

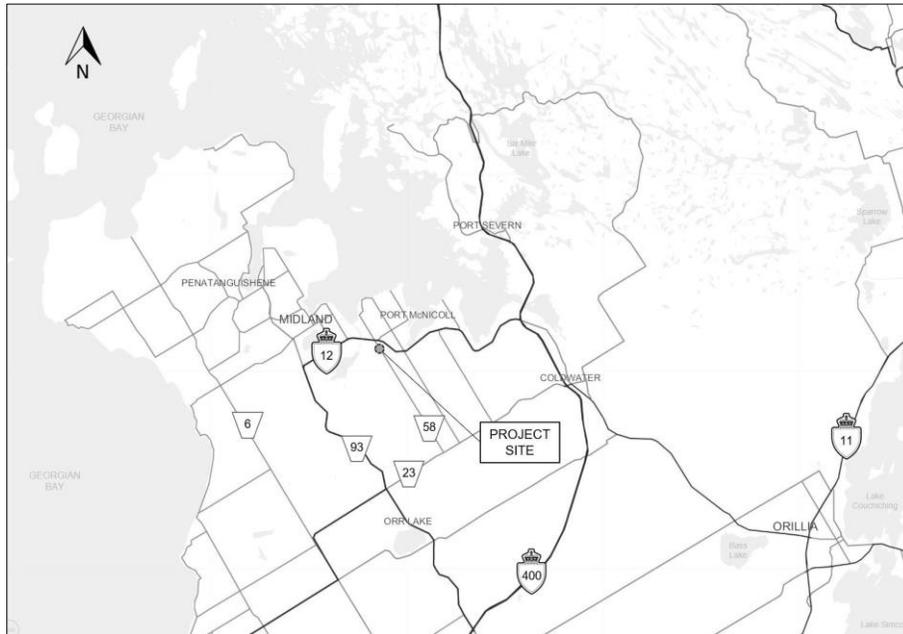


NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Municipal Class Environmental Study for the Replacement of Old Fort Road (Simcoe County Road 58) Overhead Bridge (Simcoe Structure #058086)

THE PROJECT

The County of Simcoe has retained LEA Consulting Ltd. (LEA) to undertake a Detail Design and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study for the replacement of the Old Fort Road (Simcoe County 58) Overhead Bridge over the Trans Canada Trail (abandoned CN Railway Line). The existing bridge structure consists of three (3) concrete slab spans on prestressed voided slab and reinforced concrete piers and abutments. The bridge crossing is approximately 300 m south of Highway 12 (see Key Map).



THE STUDY PROCESS

The study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule B of the MCEA (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) process. The outcome of the study identified three (3) alternatives to replace the existing bridge: Option 1 Single-span Bridge, Option 2 Tunnel Structure and Option 3 At-grade Crossing. The result of the evaluation determined that the Option 1 Single-span Bridge was the technically preferred alternative to replace the existing bridge. This notice marks the completion of the MCEA study process.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

A Project File has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process for this study. With this Notice, the Project File is being placed on the public record for a 30-day review period from February 9, 2023 – March 10, 2023. The Project File is available for review on the County's website at: www.simcoe.ca/OldFortBridge

As a part of the study, the Project Team is requesting your comments, questions, input and/or concerns regarding this project. Please direct any response to the undersigned by **March 10, 2023**.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study, or that conditions may be imposed, only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Request on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requesters contact information and full name for the Ministry. Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested, how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to the Project Team and the following:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in the project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* RSO, 1990, c.F.31. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français sur demande.