

Regional Road 20 (Lundy's Lane) Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Online Public Information Centre #1 – Summary

Introduction

On April 20, 2022, at 6:00 PM, the first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held for the Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Regional Road 20 (Lundy's Lane) from Montrose Road to Highland Avenue.

The PIC was hosted online through Microsoft Teams in a webinar format. A total of 15 people were in attendance for the PIC, consisting of Urban & Environmental Management Inc. staff (Steve Brant, Greg Taras, Lucas Smith and Samantha Beam), Niagara Region staff (Michael Kowalczyck, Graeme Guthrie, Hamed Esmaeeli, and Frank Tassone), City of Niagara Falls staff (Nick Golia and Mathew Bilodeau), two Lundy's Lane Business Improvement Association (BIA) members and three members of the public.

The PIC began with a brief presentation introducing the study and providing information on study contacts, the Problem/Opportunity Statement, study timeline, status of supporting studies, input received to date and next steps. Following the presentation, comments/questions received prior to the PIC were addressed. A Question & Answer (Q&A) session was then held, during which time attendees were welcomed to provide comments and ask questions. No questions were asked; however several comments were provided. The comments received are summarized below.

Summary of Comments Received

Lundy's Lane BIA

- This project is very important for the future of Lundy's Lane.
- The BIA is looking forward to continuing work together on this project.
- The BIA's objective is that this Class EA study will be a comprehensive review of Lundy's Lane and take all priorities into account.
- The impacts of additional traffic resulting from new developments at the west end of Lundy's Lane, west of Kalar Road, should be considered in the Class EA Study.
- The BIA is interested in the long-term vision for the Lundy's Lane and Dorchester Road intersection and how it will influence Dorchester Road north to Highway 420.

Project Team Response: Thank you for your input on this project. Your comments will be taken into consideration.

City of Niagara Falls

- This is an important project that will support new developments along Lundy's Lane, as well as residents and tourists travelling along the road.
- Lundy's Lane is a narrow road where multiple facilities and utilities will be vying for the same space.
- The City understands that the Region must weight the various priorities for this section of Lundy's Lane.

Project Team Response: Thank you for your comments, they are appreciated and will be taken into account during the project.

Residents

- This is an opportunity to calm traffic on Lundy's Lane and make the road more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.

Project Team Response: Thank you for your comment. Traffic calming measures, as well as pedestrian and cyclist facilities, will be considered when developing the alternative planning solutions.

Niagara Region

- The Region is looking to balance priorities for Lundy's Lane.
- The results of this study will be a compromise of all priorities.
- The Region is looking to implement Complete Streets.
- This is a destination area for both local residents and tourists.
- Infrastructure needs for Lundy's Lane will be looked at in more detail at the Detailed Design stage.
- The Region wants to ensure Lundy's Lane will be constructed to handle future developments and not require further upgrades for several years.

Project Team Response: We (the project team) are in agreement with the Region's goals for this project.

ATTACHMENT A

NOTICE OF PIC #1

Notice of Online Public Information Centre #1 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Lundy's Lane (Regional Road 20) from Highland Avenue to Montrose Road (Regional Road 98) in the City of Niagara Falls

Niagara Region is undertaking an Environmental Assessment Study for improvements to Lundy's Lane (Regional Road 20) from Highland Avenue to Montrose Road (Regional Road 98) in the City of Niagara Falls. It is a four-lane road that is an important corridor for moving vehicles, people, and goods across the city, and is often heavily populated with traffic associated with the tourism industry, as many attractions, restaurants and retail stores are located along Lundy's Lane. It is imperative that Lundy's Lane remains a safe and effective transportation route now and in the future.



This study will build on the recommendations of the Niagara Region's Transportation Master Plan (TMP), which included the following:

- Considerations for Active Transportation and Complete Streets
- Intersection improvements
- Safety and operational improvements
- Capacity improvements

The study will aim to identify improvements to the roadway to meet the future needs of the surrounding community for all road users. The study will address active transportation, complete streets approach, streetscaping, and compatibility with the various land uses within the study area.

The study is being carried out as a Schedule 'C' project in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This study will address the requirements of Phases 1 to 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Once the study is complete, an Environmental Study Report will be prepared and available for public review and comment. A Notice of Completion will be issued at that stage.

Consultation with the public, Indigenous Nations, regulatory agencies and stakeholders is a key element of the Class Environmental Assessment process. Three (3) Public Information Centres will be conducted throughout this study to solicit public input. At this time, the Niagara Region is planning to host Public Information Centre #1. The purpose of the first Public Information Centre is to share information about the project background, Class Environmental Assessment Study process, the problem to be addressed by and opportunities available for this study, and obtain preliminary input from the public for consideration into the study process. Public Information Centre #1 will be held in an online format. You can participate in this Public Information Centre by attending an online presentation and/or by viewing information materials on the project webpage.

Information materials related to the Online Public Information Centre #1 will be available at niagararegion.ca/projects/lundys-lane/default.aspx starting **April 6, 2022**, and comments will be received until **May 4, 2022**.

The Study Team will deliver an online presentation on **April 20, 2022**, starting at **6:00 p.m.** Following the presentation, the Public Information Centre will continue until **7:30 p.m.** Comments received from the virtual consultation platform will be addressed. There will also be an opportunity at the end of the presentation to ask any questions or submit further comments. Please email inquiries@uemconsulting.com to register for and receive an invitation to the online presentation.

If you would like to receive future notices via email, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the Study Team Members identified below:

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timely manner. Please contact the **Accessibility Advisory Coordinator** at 905- 980-6000 ext. 3252 or **accessibility@niagararegion.ca**.

This notice was first issued on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

ATTACHMENT B

PIC #1 PRESENTATION

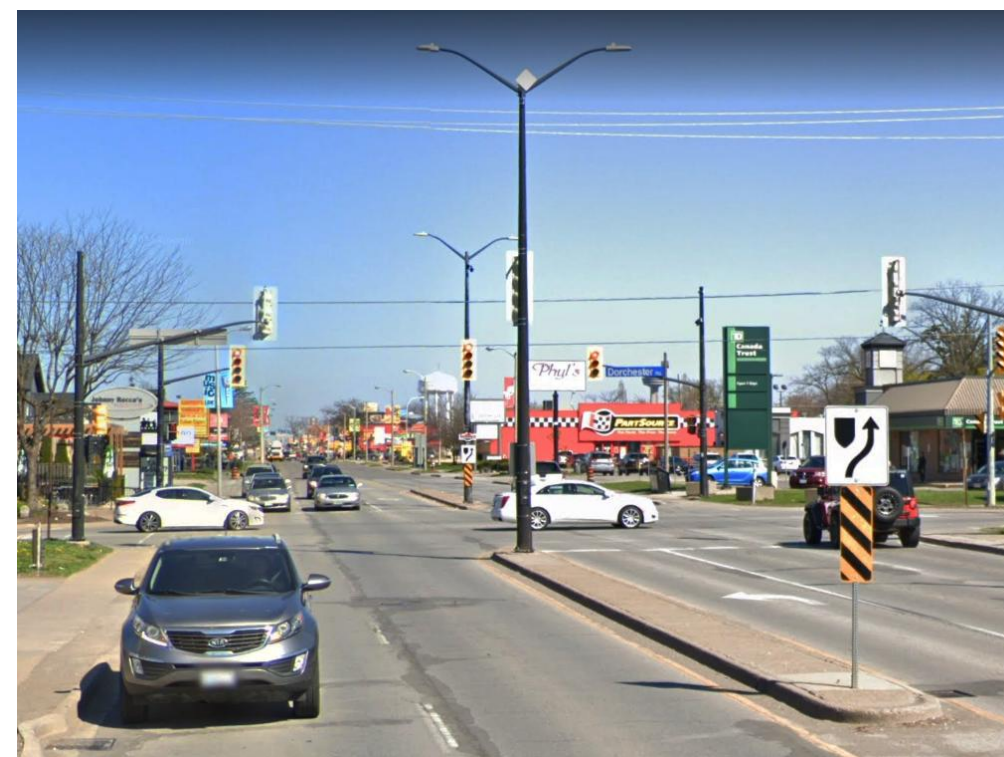


Public Information Centre #1

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for Lundy's Lane in the City of Niagara Falls

April 20, 2022

- Live presentation begins at 6 PM
- PIC continues to 7:30 PM



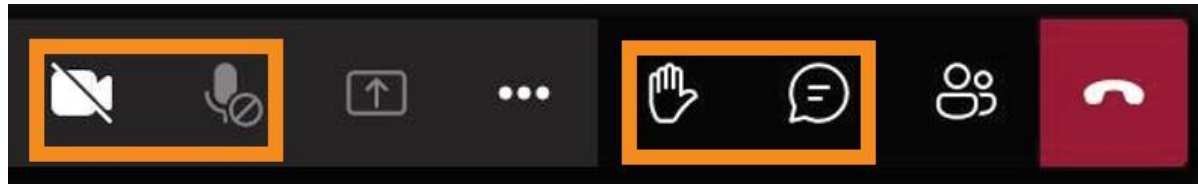
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Housekeeping Items

- When joining the online meeting, we request you to please turn off your camera and mute the microphone.
- There will be an opportunity at the end of the presentation to ask questions or submit comments.
Please use the chat function to type in your questions/comments or click on “Raise hand”.



- In case you would like to submit your feedback later, the presentation materials and an online comment form are available on the [project webpage \(https://niagararegion.ca/projects/lundys-lane/default.aspx\)](https://niagararegion.ca/projects/lundys-lane/default.aspx).

Introductions

| Niagara Region | Urban & Environmental Management Inc. |
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Purpose of the PIC

- Introduce the Class Environmental Assessment Study
- Present the Problem/Opportunity Statement
- Receive feedback on the P/O statement
- Address previously received questions/comments
- Receive information/input and address any additional questions/comments

Study Area Map



Figure 1: Study Area Map

- - - = Study Area Limits

Overview of Municipal Class EA Process & Timeline

| PHASE 1 | PHASE 2 | PHASE 3 | PHASE 4 | PHASE 5 |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notice of study commencement ▪ Problem or opportunity statement ▪ Public Information Centre #1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inventory natural, social and economic existing conditions ▪ Identify and evaluate alternative solutions ▪ Identify preferred solution ▪ Public Information Centre #2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inventory natural, social and economic existing conditions ▪ Identify and evaluate alternative design concepts for preferred solution ▪ Identify preferred design concept ▪ Public Information Centre #3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Document Study process and findings in Environmental Study Report (ESR) ▪ Issue Notice of Study Completion ▪ Place ESR on public record for a minimum of 30-day review period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proceed to the detailed design and construction of the project ▪ Monitor environmental provisions and commitments |
| Fall 2021/Winter 2022 | Winter 2022 | Spring 2022 | Summer 2022 | TBD |

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Problem/Opportunity Statement

The study area includes Regional Road 20 (Lundy's Lane) from Regional Road 98 (Montrose Road) to Highland Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, approximately 1.7 kilometers. It is a four-lane road that is often heavily populated with traffic associated with the tourism industry, as many attractions, restaurants and retail stores are located along Lundy's Lane. Lundy's Lane is vital to the Niagara Falls tourism industry, and it is imperative that it remains a safe and effective route now and in the future. The Class EA Study for Lundy's Lane presents an opportunity to explore options to improve the operational conditions of the right-of-way to provide safe and efficient movement of traffic and access management, implement a complete streets design, and enhance the overall appearance of the right-of-way with streetscaping.

Progress on Technical Investigations and Consultation

Technical Investigations Underway:

- Topographic survey of Study Area
- Cultural/Heritage Assessment
- Archaeological Assessment
- Traffic Impact Study
- Geotechnical Investigation

Technical Investigations to be finalized following confirmation of Preferred Design:

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Noise Impact Assessment

Consultation:

- Publication of study notices in local newspapers, posting on Niagara Region's website and social media accounts
- Email circulation of notices to the Indigenous Nations, Agencies and Stakeholders
- Meetings with local area municipalities, Ministry of Transportation and utility companies
- Meetings with government agencies
- Engagement with the Indigenous Nations (reports shared for review, invitations extended to participate in the fieldwork)
- Meeting with Lundy's Lane Business Improvement Association
- Engagement with local residents and businesses
- Public Information Centres (3)

Preliminary Information from Traffic Impact Study

Findings

- Localized congestion at study area intersections during weekday peak periods (Montrose Road and Dorchester Road)
- Current peak volume traffic slightly exceeds existing arterial lane capacity
- 2041 volumes will modestly exceed existing lane capacity
- Localized measures will be required at intersections to address capacity deficiencies (Montrose Road and Dorchester Road)
- Separation of left-turning traffic is highly desirable

Next Steps

- Provide recommendations to address access to the commercial driveways
- Detailed review of collisions
- Determine if a two-way left turn lane can be supported

Preliminary Information from Archaeological Study

Findings

- 95% of study area disturbed
- 5% is remaining boulevard and areas around Lundy's Lane Cemetery
- Moderate to high potential for archaeological resources
- 18 registered archaeological sites within 1km

Next Steps

- Consider archaeological resources in identifying and evaluating options
- Further assessment during detailed design

Preliminary Information from Cultural/Heritage Study

Findings

- 2 cultural heritage landscapes
- 4 historical and commemorative plaques
- 29 built heritage resources

Next Steps

- Consider cultural heritage resources in identifying and evaluating options

Input Received to Date

- Lundy's Lane is a transitioning area and intensification corridor that will be subject to growth and development in the near future.
- Lundy's Lane is a mixed-use area consisting of primarily commercial and residential land uses.
- Traffic needs to be calmed both on Lundy's Lane and on connecting side streets.
- Improve pedestrian facilities along the road and at intersections.
- Improve public transit facilities.
- Implement cycling facilities.
- Add landscaping to centre medians and boulevards.
- Improve street lighting.

Your Input

On the comment sheet or during the PIC, please provide your input on the following:

Problems on Lundy's Lane:

- In the study area
- Problems the study area creates elsewhere

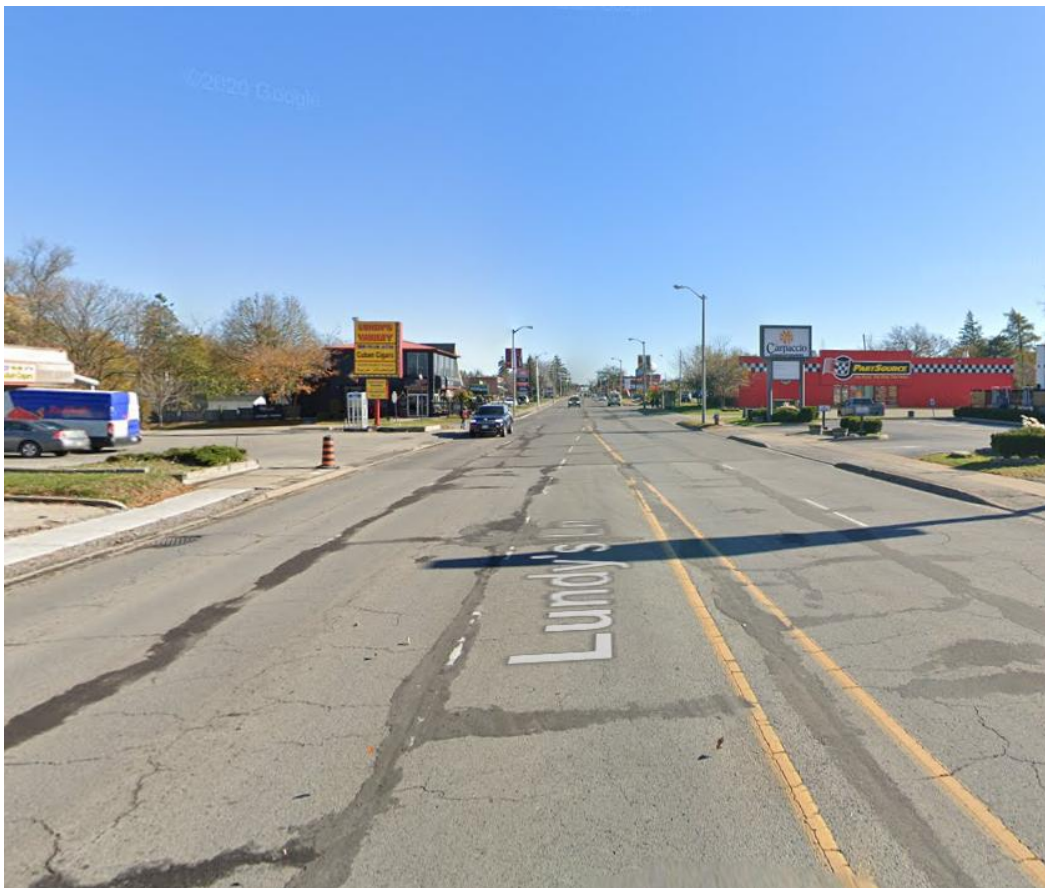
What is the Purpose of Lundy's Lane in the Study Area?

- Move through traffic as fast and effectively as possible?
- Tourism area?

Any other Relevant Information/Input

- Email inquiries@uemconsulting.com

Next Steps



Following this PIC, the Study Team will complete the following:

- Review and consider all comments received
- Finalize Problem/Opportunity Statement
- Design Planning Alternative opportunities to implement complete streets
- Prepare material for the Public Information Centre #2, where we will present Planning Alternatives

Getting Involved In This Study and Next Steps

- Review presentation slides on the virtual consultation platform / project web page.
- Submit any questions, comments or suggestions for consideration using the online comment form on the project webpage or by emailing inquiries@uemconsulting.com
- Request to be added to the Study Contact List to receive Study notices for future points of consultation.
- Visit project website for updates:
<https://niagararegion.ca/projects/lundys-lane/>
- Attend future Public Information Centres

Following the Public Information Centre (PIC), the Study Team will complete the following:

- Develop a PIC Summary to document results of this PIC.
- Initiate studies to collect existing condition information for natural, socio-economic and cultural environment.
- Develop and evaluate alternative solutions to identify a preliminary preferred solution
- Host PIC #2 to present the evaluation of alternatives process and the preliminary preferred solution



Questions?

Your feedback will be important to us. Your comments will be reviewed by the Study Team and considered in the preparation of Preferred Design. To submit questions/comments/suggestions, please use the online comment form available on the [project webpage \(https://niagararegion.ca/projects/lundys-lane/\)](https://niagararegion.ca/projects/lundys-lane/) or contact one of the following Study Team Members:

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