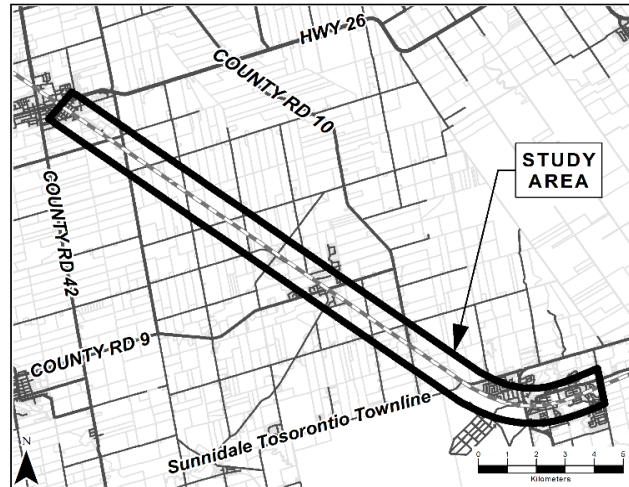


Notice of Study Completion
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Barrie Collingwood Railway Active Transportation Trail

The Study

The County of Simcoe has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to provide inter-community active transportation with the development of the Barrie Collingwood Railway (BCRY) Active Transportation Trail, between Stayer (Township of Clearview) and Angus (Township of Essa) for a distance of 23 km. The site location and approximate extent of the Study Area are shown on the map.



The preferred solution is Alternative 6: Hybrid - On Existing Rail Bed and Beside the Existing Rail Bed Where Practical. Existing railway steel would be removed and salvaged while the existing rail ties would be buried with granular material. The new 3.0 m wide trail would be located on top of the buried rail ties for the majority of the trail and located beside the trail for 2.2 km.

The Process

The Study followed Schedule B of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, & 2015), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The MCEA process includes: consultation with agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities and public; alternative design concepts for the preferred solution; an assessment of potential environmental impacts; and, identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts.

Project File Report

A Project File Report (PFR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process of the study. By this notice, the PFR will be placed on the public record for a 30-day review period starting February 9, 2023, and ending March 10, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of the MCEA process. An electronic copy of the PFR is available for viewing at <https://www.simcoe.ca/BCRYTrail>.

If you are unable to visit the website or require additional assistance with the materials, or to provide comments or concerns about this project, please contact either of the following Project Team members by 4:30 pm, March 10, 2023:

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If there are outstanding concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, a request for an order requiring a higher level of study or conditions on those matters should be addressed in writing to the Minister of the Environment and the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry. The request should be sent by 4:30 pm, March 10, 2023 in writing or by email to:

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Comments about other project concerns should be directed to the County for a response.

Project and notice information will be made accessible upon request in accordance with the Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

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.

This Notice was first issued on February 9, 2023.