

Victoria Square Boulevard Class
Environmental Assessment

Woodbine Avenue (north
connection) to Woodbine Avenue
(south connection)

Environmental Study Report

Appendix

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Aboriginal Group Consultation

Preliminary Assessment Checklist: First Nation and Métis Community Interests and Rights

In addition to other interests, some main concerns of First Nation and Métis communities may pertain to established or asserted rights to hunt, gather, trap, and fish – these activities generally occur on Crown land or water bodies. As such, projects related to Crown land or water bodies, or changes to how lands and water are accessed, may be of concern to Aboriginal communities.

Please answer the following questions and keep related notes as part of your consultation record. "Yes" responses will indicate a potential adverse impact on Aboriginal or treaty rights.

Where you have identified that your project may trigger rights-based consultation through the following questions, you should arrange for a meeting between you and the Environmental Assessment and Planning Coordinator at the Ministry's appropriate regional office to provide an early opportunity to confirm whether Ontario's duty to consult is triggered and to discuss roles and responsibilities in that event.

	YES	NO
<p>1. Are you aware of concerns from First Nation and Métis communities about your project or a similar project in the area?</p> <p>The types of concerns can range from interested inquiries to environmental complaints, and even to land use concerns. You should consider whether the interest represents on-going, acute and/or widespread concern.</p>		✓
<p>2. Is your project occurring on Crown land, or is it close to a water body? Might it change access to either?</p>		✓
<p>3. Is the project located in an open or forested area where hunting or trapping could take place?</p>		✓
<p>4. Does the project involve the clearing of forested land?</p>		✓
<p>5. Is the project located away from developed, urban areas?</p>		✓
<p>6. Is your project close to, or adjacent to, an existing reserve?</p> <p>Projects in areas near reserves may be of interest to the First Nation and Métis communities living there.</p>		✓
<p>7. Will the project affect First Nations and/or Métis ability to access areas of significance to them?</p>		✓
<p>8. Is the area subject to a land claim?</p> <p>Information about land claims filed in Ontario is available from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs; information about land claims filed with the federal government is available from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.</p>		✓
<p>9. Does the project have the potential to impact any archaeological sites?</p>	✓	

ID	FN / Metis Group	Name	Comment Date	Comment Format	Project Phase / Timeline	Comment / Request	Response / Action
1	Notice of study commencement was sent to representatives from the following First Nation Groups on April 8, 2016 (sent by City of Markham). Responses were tracked separately for each group as they were received. <div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">AamjiwnaangAldervilleAlgonquins of PikwakanaganAssociation of Iroquois and Allied IndiansAundeck Omni KaningBeausoleilBkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island)CaldwellChiefs of Ontario</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Chippewas of Georgina IslandChippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First NationChippewas Of Nawash Unceded First NationChippewas of Rama First NationChippewas of the Thames First Nation 42Curve Lake First Nation</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Chiefs CouncilHiawatha First NationHuron-Wendat NationKawartha Nishnawbe First NationM'Chigeeng First NationMetis Nation of Ontario (Credit River Metis Council)Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Oneida Nation of the ThamesPeel Aboriginal NetworkMississaugas of the New CreditMohawks of AkwesasneMohawks of the Bay of QuinteMoose Deer Point First NationMoravian of the ThamesMunsee-Delaware NationNipissing First Nation</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Saugeen First NationSheguiandah First NationSheshegwaning First NationSix Nations of the Grand RiverUnion of Ontario IndiansWikwemikongWilliams Treaties First NationsZhiibaahaasing First Nation</div></div>						
2	Hiawatha First Nation	Tom Cowie	4/12/2016	Letter	Notice of Commencement	Letter acknowledging receipt of the Notice of Commencement and advising that the proposed project is deemed to have little, if any, impact on Hiawatha First Nation’s traditional territory and/or rights. However, they would like to be kept apprised of any findings. They also requested copies of any archaeological assessment reports and shapefiles of the study area.	<p>Response from A. Reitmeier:</p> <p>Hello Mr. Cowie,</p> <p>Thank you for your letter dated April 12, 2016 and for your interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment. As requested, you will be kept apprised of any archaeological findings, and you will continue to receive updates about the study via project notices. As part of this study we will be undertaking Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological assessments – once available, the findings from these assessments will be forwarded to you. In the meantime, please find attached shapefiles of the study area for your reference.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional comments or questions.</p> <p><i>Note: Stage 1 & 2 Archaeological Assessment report was sent on June 6, 2018.</i></p>
3	Huron-Wendat First Nation	Maxime Picard	4/18/2016	Email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Hello Mr. Reitmeier,</p> <p>I am writing to you concerning the Victoria Square Boulevard EA (see attached file).</p> <p>Would it be possible for you to provide us the shapesfiles of the study zone ?</p>	<p>Response from A. Reitmeier:</p> <p>Hello Mr. Picard,</p> <p>Thank you for your e-mail dated April 18, 2016 and for your interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment. As requested, please find attached shapefiles of the study area for your reference.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional comments or questions.</p>

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April 8, 2016

**RE: Class Environmental Assessment Study for Improvements to Victoria Square
Boulevard from Woodbine Avenue to Woodbine Avenue
Notice of Study Commencement**

Dear First Nations Representative:

The City of Markham is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study to review potential improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard from Woodbine Avenue to Woodbine Avenue. The City has retained HDR Corporation to undertake this Environmental Assessment. This letter includes information about the Environmental Assessment and details on how you can get involved in the process.

This study is being conducted in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. A Notice of Study Commencement will run in the Markham Economist and Sun and a copy is attached for your reference.

The Environmental Assessment Study will:

- Review existing conditions and future transportation needs along Victoria Square Boulevard
- Identify opportunities for improvement and offer possible solutions
- Collect, document and assess input and feedback from residents and affected groups within the study area

If your community / organization have an interest in this project, please contact the undersigned by April 22, 2016 with the following information:

- The representative from your community / organization who will participate as part of the Study
- Initial comments and feedback pertaining to the study that should be considered as we move forward with this project

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We recognize that this project may not impact your mandate or programs, and your community / organization may not have concerns or an interest in the project. Should this be the case, please let us know if you would like to be removed from the Project Contact List by contacting the undersigned or by endorsing the space provided in the attached Response Form, by April 22, 2016.

Please be advised that in association with this letter to your group, we have issued the same letter to all of the following First Nations groups and Federal & Provincial Agencies:

First Nations

- Aamjiwnaang
- Alderville
- Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
- Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
- Aundeck Omni Kaning
- Beausoleil
- Bkejwanong Territory (Walpole Island)
- Caldwell
- Chiefs of Ontario
- Chippewas of Georgina Island
- Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation
- Chippewas Of Nawash Unceded First Nation
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation 42
- Curve Lake First Nation
- Haudenosaunee Confederacy, Chiefs Council
- Hiawatha First Nation
- Huron-Wendat Nation
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- M'Chigeeng First Nation
- Metis Nation of Ontario (Credit River Metis Council)
- Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation
- Mississaugas of the New Credit
- Mohawks of Akwesasne
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
- Moose Deer Point First Nation
- Moravian of the Thames
- Munsee-Delaware Nation
- Nipissing First Nation
- Oneida Nation of the Thames
- Peel Aboriginal Network
- Saugeen First Nation
- Sheguiandah First Nation
- Sheshegwaning First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Union of Ontario Indians
- Wikwemikong
- Williams Treaties First Nations
- Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

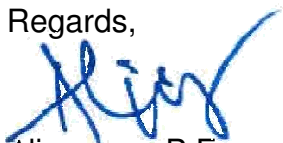
- Specific Claims Branch
- Comprehensive Claims Branch
- Litigation Management and Resolution Branch
- Lands and Trust Services, Ontario Region
- Environmental Unit
- Assessment and Historical Research; and
- EA Coordinator
- Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
- Ontario Ministry of Attorney General

Please be advised that future correspondence related to this project will be coordinated through the City's consultant, HDR. Throughout this study, should you wish to submit a comment, question or receive more information, please contact:

Anthony Reitmeier, P.Eng.
Consultant Project Manager
HDR
Tel: (647) 777-4954
Email: anthony.reitmeier@hdrinc.com

We look forward to working with you throughout this study.

Regards,



Alice Lam, P.Eng.
Manager, Infrastructure and Capital Projects
City of Markham

encl. Response Form, Notice of Study Commencement

cc: D. Foong – City of Markham
A. Reitmeier – HDR
T. Erwin – HDR

Response Form

Please use this form to identify the representative from your community / organization who will participate as part of the Study. Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from our project contact list please endorse the section below.

Please return this page to Anthony Reitmeier (Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com) by May 2, 2016.

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This project will not impact our community / organization; we do not wish to be kept informed about the project. Please remove us from the project contact list.

Signed:

Community / Organization

Name of Community / Organization Representative

Title

Signature

Date

June 2, 2016

**Re: Notice of Open House #1
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule 'C'
Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard (from Woodbine Ave. to
Woodbine Ave.)
City of Markham**

Dear First Nations Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification of an upcoming open house to be held on June 13th, 2016 with respect to the aforementioned project. The open house is being held to present the initial study findings and potential solutions that address the problems/opportunities in the study corridor. By way of this correspondence we also ask for your input on the Victoria Square Boulevard study area as it relates to your community's interests, needs and concerns. We have enclosed a copy of the invitation sent out to the surrounding community for your reference.

Should you or a representative of your community be interested in discussing any aspect of the project, we would be happy to do so by telephone, email, meeting or another manner appropriate for your purposes. Please do not hesitate to call me at 905-477-7000 x2860 or Anthony Reitmeier, the Consultant Project Manager at 647-777-4954 or via email at Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com.

Thank you for your time and input.

Yours truly,



Alberto S. Lim, P.Eng
Senior Capital Works Engineer
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encl. Notice of Open House

cc: A. Reitmeier – HDR
T. Erwin – HDR



June 1, 2017

**Re: Notice of Open House #2
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule 'C'
Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard (from Woodbine Avenue to
Woodbine Avenue)
City of Markham**

Dear First Nations Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification of an upcoming open house to be held on June 14, 2017 with respect to the aforementioned project. The open house is being held to provide an update on the study findings and recommendations. The open house will also allow the public to meet the project team and to review and provide input on the preferred roadway design elements for Victoria Square Boulevard. By way of this correspondence we also ask for your input as it relates to the Victoria Square Boulevard study area and your community's interests, needs and concerns. We have enclosed a copy of the invitation sent out to the surrounding community for your reference.

Should you or a representative of your community be interested in discussing any aspect of the project, we would be happy to do so by telephone, email, meeting or another manner appropriate for your purposes. Please do not hesitate to call me at 905-477-7000 x2860 or Anthony Reitmeier, the Consultant Project Manager at 647-777-4954 or via email at Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com.

Thank you for your time and input.

Yours truly,

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Infrastructure and Capital Works
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encl. Notice of Open House 2

cc: A. Reitmeier – HDR
T. Erwin – HDR
V. Restrepo – HDR



June 14, 2018

Re: **Notice of Study Completion**
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule 'C'
Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard
City of Markham

Dear First Nations Representative:

Please be advised that the City of Markham has completed a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study for road improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard from Woodbine Avenue (south connection) to Woodbine Avenue (north connection). An Environmental Study Report documenting the study process and the recommended plan has been prepared. The attached Notice of Completion places the ESR on public record for a 30-calendar day review period. During this review period, we request for your input as it relates to the Victoria Square Boulevard study area and your community's interests, needs and concerns.

Should you or a representative of your community be interested in discussing any aspect of the project, please contact me or our consultant, Anthony Reitmeier of HDR at 647-777-4954 or via email at Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alberto S. Lim'.

Alberto S. Lim, P.Eng.
Engineering Department
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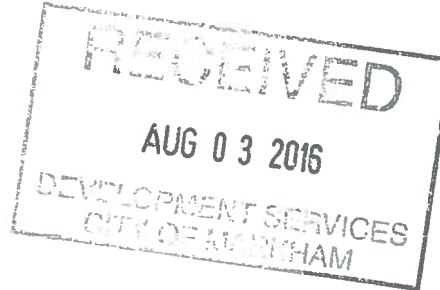
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T. Erwin – HDR
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Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation

Administration Office
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Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
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Fax: (705) 368-3563

July 27, 2016



Alberto S. Lim, P. Eng.
Senior Capitol Works Engineer
Anthony Roman Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Dear Mr. Alberto S. Lim:

Re: Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule 'C'
Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard, City of Markham

Please accept our apologies for the late response to the recent correspondence regarding notification of an application for the above noted permits and studies which were received and have been acknowledged by the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.

The proposed developments may affect First Nation communities located near or within the proposed area either directly or indirectly which is a matter of concern. As per legislation, the "duty to consult" with First Nations is an imperative rule of law and thank you for observing and respecting the First Nation right to be consulted on these matters.

As part of the "duty to consult", we would like to express our appreciation for your efforts to include the Aundeck Omni Kaning in correspondence related to this matter. Further interest or need for direct consultation is **not required** at this time, however, it is still the duty to inform and consult those First Nations who will require notification or be affected by this proposal.

On behalf of the Chief and Council of the Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation, our sincerest best wishes with your future project and endeavors proposed for future development.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

Chief Patsy Corbiere

From: Hollie Nolan [mailto:hollie@ramafirstnation.ca] **On Behalf Of** Chief Rodney Noganosh
Sent: July 5, 2017 4:37 PM
To: Lim, Alberto
Subject: re: Markham – Notice of Open House #2

Dear Alberto;

Thank you for your letter re: Markham – Notice of Open House #2.

Please be advised that we reviewed your letter. I have shared it with Council and we've forwarded the information to Karry Sandy McKenzie, Williams Treaties First Nation Process Co-ordinator/Negotiator. Ms. McKenzie will review your letter and take the necessary action if required. In the interim, should you wish to contact Ms. McKenzie directly, please do so at k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com

Thank you,

Chief Rodney Noganosh

Hollie Nolan

Executive Assistant to the Chief, Administration

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CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION

June 13, 2017

Alberto Capital Works Engineer
Infrastructure and Capital Works
City of Markham
Anthony Roman Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

**Subject: Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard (Woodbine Avenue to Woodbine Avenue)
City of Markham**

Dear Alberto,

We are in receipt of correspondence of the aforementioned project, dated **June 1, 2017**.

In our screening of your correspondence, we have identified no concerns with your project or the information that you have presented to us at this time. Due to the proximity of your project to this First Nation, we feel the impact will be minimal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for notifying Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fallon Burch", is written over a horizontal line.

Fallon Burch
Chippewa of the Thames
Consultation Coordinator
(519) 289-2662 Ext. 213



HIAWATHA FIRST NATION
123 Paudash Street
Hiawatha, ON K9J 0E6

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Councillor:	Kirk Edwards
Councillor:	Lorne Paudash
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April 12, 2016

Dear Anthony Reitmeier:

Thank you for the information you sent to Hiawatha First Nation regarding notice of study commencement MCEA for improvements to Victoria Square Blvd. from Woodbine Ave. to Woodbine Ave. which is being proposed within Hiawatha First Nation's Traditional and Treaty Territories. Hiawatha First Nation appreciates that the City of Markham recognizes the importance of First Nations Consultation and that your office is conforming to the requirements within the Duty to Consult Process. The correspondence Hiawatha First Nation has received is not considered meaningful consultation but rather information sharing.

As per the Hiawatha First Nation Consultation Protocol, your proposed project is deemed to have little, if any, impact on Hiawatha First Nation's traditional territory and/or rights. Please keep us apprised of any updates, archaeological findings, and/or of any environmental impacts, should they occur. Hiawatha First Nation requests you contact us if archaeological artifacts are found as we require our trained archaeological liaisons be present at the archaeological sites during the assessments. We also ask that you forward any archaeological reports to Hiawatha First Nation as they are completed. Any maps pertaining to the project should be sent to Hiawatha First Nation in a shape file.

Hiawatha First Nation reserves the right to provide additional comment should further development result in additional potential impact on our traditional territory and rights. Please be aware that while we request to be kept apprised throughout all phases of this project, we may not always have representation at all stakeholders meetings.

Further correspondence may be directed to my attention at the mailing address above or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

Tom Cowie
Core Consultation Worker
Hiawatha First Nation

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From: Reitmeier, Anthony
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 1:45 PM
To: Tom Cowie
Cc: alim@markham.ca; Erwin, Tara; Restrepo, Veronica; Ilic, Marija (City of Markham)
Subject: RE: Notice of commencement Victoria Square Blvd.
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Hello Mr. Cowie,

Further to my previous correspondence (see below), please find attached via Slingshot a copy of the Stage 1 & 2 Archaeological Assessment undertaken in support of the Victoria Square Environmental Assessment Study. Kindly follow the directions to download the file using the Slingshot tool.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Anthony Reitmeier, P.Eng.
D 647.777.4954 M 416.629.8639

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From: Reitmeier, Anthony
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Tom Cowie
Cc: Foong, Dan (DFoong@markham.ca); alim@markham.ca; Erwin, Tara; Restrepo, Veronica
Subject: RE: Notice of commencement Victoria Square Blvd.

Hello Mr. Cowie,

Thank you for your letter dated April 12, 2016 and for your interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment. As requested, you will be kept apprised of any archaeological findings, and you will continue to receive updates about the study via project notices. As part of this study we will be undertaking Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological assessments – once available, the findings from these assessments will be forwarded to you. In the meantime, please find attached shapefiles of the study area for your reference.

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Regards,

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From: Tom Cowie [<mailto:tcowie@hiawathafn.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Reitmeier, Anthony
Subject: Re; Notice of commencement Victoria Square Blvd.

Ahniin Anthony Reitmeier,

Attached is our letter of response for this project.

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Tom Cowie
Community Consultation Worker

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"We, the Mississauga of Hiawatha First Nation, are a vibrant, proud, independent and healthy people balanced in the richness of our Culture and Traditional way of life"

From: Reitmeier, Anthony
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Maxime Picard (maxime.picard@cnhw.qc.ca)
Cc: Lim, Alberto; Ilic, Marija (City of Markham); Restrepo, Veronica; Erwin, Tara
Subject: RE: Victoria Square Boulevard EA
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From: Maxime Picard [<mailto:maxime.picard@cnhw.qc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Reitmeier, Anthony
Subject: RE: Victoria Square Boulevard EA

Perfect.

As the Huron-Wendat Nation has many archaeological sites near the project we look forward to have access to those.

Thanks you

Maxime



NATION HURONNE-WENDAT
Bureau du Nionwentsïo

Maxime Picard, B. Sc. A.

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De : Reitmeier, Anthony [<mailto:Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com>]

Envoyé : 22 avril 2016 10:41

À : Maxime Picard

Cc : Erwin, Tara; Restrepo, Veronica

Objet : RE: Victoria Square Boulevard EA

Mr. Picard,

As part of this study we will be undertaking Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological assessments – once available, the findings from these assessments will be forwarded to you.

Regards,

Anthony Reitmeier, P.Eng.

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From: Maxime Picard [<mailto:maxime.picard@cnhw.qc.ca>]

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 10:34 AM

To: Reitmeier, Anthony

Subject: RE: Victoria Square Boulevard EA

Hello Anthony,

Thanks for those information.

Is there any archaeological assessment that has been regarding the project ?

Regards,

Maxime Picard



NATION HURONNE-WENDAT
Bureau du Nionwentsïo

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De : Reitmeier, Anthony [<mailto:Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com>]

Envoyé : 22 avril 2016 10:27

À : Maxime Picard

Cc : Melanie Vincent; Foong, Dan (DFoong@markham.ca); alim@markham.ca; Erwin, Tara; Restrepo, Veronica

Objet : RE: Victoria Square Boulevard EA

Hello Mr. Picard,

Thank you for your e-mail dated April 18, 2016 and for your interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment. As requested, please find attached shapefiles of the study area for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional comments or questions.

Regards,

Anthony Reitmeier, P.Eng.

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From: Maxime Picard [<mailto:maxime.picard@cnhw.qc.ca>]

Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 1:50 PM

To: Reitmeier, Anthony

Cc: Melanie Vincent

Subject: Victoria Square Boulevard EA

Hello Mr. Reitmeier,

I am writing to you concerning the Victoria Square Boulevard EA (see attached file).

Would it be possible for you to provide us the shapefiles of the study zone ?

Regards,

Maxime Picard



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Wendake, June 22nd 2016

Alberto S. Lim
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Subject: Huron-Wendat Nation input on Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard
(from Woodbine Ave. to Woodbine Ave.)

Sir,

Kwe,

We would like to thank you for your letter dated June 2, 2016 addressed to our Nation regarding the Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard Project. The Huron-Wendat Nation (HWN) is pleased to be involved in this important project. We would like to be present to the Open House #1 related to the project but due to a schedule already overloaded we will not be able to attend. However, by this letter, we want to provide our input and concerns about the project and its potential effects on our cultural and archaeological sites. We have a great interest in this process since the area of the project is part of our ancestral lands. Considering that numerous archaeological sites of high importance are present in the project zone (see attached map) added to the fact that the potential to uncover additional sites is very high in this area, the engagement of our Nation in a project of this scope is essential.

As representatives of a Nation believing in alliances and cooperation, this project represents a great opportunity of continuing to build and reinforcing our mutual relation, understanding of issues, discuss expectations, opportunities, partnerships and solutions.

Therefore, any project decisions that could possibly have an impact on those sites will have to be discussed, designed, and built in respect of applicable consultation and accommodation laws and regulations, jurisprudence and cultural rights of the HWN. The Huron-Wendat Nation has to be involved in any project that could potentially impact our heritage. Furthermore, we speak for ourselves and our Grand Chief and Council have vehemently repeated that no other First Nations or Aboriginal groups can speak on our behalf or for our ancestors and heritage. Our Council has adopted a resolution on this matter, please see the attached document.

For all these reasons, our Nation would like to request that a Huron-Wendat monitor be present during the necessary archaeological phases and that every archaeological studies must be

submitted to us for our review. Should artefacts or human remains be uncovered, the Huron-Wendat must be contacted directly. Our heritage being unequivocal in the area, the Huron-Wendat Nation has to be consulted and involved accordingly all along the project phases.

We look forward to work with you and remain available to further discuss about the Victoria Square Project in a spirit of collaboration.

Please receive, Sir, our best regards.

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Louis Lesage
Director, Nionwentsïo Office

c.c. : Grand Chef Konrad Sioui
Chef Line Gros-Louis

encl. Map showing the Huron-Wendat historical and archaeological sites in the study area
Resolution of the HWN regarding the archaeological and cultural heritage Ontario
HWN Go Rail Network Map

From: Fawn Sault [<mailto:Fawn.Sault@newcreditfirstnation.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 4:18 PM

To: Development Services In Box

Cc: Chris Neill; Mark LaForme

Subject: MNCFN Response to the Class EA for Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard from Woodbine Avenue to Woodbine Avenue

Dear Ms. Lam,

Thank you for the notification sent to The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) regarding *the Class Environmental Assessment Study for Improvements to Victoria Square*. We have reviewed the document you have provided and determined that, at this time, MNCFN has a **low level** of concern about the project. ***Please see the attached letter for more information.***

Respectfully, we ask that you immediately notify MNCFN if there are any changes to the project as they may impact MNCFN's interests. Additionally, MNCFN requests a copy of all associated environmental and/or archaeological reports. These can be electronic copies, if you prefer. Furthermore, MNCFN employs Field Liaison Representatives who **must** be on location whenever any fieldwork for environmental and/or archaeological assessments is undertaken. If additional work is scheduled, please notify us as soon as possible so that we may work together to discuss and arrange for MNCFN's participation.

Sincerely,

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May 12, 2016

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Dear Ms. Lam,

We are the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN), the descendants of the Mississaugas of the River Credit. Our traditional territory extends from the Rouge River Valley in the east, across to the headwaters of the Thames River, down to Long Point on Lake Erie, and back along the shores of Lake Erie, the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario to the Rouge River Valley. It encompasses present-day London, Hamilton, and Toronto, as well as our communal lands. Our traditional territory has defined and sustained us as a First Nation for countless generations, and must continue to do so for all our generations to come.

Thank you for your notification on *the Class Environmental Assessment Study for Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard from Woodbine Avenue to Woodbine Avenue* dated April 8, 2016. The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) has various treaty rights across its traditional territory, including the area contemplated by your project. For further information, please see our website, <http://www.newcreditfirstnation.com/>. MNCFN continues to exercise treaty rights which include, but are not limited to, rights to harvest, fish, trap and gather species of plants, animals and insects for any purpose including food, social, ceremonial, trade and exchange purposes. The MNCFN also has the right to use the water and resources from the rivers, creeks and lands across the MNCFN traditional territory.

At this time, MNCFN *does not* have a high level of concern regarding the proposed project and therefore, by way of this letter, approves the continuation of this project. However, MNCFN requests that you continue to notify us about the status of the project. **In addition, we respectfully ask you to immediately notify us if there are any changes to the project as they**

may impact MNCFN's interests and that you please provide us with a copy of all associated environmental and archaeology reports. This includes, but is not limited to changes related to the scope of work and expected archaeological and environmental impacts.

Additionally, MNCFN employs Field Liaison Representatives ("FLRs") to act as official representatives of the community and who are answerable to MNCFN Chief and Council through the Department of Consultation and Accommodation. The FLRs' mandate is to ensure that MNCFN's perspectives and priorities are considered in the field and to enable MNCFN to provide timely, relevant, and meaningful comment on the Project. Therefore, **it is MNCFN policy that FLRs are on location whenever any fieldwork for environmental and/or archaeological assessments are undertaken.** It is expected that the proponent will cover the costs of this FLR participation in the fieldwork. Please also provide the contact information of the person, or consultant, in charge of organizing this work so they may facilitate the participation of the MNCFN FLRs.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as to affect the Aboriginal or Treaty rights and hence shall not limit any consultation and accommodation owed to MNCFN by the Crown or any proponent, as recognized by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, of any other First Nation.

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Sincerely,

Fawn D. Sault
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cc – Mark LaForme; Director, Department of Consultation and Accommodation



July 21, 2017

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cc – Mark LaForme; Director, Department of Consultation and Accommodation

From: Reitmeier, Anthony
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 2:18 PM
To: DOCA@mncfn.ca
Cc: Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca; Lim, Alberto; Ilic, Marija (City of Markham); Restrepo, Veronica; Erwin, Tara
Subject: RE: Open House #2 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule C Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard dated June 1st, 2017.
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Good afternoon,

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All remaining environmental studies will be available along with the Environmental Study Report (ESR) upon project filing. You will receive the Notice of Study Completion in the near future which will provide directions to access the ESR and associated environmental studies.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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From: DOCA [<mailto:DOCA@mncfn.ca>]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:28 PM
To: Lim, Alberto <ALim@markham.ca>
Cc: Fawn Sault <Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca>
Subject: Open House #2 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule C Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard dated June 1st, 2017.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Chief R. Donald Maracle
The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.

Restrepo, Veronica

From: Reitmeier, Anthony
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Caron Smith
Cc: Lam, Alice; Lim, Alberto; Erwin, Tara; Restrepo, Veronica
Subject: RE: Class EA study for improvements to Victoria Square Blvd. - Notice of study commencement

Thank you for your e-mail dated May 2, 2016 regarding the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment. As requested, you will continue to receive updates about the study via project notices.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional comments or questions.

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Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 2:48 PM
To: Reitmeier, Anthony
Subject: Class EA study for improvements to Victoria Square Blvd. - Notice of study commencement

Good Afternoon, further to the above notice, we have no further comment, however wish to be kept up to date on this project.

Thank you

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