



Region of Waterloo

Public Consultation Centre & Notice of Study Commencement

Class Environmental Assessment for Ottawa Street (Regional Road 4), Between Elmsdale Drive and Imperial Drive

You are invited to our first Public Consultation Centre to provide your input into the planning for operational and safety improvements for the Ottawa Street Corridor.

Date: October 28, 2009

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (drop in anytime)

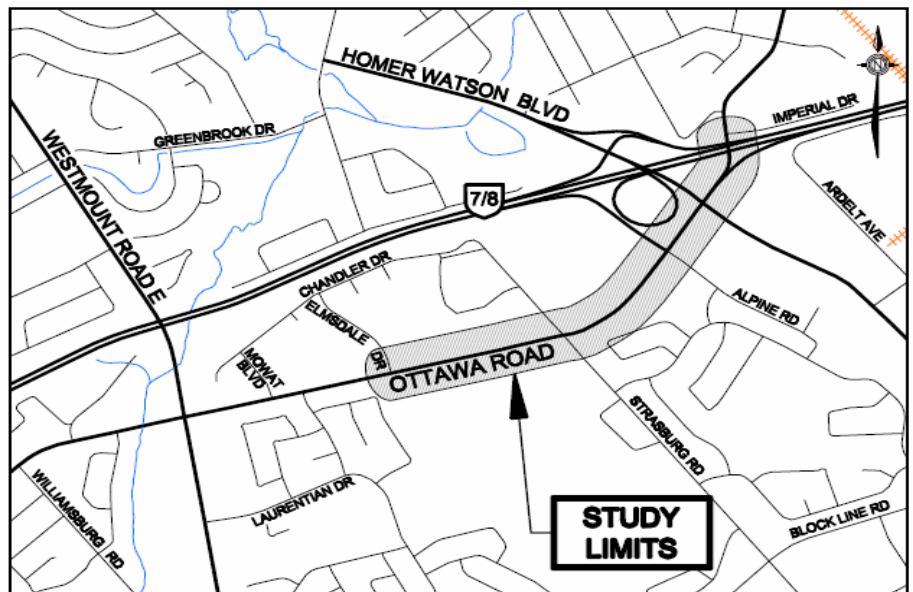
Location: Alpine Public School, 75 Lucerne Drive, Kitchener, ON

BACKGROUND

The Region of Waterloo is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment study for the development of an operational and safety improvement strategy for the Ottawa Street Corridor from Elmsdale Drive to Imperial Drive, in the City of Kitchener. Please refer to key plan.

The need for improved traffic operations and safety has been identified.

Ottawa Street (Regional Road 4), between Elmsdale Drive and Imperial Drive, has experienced unusual collision patterns caused by traffic demand and extensive queuing as eastbound vehicles back-up through the intersection of Ottawa Street and Homer Watson Boulevard to access the Highway 7/8 on-ramp. This long eastbound queue was found to be a major contributor to the unusual collision patterns along Ottawa Street. The study area has four intersections within the Region's top 10 collision locations for the period of 2003 to 2007.



THE PROCESS

This notice is being provided pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act, the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, dated October 2000, as amended in 2007 and the direction of the Ministry of Environment.

As part of the study, one or more Public Consultation Centres (PCC) will be held. The PCC meetings are designed to provide interested members of the public, local business community and agencies an opportunity to meet the project team, review the study scope and discuss project issues including alternative solutions, environmental considerations and evaluation criteria.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Region of Waterloo encourages members of the public, stakeholder groups and agencies to actively participate in this study by attending public consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. If you wish to be added to the project mailing list, or would like further information on the project and any future public meetings, please visit our website at www.region.waterloo.on.ca/ottawa, or contact:

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Accessibility: This event is accessible for people with disabilities. Accessible parking is available. If you require assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, or to access information in alternate formats, please contact Mr. Wayne Cheater at least five days prior to the meeting.

Collection: All comments and information received from individuals, stakeholder groups and agencies regarding this project are being collected to assist the Region of Waterloo in making a decision. Under the Municipal Act, personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location that may be included in a submission becomes part of the public record. Questions regarding the collection of this information should be referred to Mr. Wayne Cheater.