca

Ms. Leslie Jean Ontario Provincial Police **Email**: leslie.jean@opp.ca Mr. Thomas Wick Ontario Heritage Trust **Email**: thomas.wicks@heritagetrust.on.ca

Note: Mr. Sean Fraser (Ontario Heritage Trust) was cc-ed on the email. Email: sean.fraser@heritagetrust.ca

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Northwestern Region 615 James Street South Thunder Bay ON P7E 6P6 Tel: (807) 473-2049 Fax: (807) 473-2168

March 30, 2016

Fort William First Nation Anishinabek Nation, Northern Superior Region 90 Anemki Drive Suite 200 Thunder Bay, ON P7J IL3

Attention: Chief Peter Wayne Collins

RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion (G.W.P. 135-90-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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Sincerely,

Rick Inman Senior Project Manager

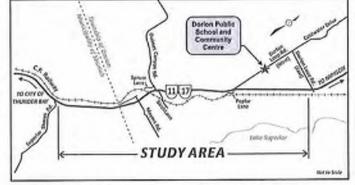
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HIGHWAY 11/17 FOUR-LANING FROM OUIMET TO DORION Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Public Information Centre #1

THE STUDY

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- Some areas of twinning the existing highway;
- Some areas of new four-lane alignment, including constructing new eastbound and westbound bridges over the Canadian Pacific Railway;
- Providing connections to the new four-lane highway at Meyers Road, Ouimet Canyon Road, Poplar Lane, and Dorion Loop Road West; and
- Securing all the necessary environmental approvals for construction.



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), with the opportunity for public input throughout. The Preliminary Design of the approved four-lane plan, as detailed in the 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR), was approved following public input and review. This study is a continuation of the Class EA process to refine and finalize the design of the approved four-lane plan and to develop detailed construction documents.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will take place during this study. The first PIC will provide an opportunity for interested parties to review and provide input on the existing environmental conditions, and to comment on the proposed changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 that was documented in the 1997 ESR. The proposed changes include highway alignment revisions in some sections, modifications to public access at Meyers Road, Ouimet Canyon Road, Birch Lane, Poplar Lane, and Dorion Loop Road West, and an increase in right-of-way from 90 m to 110 m (minimum).

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A provincial funding commitment for the construction of the four-laning of this portion of Highway 11/17 is included in the 2016 Ontario Budget.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

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| Location. | Gymnasium |
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Members of the Project Team will also be available to answer questions and receive comments. The PIC venue is fully accessible and all PIC material presented 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 our website at www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOulmettoDorion.ca.

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. 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.

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March 30, 2016

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) 710 Victoria Avenue East 3rd floor Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5P7

Attention: Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler

RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion (G.W.P. 135-90-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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Sincerely,

Rick Inman Senior Project Manager

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March 30, 2016

Anishinabek Nation / Union of Ontario Indians 1 Migizii Miikan P.O. Box 711 North Bay, ON P1B 8J8

Attention: Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee

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March 30, 2016

Chief Ed Wawia Red Rock Indian Band Lake Helen Reserve Box #1030 Nipigon, ON POT 2JO

Attention: Chief Ed Wawia

RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion (G.W.P. 135-90-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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March 30, 2016

Pays Plat First Nation 10 Central Place Pays Plat, ON POT 3C0

Attention: Chief Xavier Thompson

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Northwestern Region 615 James Street South Thunder Bay ON P7E 6P6 Tel: (807) 473-2049 Fax: (807) 473-2168

March 30, 2016

Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (Lake Nipigon Ojibway) P.O. Box 120 Beardmore, ON P0T 1G0

Attention: Chief Theresa Nelson

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March 30, 2016

Métis Nation of Ontario Head Office 500 Old St. Patrick Street Unit D Ottawa, ON K1N 9G4

Attention: President Gary Lipinski

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March 30, 2016

Thunder Bay Métis Council 226 May Street South Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B4

Attention: President Bryanna Scott

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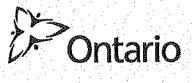
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March 30, 2016

Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Rocky Bay) General Delivery Macdiarmid, ON P0T 2B0

Attention: Chief Bartholomew Mathias Hardy

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March 30, 2016

Chief Laura Airns Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point) 146 South Court Street Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X6

Attention: Chief Laura Airns

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March 30, 2016

Pic Mobert First Nation P.O. Box 717 Mobert, ON P0M 2J0

Attention: Chief Wayne Sabourin

RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1 Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion (G.W.P. 135-90-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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March 30, 2016

Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation 78 Pic River Road P.O. Box 193 Heron Bay, ON P0T 1R0

Attention: Chief Duncan Michano

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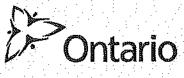
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March 30, 2016

Michipicoten First Nation P.O. Box 1, Site 8 R.R. #1 Wawa, ON P0S 1K0

Attention: Chief Joseph Buckell

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March 30, 2016

Chief Allen Towegejick Long Lake #58 First Nation (Long Lac) P.O. Box 609 Long Lac, ON P0T 2A0

Attention: Chief Allen Towegejick

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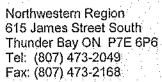
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Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay) 1186 Memorial Avenue P.O. Box 29100, Mcintyre Centre Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6P9

Attention: Chief Wilfred Norman King

RE: Notice of Public Information Centre #1

Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion (G.W.P. 135-90-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-465-5034 or (807) 473-2049 if you have any questions or comments, or would like to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

Rick Inman Senior Project Manager

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Additional External Agency Notification

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April 25, 2016

Mr. Arthur Churchyard Rural Planner Environmental & Land Use Policy Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch Ministry of Agriculture and Food & Ministry of Rural Affairs 95 Dundas Street Brighton, ON K0K 1H0

Re: Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion (G.W.P. 135-90-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

Dear Mr. Churchyard:

MMM Group Limited, a subsidiary of WSP Global has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the four-laning of Highway 11/17 from 2.83 km west of Ouimet Overhead, easterly 8.63 km. A key plan showing the study area is available on the enclosed notice.

Following the planning and preliminary design phase in 1997, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) was filed for public review and comment, and subsequently the project was cleared to proceed. The 1997 EA approved plan included:

- Some areas of twinning the existing highway;
- Some areas of new four-lane alignment;
- A new, grade-separated crossing of the CP Railway; and
- Improvements at / modifications to intersecting roads.

It has been brought to the Project Team's attention that agricultural land is impacted by the approved plan. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' online Agricultural Information Atlas was queried for soil classification mapping, however, we would like to request up-to-date and precise soil classification mapping for the land within the study area to accurately assess the study impacts to prime agricultural land.

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 to provide an opportunity for interested parties to review and provide input on the existing environmental conditions, and to comment on the proposed changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 that was documented in the 1997 ESR. The proposed changes include highway alignment revisions in some sections, modifications to public access at Meyers Road, Ouimet Canyon Road, Poplar Road, and Dorion Loop Road West, and an increase in right-of-way from 90 m to 110 m (minimum). The information presented at PIC #1 is available on the project website: http://hwy11-17four-laningfromouimettodorion.ca.



An Addendum to the 1997 ESR is being prepared to document changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 and will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The Notice of Addendum filing will be posted on the project website, published in local newspapers, and mailed to individuals on the mailing list at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the report will be available for review.

A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the detail design plan for the four-laning of Highway 11/17 within the study limits, anticipated in the Fall of 2016.

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

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to provide the Project Team with information and to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All comments and information will be collected 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.

We have added you to the study mailing-list and will ensure you are kept informed of study activities. If you wish to obtain additional information about the project or provide input at any point during the study, please visit the project website at **www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.ca** or contact one of the individuals noted below.

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Yours Very Truly,

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion

THE STUDY

MMM Group Limited, on behalf of the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, has initiated a Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the four-laning of Highway 11/17 from 2.83 km west of Ouimet Overhead, easterly 8.63 km as shown in the key plan.

BACKGROUND

Following the planning and preliminary design phase in 1997, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) was filed for public review and comment, and subsequently the project was cleared to proceed. The EA approved plan included:

- Some areas of twinning the existing highway;
- Some areas of new fourlane alignment; and
- Improvements at / modifications to intersecting roads.

The four-lane highway corridor was designated (protected) in 2003.

THE PROCESS

The study will follow the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) process for Group 'B' projects.

Consultation will take place throughout the study with external agencies, property owners and the public. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned during the study. Notices providing the time and location of the PICs will be posted on the project website (www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.ca), the Municipality of Shuniah and the Township of Dorion websites, published in local newspapers, and sent to persons on the project mailing list.

As part of the Preliminary Design Study, an Addendum to the Environmental Study Report will be prepared to document any changes to existing environmental conditions from 1997 and any proposed changes to the previously approved plan for Highway 11/17 within the study limits. Potential changes to the 1997 approved plan may include widening the proposed right-of-way from 90 m to 110 m, alignment revisions to some sections of the highway alignment and alignment revisions to the intersecting roads. Upon completion of the Detail Design Study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the Detail Design for the proposed improvements to Highway 11/17 and the proposed environmental mitigation measures.

The Addendum to the ESR and DCR will be available for a 30-day review period at later points during the Study process. Notices will be posted and published when the Addendum to the ESR and the DCR are available for viewing.

Currently, the four-laning of this portion of Highway 11/17 is not included in the Northern Highways Program (e.g. not funded).

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:

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. 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.

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