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Re: An invitation to become a member of the Citizen's Liaison Committee for the North Maple Community Bridge EA

Dear...

The City of Vaughan has retained AECOM to complete a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the proposed North Maple Community Bridge in Block 33. We are their Independent Public Facilitator responsible for the consultation and involvement of the stakeholders throughout the Class EA.

Your may have recently received a Notice of Commencement in your mailbox, or seen an Advertisement in your local newspaper, which provided some introductory information on the study and the Class EA process. A key element of the Class EA process is stakeholder engagement and public consultation. One of the principal tools of the consultation program is the establishment of a multi-stakeholder Citizen's Liaison Committee (CLC). The purpose of this letter is to confirm our recent telephone conversation regarding your participation as a member of the Citizen's Liaison Committee and to thank you for agreeing to be involved.

The purpose of the CLC is to provide advice and counsel to the City and the Study Team in the following ways:

To act as a sounding-board whereby the client and the Study Team can test ideas, findings, study approaches. The point is to have an opportunity to share raw data and untested ideas without fear of the discussions ending up in the media the next day

We are looking for 360 degrees of opinion, not a consensus... all opinions are valid and important to the client and the Study Team.

To provide the client and the Study Team with a sense of the broader community's reactions and concerns and how these might be addressed

To provide a direct, face-to-face channel of communications between the client and the Study Team and among all members

Create a forum for the exchange of information about the project that will keep the residents and other stakeholders up-to-date on what's happening and likely to happen

To provide the client and the Study Team with advance warning of potential problems before they become insurmountable





Indoor Soccer Facility



Canada Drive



Ahmadiyya Mosque



America Ave.

The CLC will be composed of representatives from the following:

- residents from Block 33
- representative from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
- businesses from Block 33 - in particular on the west side of the 400 Hwy
- City of Vaughan- fire, engineering, parks and recreation and planning
- York Region -Police, EMS, Transit and Transportation
- Ministry of Transportation
- AECOM/Study Team
- Independent Public Facilitator

We are planning to convene just 3 meetings of the CLC so that it will not be too demanding on members busy schedules.

1st Meeting in late March, '09- Phase 1- Defining the Problem - Problem and Opportunity

- Presentation and review of the transportation/travel demand study, the problem statement and potential opportunities, issues and concerns that need to be addressed in the EA.

2nd meeting in June, '09 - Phase 2- Identification and Evaluation of Alternative Solutions

- Presentation and review of the list of alternatives, comparative evaluation and potential modifications.
- Since the Study Plan calls for the 1st Public Information Session on Phase 2 results, we will also be asking the CLC's advice on agenda, topics, presentations and logistics of this community consultation event.

3rd and final meeting in Fall, '09 - Phase 3-Alternative Design Concepts for the Preferred Alternative

- Presentation and review of the alternative design concepts and potential modifications.
- A 2nd Public Information Forum is scheduled for late November '09, so we will be seeking the CLC's advice on agenda, topics, presentations and logistics.

We will provide agendas and materials at least one week in advance of each meeting. The meetings will be in the early evenings, from 6pm to 8:30pm. Meetings of the CLC will be held at a facility in Block 33 so that it is close for most of the members.

Again, thank you for agreeing to become a member, we need your advice and wisdom. If you have any questions, please call me (toll free 1-866-386-6225) or send me an e-mail (robb.ogilvie@mobilizers.com).

Yours truly

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