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**Highway 11/17 Four-Laning
from 2.83 km west of Ouimet
Overhead easterly 8.63**

Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and
Class Environmental Assessment Study

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking a Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the four-laning of Highway 11/17 from 2.83 km west of Ouimet Overhead, easterly for 8.63 km, as shown in the key plan (**Exhibit 1**). The study includes:

- ▶ 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.

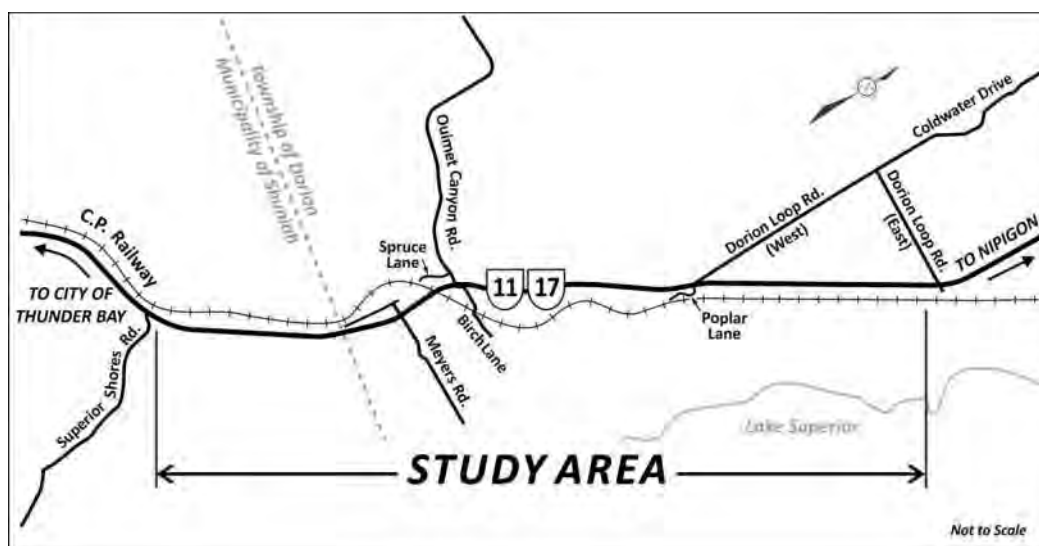


Exhibit 1: Key Plan

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under MTO's *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout.

Following Public Information Centre (PIC) #1, an Addendum to the 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be completed to document changes to existing environmental conditions within the study area, and to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17. The Detail Design phase is scheduled to proceed in the Summer of 2016, subject to the clearance of the Addendum to the ESR. Upon completion of the Detail Design phase, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the Detail Design for the proposed four-laning of Highway 11/17, and the proposed environmental mitigation measures.

The Addendum to the 1997 ESR and DCR will be filed for a 30-day public and agency review period. Notices will be posted on the project website, published in local newspapers, and sent to agencies and individuals on the study mailing list at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the reports will be available for review.

This report documents the first of two PICs being held for this study.

2.0 PURPOSE

Public Information Centres (PICs) are informal meetings where area residents, interested stakeholders, agencies, and First Nation / Aboriginal communities are provided an opportunity to review project information, identify concerns, and provide input to the Project Team.

The PIC was part of the overall consultation program for this project and was designed to provide the 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.

3.0 PIC SPECIFICS

The location, date, and time of the external agency preview session and public session are noted below:

Date:	Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Location:	Dorion Public School and Community Centre Gymnasium 170 Dorion Loop Road Dorion, Ontario
External Agency Session:	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Public Session:	4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This location was universally accessible as per the requirements of the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

4.0 NOTIFICATION

The Notice of PIC was published in the following local newspapers and newsletter that have circulation in the local study area, as follows:

- ▶ *Flaming Facts – April 2016 Edition*
- ▶ *Nipigon - Red Rock Gazette – Tuesday, April 5, 2016*
- ▶ *Thunder Bay Source – Thursday, April 7, 2016*
- ▶ *Thunder Bay Chronical Journal – Saturday, April 9, 2016*

A copy of the newspaper notices can be found in **Appendix A**.

Notification letters were also distributed by direct mail to individuals on the project mailing list on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, (including: federal and provincial agencies, municipalities, utilities, local emergency service providers, schoolboards, interested stakeholder groups, potentially impacted property owners, adjacent property owners, and members of the public), and posted on the project and local municipal websites.

MTO also notified local Member of Provincial Parliament and sent notification letters to the following First Nations / Aboriginal Groups on March 30, 2016:

- ▶ Fort William First Nation
- ▶ Nishnawbe Aski Nation
- ▶ Anishinabek Nation / Union of Ontario Indians
- ▶ Red Rock Indian Band
- ▶ Pays Plat First Nation
- ▶ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (Lake Nipigon Ojibway)
- ▶ Métis Nation of Ontario
- ▶ Thunder Bay Métis Council
- ▶ Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Rocky Bay)
- ▶ Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point)
- ▶ Pic Moberg First Nation
- ▶ Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation
- ▶ Michipicoten First Nation
- ▶ Long Lake #58 First Nation (Long Lac)
- ▶ Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)

A copy of the notification material can be found in **Appendix B**.

5.0 STAFF ATTENDANCE

The following MTO and consultant members of the Project Team attended the PIC:

- ▶ Rick Inman – Senior Project Manager, MTO
- ▶ Katherine Hamilton – Real Estate Officer, MTO
- ▶ Alfred Nataprawira – Real Estate Office, MTO
- ▶ Eric Osvath – Engineer-In-Training, Planning and Design, MTO
- ▶ Domenica D'Amico – Consultant Project Manager, MMM Group | WSP
- ▶ Karen Zan – Consultant Project Director / Assistant Project Manager, MMM Group | WSP
- ▶ Greg Moore – Consultant Environmental Planner, MMM Group | WSP
- ▶ Dawn McKinnon – Environmental Planner, MMM Group | WSP

6.0 MATERIAL DISPLAYED

The following exhibits were presented at the PIC:

1. Project Introduction Panel (Sign-In)
2. Welcome (Text and Pictures)
3. Purpose of Study (Image and text)
4. Background (Text and Image)
5. Highway 11/17 Four-Laning - Project Benefits (Image and Text)
6. Study Process (Graphic)
7. Comparison Between 1997 and Existing Environmental Conditions (Table)
8. Existing Environmental Conditions Mapping (Map)
9. Review of 1997 EA Approved Plan (Text)
10. Review of 1997 EA Approved Plan (Plan)
11. Proposed Evaluation Criteria (Text and Table)
12. Evaluation of Highway Alignment Alternatives - Section 2 (Plan and Table)
13. Evaluation of Highway Alignment Alternatives - Section 3 (Plan and Table)
14. Public Access Options - Meyers Road East (Plan and Table)
15. Public Access Options - Meyers Road West (Plan and Table)
16. Public Access Options - Ouimet Canyon Road (Plan and Table)
17. Public Access Options - Birch Lane (Plan and Table)

18. Public Access Options - Dorion Loop Road West (Plan and Table)
19. Public Access Options - Poplar Lane (Plan and Table)
20. Proposed Plan (Plan)
21. Potential Impacts from the Proposed Changes to the Highway 11/17 Plan (Table and Text)
22. Mineral Aggregates / Waste Management (Text)
23. Emergency Spill Response (Text)
24. Next Steps (Text and Table)
25. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act / Contact Information (Text)

The display materials presented at PIC #1 were made available on the Public Involvement page of the project website on April 13, 2016. A project information handout containing background information on the study, study process, the benefits of four-laning Highway 11/17, next steps, and contact information was also available at the PIC and posted on the project website. A copy of the PIC #1 displays and project information handout are included in **Appendix C**.

7.0 PIC FORMAT

Individuals attending the PIC were asked to sign-in at the register. They were also informed of the availability of comment sheets, which they were encouraged to fill out and submit. Staff members were available to answer questions and provide information regarding the project. Individuals who expressed specific concerns or comments were directed to the appropriate staff person for an explanation of how the concerns or comments were being addressed. If individuals wished to take a comment sheet home, they were requested to provide their responses to the address provided on the comment sheet by Friday, May 13, 2016.

8.0 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

Approximately 100 people attended the PIC and chose to sign in at the registry. Three (3) individuals attended the External Agency Preview Session, at which the following agencies were represented:

- ▶ Township of Dorion - Reeve Ed Chambers
- ▶ Thunder Bay Field Naturalists - Connie and Ken Hartviksen

On April 10, 2016, the Project Team received a request from the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Region 2 Consultation Committee requesting an information session for the study as MNO would not be attending any public information sessions. However, following further discussions between MNO and MTO, the MNO Region 2 Consultation Committee indicated that a meeting is not necessary at this time. MNO expressed interest in future projects that involve significant water crossings on the Wolf and Black Sturgeon Rivers and noted future meetings may be requested at this time. No First Nation representatives attended the PIC.

The following media representatives attended the PIC:

- ▶ Nipigon-Red Rock Gazette

The following table (**Exhibit 2**) provides a summary of the number of comment sheets submitted at the PIC and the number of comments, which were submitted by mail, phone, fax, or email following the PIC notification; and after the PIC through to Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Exhibit 2 : Number Public Information Centre Comments

	Submitted at PIC #1	Webform	Mail	Fax	Email	Total
Comments	13	1	1	1	11	27

Overall, there was much interest in the proposed improvements by the local community and many recognized the benefits of a four-laned Highway 11/17. The following summarizes the verbal and written comments received prior, during, and after PIC #1:

General Project Comments

- ▶ General support for the four-laning of Highway 11/17.
- ▶ Positive comments regarding completed section of 4-laning providing improved travel times and safety through the area. It was noted that more people may commute to Thunder Bay from Dorion.
- ▶ Questions regarding funding and construction timing.
- ▶ Interest in the timing of the adjacent four-laning projects.
- ▶ Inquiries regarding the 4-laning study east of the study limits.

Comments about the Highway 11/17 Realignment Route

- ▶ Inquiry as to why the proposed Highway 11/17 between the western study limits and Ouimet Canyon Road was aligned to the north of the existing highway instead of to the south.

Comments / Suggestions about Proposed Sideroad Connections

- ▶ Interest in the changes to public access locations.
- ▶ Concerns about emergency service response times with the changes to the proposed public accesses.
- ▶ Support for proposed access modifications (right-in/right-out) for safety reasons.
- ▶ Several local residents along Meyers Road West requested right-in/right-out to Highway 11/17 rather than crossing the railway along Spruce Lane.
- ▶ Concerns with not providing median crossover and full access at Meyers Road.
- ▶ Inquiry about whether a deceleration lane would be provided for vehicles accessing Meyers Road.
- ▶ Safety concerns regarding the proposed at-grade crossing at Spruce Lane due to poor sightlines and visibility, and high train speed.
- ▶ Concerns with removing access to private properties on Birch Lane south of the proposed highway and requests to maintain public access to Birch Lane.
- ▶ Support for alternatives that provide access to Birch Lane south of the proposed highway.
- ▶ Comment that Option OCR1 has fewer environmental impacts, and should be the preferred option from an environmental standpoint.
- ▶ Support for the service road west of Poplar Lane.
- ▶ Suggestion to extend the service road to Poplar Lane and eliminate the east cul-de-sac.

- ▶ Suggestion to include two exits from Dorion Loop West in the proposed plan for safety purposes.

Comments about Property Impacts

- ▶ Requests for clarification regarding extent of private property impacts.
- ▶ Concern about the level of impacted properties as a result of the four-laning of Highway 11/17 and changes to public access.
- ▶ Concerns about impacts to property value and the need for the Ministry to compensate impacted property owners fairly.
- ▶ Concerns about an increase in noise, dust, and pollution from highway traffic and public road options.
- ▶ Comments expressing the importance of maintaining access to Birch Lane to minimize impacts to property owners living on Birch Lane, and to preserve farmland.
- ▶ Property owners voiced concerns / inquired about specific impacts to their properties. One property owner requested to keep the proposed right-of-way to 90 m to minimize property impacts.

Comments about the Natural and Cultural-Heritage Environment

- ▶ Question related to wildlife passage provisions (i.e. overpass) to allow for safe animal crossing the highway.
- ▶ Concerns regarding potential study impacts to the significant woodland area within the study area, and suggestions to minimize impacts to the unique feature.
- ▶ Concerns related to drainage – specifically with runoff from the proposed highway four-laning to the significant woodland within the study area.
- ▶ It was noted that the culvert crossing under the CP railway will not likely accommodate the increased drainage from the proposed highway.
- ▶ Request for project impacts to the significant woodland area be minimized during construction.
- ▶ Request to allow monitoring of the significant woodland area during construction.
- ▶ Comment that Whip-Poor-Will are a “threatened” species.
- ▶ Concern about impacts to groundwater resources due to the disturbances to old gas station.
- ▶ Comment that the ponds west of the CP railway were dug to provide fill for the construction of the existing highway structure crossing over the railway and are a groundwater aquifer.
- ▶ Comment that Tributary A does not contain fish, rather it is drainage ditch built in the 1940s.
- ▶ Comment that Tributary B contains fish.
- ▶ Comments about archaeological and built-heritage and cultural resources within the study area.

Miscellaneous Comments

- ▶ Concern about the loss of farmland as a result of the proposed plan.
- ▶ Questions about highway access and/or use of the highway for farming equipment.
- ▶ Request for commercial truck rest areas and public rest stops in northern Ontario.

- ▶ Inquiry about change in the distance travelled through the study area as a result of the realignment of Highway 11/17.
- ▶ Concern about project impacts to the Township of Dorion's tax base and future economic development opportunities.
- ▶ Request from the Township of Dorion Council and Four-lane Community Consultation Committee to meet with the Project Team to discuss the Township's concerns with the proposed plan.

9.0 NEXT STEPS

All written comments will be reviewed and all legible names and addresses from the sign-in sheets and comment sheets will be added to the study mailing list. In addition, responses will be sent to all individuals who submitted a written comment and requested a response.

As noted previously, an extensive amount of relevant and valuable information about the study area, preferences for the highway alignment alternatives and side road options, and other related concerns were received through discussions with those who attended the PIC. This information will be reviewed, assessed and incorporated into the selection of the recommended plan, which will be documented in the Addendum to the 1997 Environmental Study Report.

The second PIC, planned for 2017, will provide an opportunity for potentially property owners, external agencies and interested members of the public to review the Detail Design plan and the potential environmental impacts / proposed mitigation measures.

Monarch Butterfly Garden is Official

The students and Staff of 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. To 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

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





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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, drivers 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@safety-council.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.

Pedestrian Safety Tips for Kids

1. **Be bright:** Wear clothing with retro-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

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Quimet 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 Quimet 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 four-lane 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-LaningfromQuimettoDorion.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.

Visit us at www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromQuimettoDorion.ca

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.

California to phase out microbeads in soap

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 environmentally-safe 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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LOCAL NEWS



JON THOMPSON

TURKEY TIME: Shelter 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 tariffs between countries in very different 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?
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Crafters



Sara Jeffrey - Photo

Sara Jeffrey

Diana Bockus visited Nipigon 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

developed the Silver Mountain Food Group for group purchasing power.

While she was in Nipigon, 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."

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

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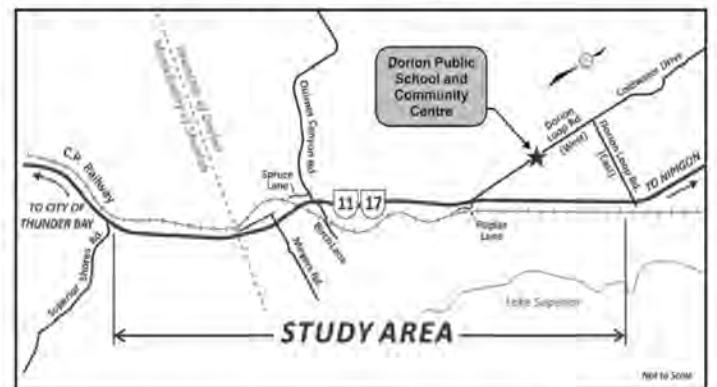
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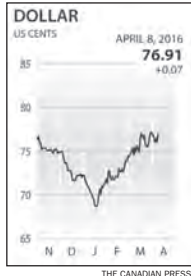
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Loonie jumps, markets surge

BY ALEXANDRA POSADZKI AND BRIAN MCKENNA THE CANADIAN PRESS

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

The Toronto Stock Exchange's S&P/TSX composite index climbed 130.29 points to 13,996.73, led by the metals and mining sector, which gained 6.82 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\$99.72 a barrel.

Meanwhile, the oil-sensitive loonie gained 0.07 of a U.S. cent to 76.91 cents U.S.

Peggy Bowie of Manulife Asset Management says oil rose on speculation that OPEC and Russia will have an agreement to freeze output at their meeting later this month.

A temporary shutdown of the Keystone pipeline, a fire at Exxon's refinery in Baytown, Texas, and rigs coming off line also helped, 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 oversold."

In economic news, a Statistics Canada report showed the economy 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.

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 Jones industrials was up 35.00 points at 17,576.96, while the broader S&P 500 added 5.69 points to 2,047.60 and the Nasdaq edged up 2.32 points to 4,850.69.

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 said the country's wholesale businesses reduced stockpiles for the fifth straight month in February while their 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 markets.

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.

China's main Shanghai composite fell 0.78 per cent.

Tory critic focused on 'sharing economy'

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — The official Opposition Conservatives are naming a parliamentary critic to defend their new position on the so-called sharing economy: leave it alone as much as possible.

Ontario MP Alex Nuttall takes on the newly established shadow-cabinet post as controversy rages in jurisdictions around the world about how to deal with disruptive ride-sharing services like Uber.

The taxi industry has strongly opposed Uber in various Canadian cities, saying the service's drivers have an unfair advantage because they are not subject to the same rules.

In prepared remarks, Nuttall 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 businesses and consumers.

Governments at different levels across Canada have launched studies to determine how best to react to modern-day services like Uber and the home-sharing service Airbnb.

"As a legislator, I know it's my role to support policies that grow the market place so that businesses thrive and innovate," Nuttall says in a speech delivered Friday in Barrie, Ont.

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

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Dave Siciliano, Chair

Pace of housing starts slows

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — The pace of housing starts in Canada slowed in March due to a slowdown in multi-unit construction, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said Friday.

The federal housing agency said 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 economists who were looking for an annual rate of 190,000 for the month, according to Thomson Reuters.

"The current building pace suggests that residential investment should continue being a growth contributor through the first half of the year, as started projects are seen through completion," CIBC economist 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 February.

In Thunder Bay, starts were trending at 203 units, down from 267 units in February.

"The trend's downward movement in March marks the fourth month that the trend has moved down after a solid run-up that had begun in April of 2015," said Warren Philp, CMHC's Thunder Bay market analyst. "The decline can be attributed primarily to weaker multiple-unit housing starts, which include semi-detached homes, townhouses and apartment. Flat employment and a resale market moving into balance caused starts to slow in the last few months."

Low mortgage rates have helped the housing market across the country in recent years, however the drop in oil prices since late 2014 has affected the regions in different ways.

"TD Bank economist Warren Kirkland 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 deterioration in economic conditions and a housing market downturn, including Alberta and Saskatchewan," Kirkland said.

"Everyone else will be somewhere in the middle, where low rates will help drive a modest uptick in housing demand, but a still elevated level of inventory of homes for sale may constrain construction activity."

Court rejects Wisconsin right-to-work law

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's right-to-work law, 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 Republican, promised to appeal 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 Johnny 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 prohibit businesses and unions from reaching agreements that require all workers, not just union members, to pay union dues. Twenty-four other states have such laws.

The unions argued that Wisconsin's law was an unconstitutional seizure of union property since unions now must extend benefits to workers who don't pay dues. Dane County Circuit Judge William Foust agreed.

He said the law amounts to an unconstitutional governmental taking of union funds without compensation since under the law unions must represent people who don't pay dues. That presents an existential threat to unions, Foust wrote.

"While (union) losses today could be characterized by some as minor, they are not isolated and the impact of (the law) over time is threatening to the unions' very economic viability," he wrote.

Foust noted that no other state court had struck down a right-to-work law on those grounds, but said he wasn't obligated to follow other states.

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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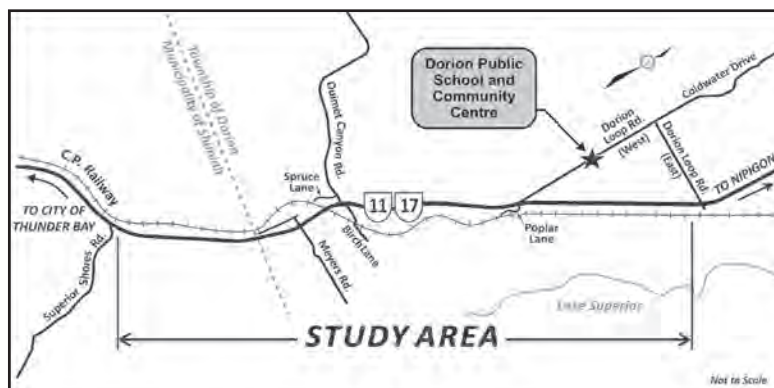
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LOCAL NEWS

Snowmobile crash kills 1

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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:

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- Gilbert Strang, 31 years, Dunsford Road
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The investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing and remains undetermined.

Foul play is not suspected.

Starved dog owners face 9 charges

A man and a woman face a total of nine charges after a starved dog 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.

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

Pursuit suspects arrested in Kenora

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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.

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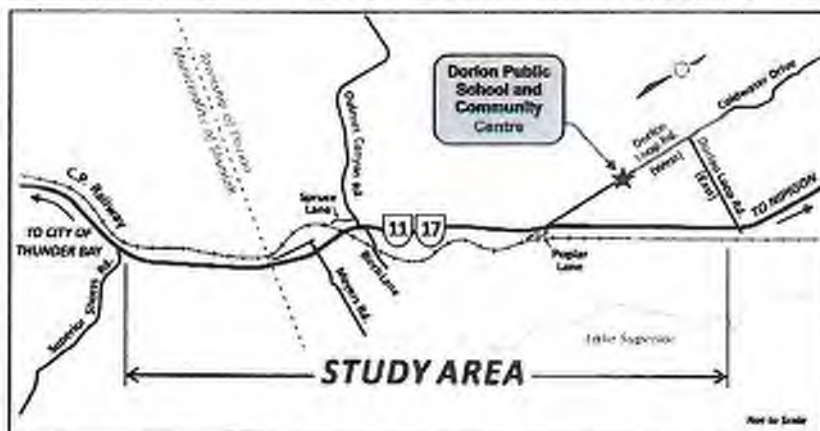
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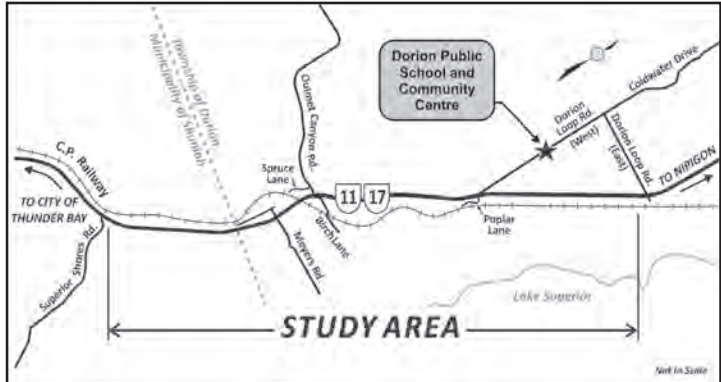
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March 30, 2016

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The Project Team is aware of your interest in the preservation 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 impacts

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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.

For additional project details, you may also visit our project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.ca.

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.

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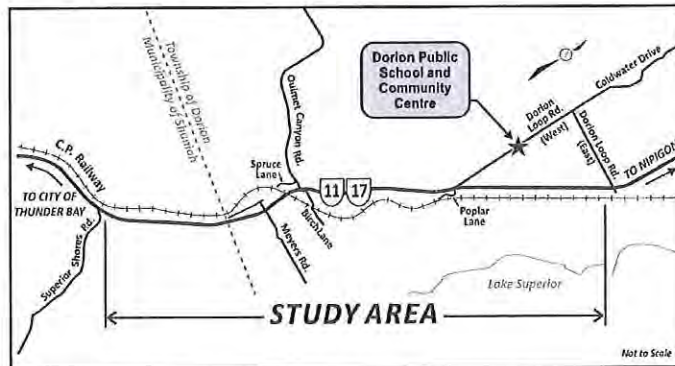
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Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Public Information Centre #1

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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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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

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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-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.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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Attention: Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee

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Sincerely,



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

Attention: Chief Wayne Sabourin

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Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation
78 Pic River Road
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Heron Bay, ON P0T 1R0

Attention: Chief Duncan Michano

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

Attention: Chief Joseph Buckell

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

Attention: Chief Wilfred Norman King

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March 30, 2016

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A preliminary assessment has determined that your property with the following legal description will be impacted by the proposed four-laning of Highway 11/17: <<Insert Legal Description [PIN]>>.

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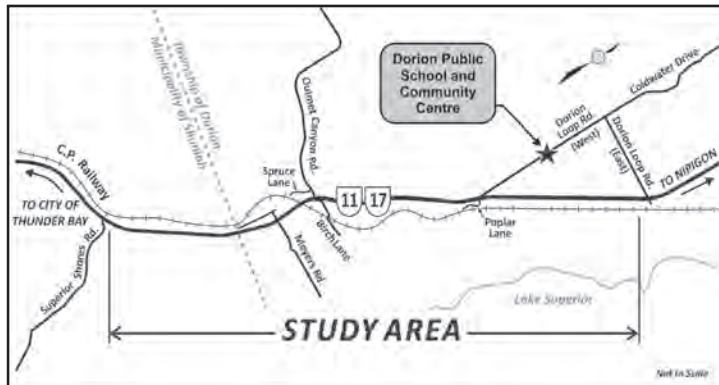
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Members of the Public on the project mailing-list were emailed a copy of the OGN on March 31, 2016.

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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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-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.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.

Public Information Centre #1
Information Package Hand-out

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY 11 / 17 FOUR-LANING FROM OUIMET TO DORION
PRELIMINARY DESIGN, DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY
G.W.P. 135-90-00**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016
INFORMATION PACKAGE**

THE STUDY

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, as shown on the key plan on the back of this page. The study includes:

- 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, Birch Lane, Poplar Lane, and Dorion Loop Road West; and
- Securing all the necessary environmental approvals for construction.

This study will build upon the preliminary design phase (completed in 1997) to determine the four-lane design for Highway 11/17 within the study area.

POTENTIAL CHANGES FROM THE 1997 ESR REPORT

The proposed changes to the approved four-lane plan, as detailed in the 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR) 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).

THE PROCESS

The study is following the approved planning process for Group 'B' Projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout.

An Addendum to the 1997 ESR is necessary to document any changes to the original design decisions and environmental conditions that have occurred since the submission of the original report.

Following PIC #1, an Addendum to the 1997 ESR will be completed to document changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 and made available for a 30-day public and agency review period.

HIGHWAY 11/17 FOUR-LANING PROJECT BENEFITS

The benefits of four-laning Highway 11/17 are:

- Reduced delays caused by slower moving vehicles;
- Improved movement of goods and services will have a positive economic impact on the area;
- Reduced collisions and decreased severity of some types of collisions;
- Addresses future travel demand along the highway; and
- Allows for a parallel, continuous, alternative route system in the event of roadway collisions, natural disasters or structural loss which could lead to the closure of the existing highway.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

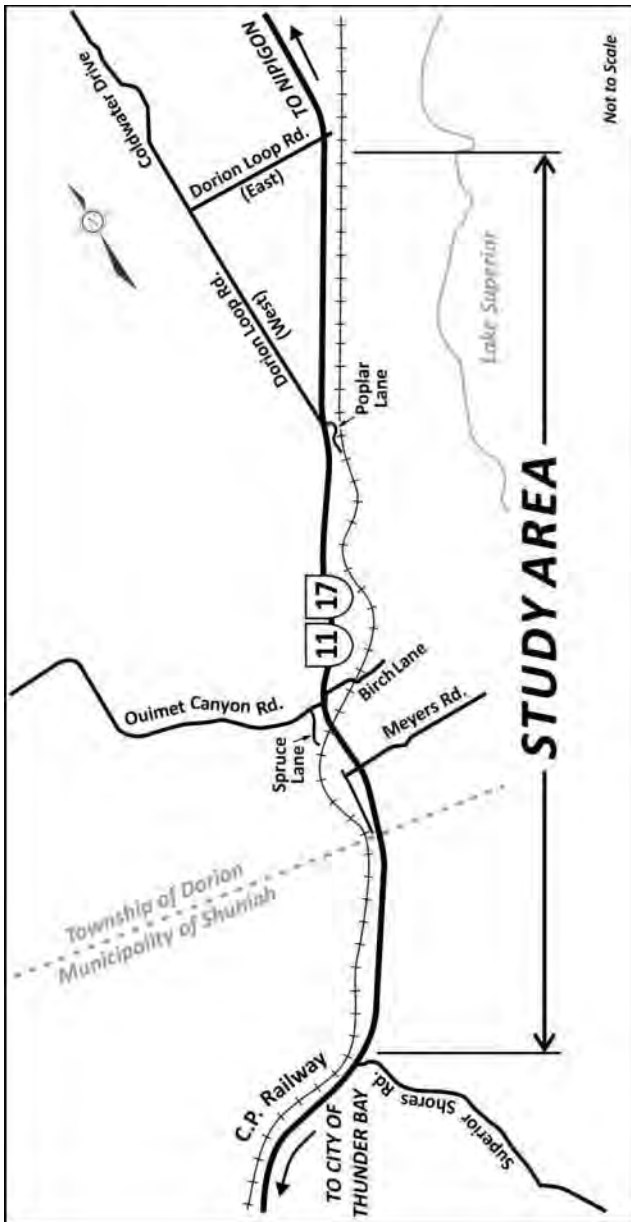
Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will take place during this study. This PIC (PIC #1) has been arranged to provide an opportunity for interested parties to review and provide input on the existing environmental conditions, and to comment on the proposed changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 that was documented in the 1997 ESR.

PIC #2 is anticipated to be held later in the study and will provide the opportunity for interested parties to review and comment on the detail design plan, updates to the environmental impacts, and mitigation measures, and commitments for construction.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Following this PIC, the Project Team will:

- Review the comments received and respond to any questions.
- Confirm the preferred changes to the approved four-lane plan - **anticipated in Spring / Summer 2016**.
- Prepare the Addendum to the 1997 Environmental Study Report and submit for a 30-day public review period - **anticipated in Spring / Summer 2016**.
- Proceed with the detail design phase.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please use the available comment sheet to provide us with your comments about the study. Comments can be left in the comment box provided or forwarded to the Project Team by **Friday, May 13, 2016**.

For further information, please visit the study website at <http://www.hwy11-17four-laningfromouimettdorion.ca> or contact one of the Project Team members below.

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