

Notice of Study Commencement Vaughan Bowstring Arch Bridges Class Environmental Assessment Studies

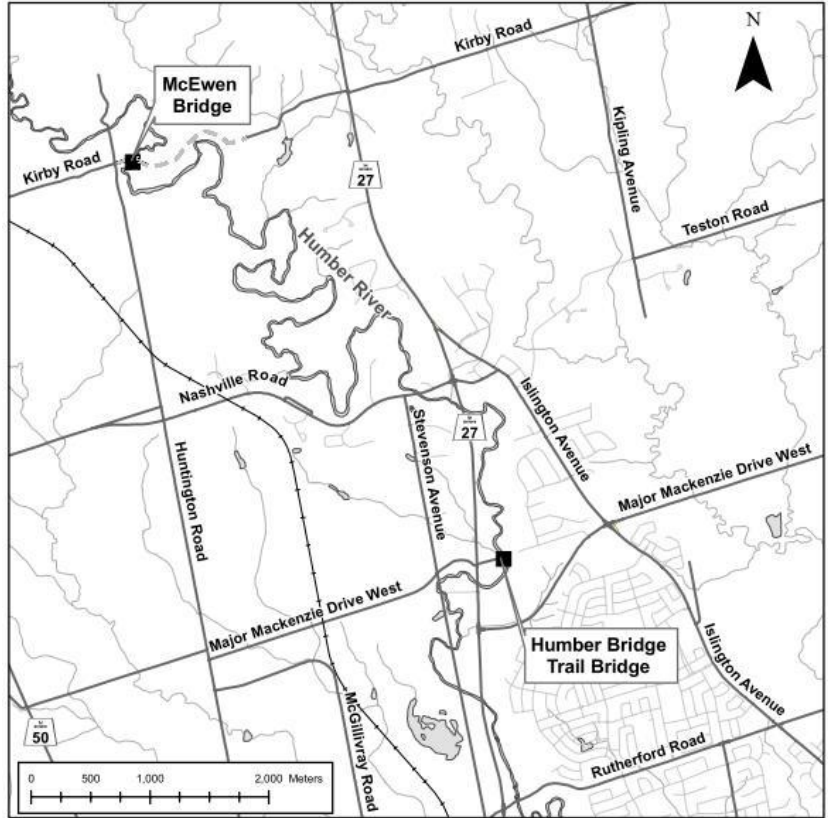
The City of Vaughan is undertaking a pair of separate, but simultaneous Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Studies for the proposed rehabilitation of two bowstring arch bridges over the Humber River. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of these Studies and invite your participation and input throughout the EA process.

Both bowstring arch bridges are more than 90 years old and in similar states of advanced disrepair. The first bridge is located on Humber Bridge Trail, east of Highway 27, and provides vehicular access to one residential property. The McEwen Bridge, the second bridge in this study, is located just east of Huntington Road on the Kirby Road right-of-way, and is not currently open to vehicular traffic, serving instead as part of the Humber Valley Heritage Trail system.

The City of Vaughan has initiated this study to determine how to best address the potential access issues created by the deterioration of these two bridges, and identify appropriate courses of action to improve the structural integrity of the bridges.

Both proposed bridge projects will commence as Schedule "B" studies under the Municipal Engineers Association's (MEA) Municipal Class EA (October 2000, as amended in 2007). Through the Class EA process, the City will assess the problems and opportunities for addressing the issues related to bridge access, and develop and evaluate a range of alternative solutions and design concepts to improve the integrity of both bowstring arch bridges.

Public and external agency consultation will be key components of both studies. Consultation will take place for both projects in a manner that is appropriate for each individual project. This may include a Public Information Forum (PIF), Information Package or other such consultation methods. Details regarding the upcoming consultation events will be provided via an additional newspaper ad in the near future.



Upon completion of the Studies, two separate Environmental Study Reports (ESRs) documenting the Preferred Solutions and Preliminary Designs will be prepared for public/agency review and comment. All project information will also be available on the project website: www.vaughan.ca/bab.

We are interested in receiving any comments that you may have about either Study. Should you have any questions or comments, or wish to receive additional information regarding one or both of these projects, please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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Please note that information related to this Study will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record and may be included in Study documentation prepared for public review.

This Notice dated: September 1, 2010

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