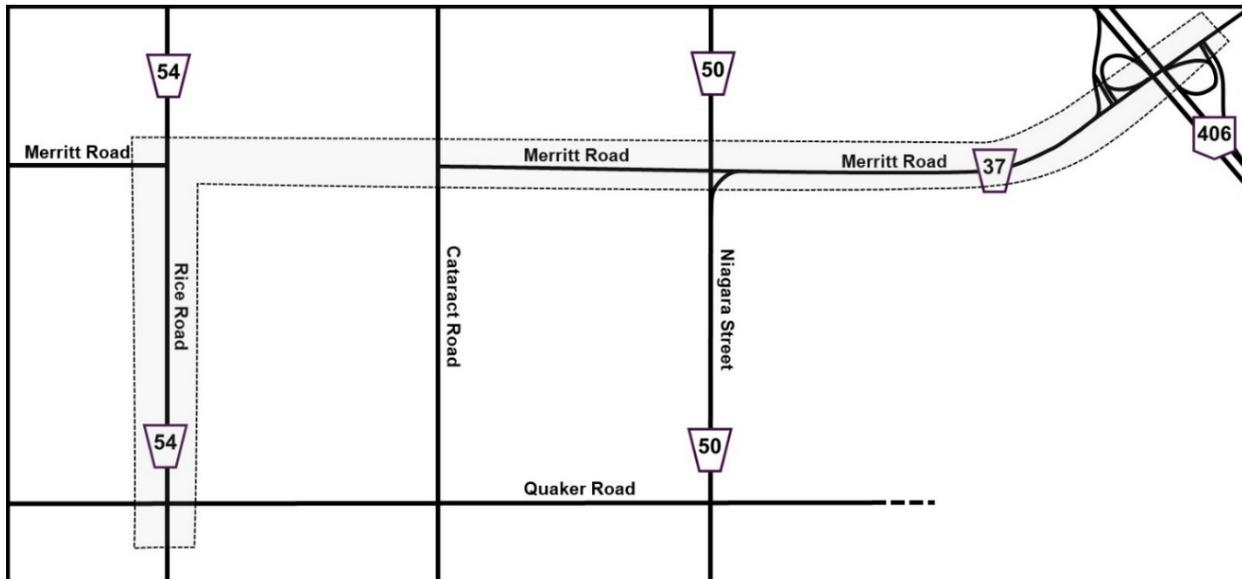


Notice of Online Public Information Centre #2

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Merritt Rd. (RR 37) and Rice Rd. (RR 54) in Pelham, Thorold and Welland

The Study

The Regional Municipality of Niagara (Niagara Region) is undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for improvements to Merritt Road and Rice Road as a result of proposed developments in the Town of Pelham, the City of Thorold and the City of Welland.



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

- Extension of Merritt Road between Regional Road 54 (Rice Road) and Cataract Road;
- Capacity improvements of Merritt Road from Cataract Road to Highway 406; and,
- Capacity improvements to Regional Road 54 (Rice Road) from 200 meters north of Merritt Road to Quaker Road.

The Study will aim to identify improvements to the two roadways to meet the future needs of the surrounding community for all road users. The study will address active transportation needs by providing dedicated pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure that is safe, attractive, conform to a complete streets approach, and compatible with the changing land use in the three local municipalities.

The Process

The study is being carried out as a Schedule 'C' project in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA 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 EA 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.

You are invited to participate!

Consultation with the public, Indigenous Nations, regulatory agencies and stakeholders is a key element of the Class EA process. The Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 was held from March 24, 2021 to April 7, 2021 to introduce the Study. A Summary Report documenting the comments received from PIC #1 and Study Team's responses is provided on the [project webpage](#).

The Niagara Region is now planning to host the **PIC #2** for this study. The purpose of this PIC is to share information about the study, the evaluation of alternative solutions, the preferred solution and obtain input for consideration into the Study. The PIC #2 will be held in an **online format** via project webpage.

You are invited to **attend the Online Presentation on Wednesday, June 9, 2021**, starting at **6:00 pm**. There will be an opportunity at the end of the presentation to ask any questions or submit comments. To join the online presentation, please visit the [project webpage](#) on the day of presentation and click on the presentation link. In addition, the information materials related to the PIC #2 will be available on the project webpage starting June 9, 2021, and comments will be received until **June 30, 2021**.

Stay Connected!

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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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.