



**COUNTY OF BRUCE
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
WEST ROAD**

TOWN OF SOUTH BRUCE PENINSULA & MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN BRUCE PENINSULA

PROBLEM STATEMENT

The County issued a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) 'Notice of Commencement' for the West Road on August 11, 2015. Comments were received through attending Municipal Council meetings, hosting two discretionary public information sessions and correspondence from stakeholders. The comments received were considered in the preparation of this problem statement.

Problem

The West Road (composed of road sections known as Bryant Street, Huron Road, Howdenvale Road, Daddy Weir Road and West Road that represents approximately 29km) has a number of deficiencies, that includes:

- road encroachments on private property,
- road geometry,
- inadequate road structure,
- poor road surface condition.

Problem Statement

To assess existing conditions and develop a preferred solution for road improvements to address West Road deficiencies.

Acknowledgment

The County acknowledged the following concerns raised at the Municipal Council meetings, discretionary public information sessions and through correspondence received.

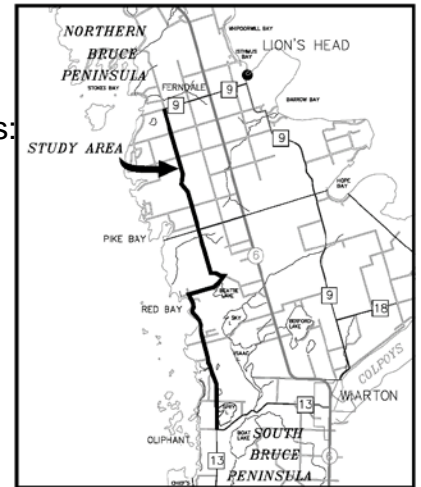
- the EA for the West Road is not related to any wind power development;
- any widening of the existing road allowance will be applied locally and based on addressing the problem statement;
- the EA will include a review of existing environmental conditions, assessment of potential effects on the environment of alternative solutions and an identification of potential effects on the environment of the preferred solution;
- concern over road use safety will be evaluated; and
- the EA will include consultation with the Saugeen Ojibway Nations and Métis.

Path Forward

The County will begin Phase 2 of the EA process which includes the following items:

- Identify alternative solutions to problem,
- Select EA schedule,
- Inventory natural, social, economic environment,
- Identify impact of alternative solutions on the environment and mitigating measures,
- Consult review agencies and public,
- Tentatively schedule Public Information Sessions for early summer 2016,
- Select preferred solution,
- Review and confirm choice of EA schedule.

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