

Document 4 Summary of Consultation Plan

Consultation is a key principle of successful environmental assessment planning and a requirement of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for a Schedule C study. Consultation efforts for the Earl Armstrong Road Extension EA study involved a broad range of stakeholders, including residents, community associations, property owners, businesses, regulatory and approval agencies, Indigenous People, City Accessibility Advisory Committee, various City departments, and special interest groups.

Three Consultation Groups were created to assist the EA study team in advancing the study by providing input at key decision points in the study process. These were the Agency, Business, and Public Consultation Groups:

- The Agency Consultation Group (ACG) primarily includes representatives from government agencies and approval bodies. The ACG ensures that the City is following the relevant procedures, legislation and policies.
- The Business Consultation Group (BCG) enables business owners and private sector property owners to inform and provide input to the study, advising and commenting on local economic and business issues and concerns.
- The Public Consultation Group enables community associations, community groups, special interest groups, Advisory Committees, and adjacent property owners to provide direct input to the study, advising and commenting on local issues and concerns.

Early in the study process, stakeholders were identified through consultation with Ward Councillors. Contact lists were maintained and updated throughout the process.

Numerous focused stakeholder meetings were held throughout the study to discuss specific issues and opportunities. This included meetings with the directly affected landowners and businesses.

The public was notified of the Environmental Assessment study commencement and two Public Open Houses that were held as part of the consultation process.

Every person who had an interest in the study has the opportunity to learn and participate in the study through open houses, by visiting the City's project website at: www.Ottawa.ca/earlarmstrong, and by contacting the project manager. All persons or organizations that expressed an interest in the project were added to the project mailing list and received information about the study as it progressed.

Two sets of Agency, Business, and Public Consultation Group meetings and two Open Houses were held over the course of the study. A summary of the consultation dates and locations is provided below.

At the first set of Consultation Group meetings and the first Public Open House, participants were presented information and engaged in discussion on the need and opportunities for the road extension, an overview of existing conditions, evaluation of alternative solutions, preliminary preferred solution, screening and evaluation of alternative corridors, and the preliminary preferred corridor.

First Agency Consultation Group Meeting	First Business Consultation Group Meeting	First Public Consultation Group Meeting	First Public Open House
November 1, 2018 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Ottawa City Hall 26 members attended	November 14, 2018 3:30 to 5:30 pm Fred Barrett Arena 23 members attended	November 14, 2018 6:30 to 8:30 pm Fred Barrett Arena 4 members attended	January 16, 2019 6:00 to 9:00 pm Fred Barrett Arena 31 individuals signed in

At the second round of Consultation Group meetings and the second Public Open House, participants were engaged in discussion and received information on the overview of the project progress to date, confirmation of project need and opportunities for the road extension, the preferred solution and corridor, feedback heard to date, design considerations, mitigation measures and the Preliminary Recommended Plan.

Second Agency Consultation Group Meeting	Second Business Consultation Group Meeting	Second Public Consultation Group Meeting	Second Public Open House
March 18, 2019 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Ottawa City Hall 20 members attended	March 20, 2019 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Falcon Ridge Golf Club 10 members attended	March 20, 2019 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Falcon Ridge Golf Club 9 members attended	April 3, 2019 6:00 to 9:00 pm Falcon Ridge Golf Club 45 individuals signed in

The public open houses included bilingual display boards, a PowerPoint presentation and a question-and-answer period delivered by the bilingual study team. Project information summary sheets and questionnaires were distributed. All display materials were posted on the project website in accessible format to allow for additional feedback.

The material presented at the first Public Open House included information on:

- Study Overview, Process and Schedule
- Consultation Activities
- Transportation Need and Study Area Context
- Planning Framework
- Planning Objectives
- 2003 Limebank Road EA Spratt to Albion
- Overview of Existing Conditions – Social and Natural Environment and Infrastructure
- Overview of Existing Conditions – Physical Environment and Social Environment
- Review and Screening of Alternative Solutions
- Preliminary Preferred Solution
- Alternative Corridor Screening Criteria
- Long List of Alternative Corridors
- Short List of Preferred Corridors and Evaluation
- Focused Evaluation #1 Albion Road to the Casino Wetland (Leitrim PSW) Alternatives
- Focused Evaluation #2 Casino Wetland (Leitrim PSW) and the Raceway Facilities Alternatives
- Focused Evaluation #3 East to Bank Street Alternatives
- Focused Evaluation #3 East to Bank Street Alternatives Cross Sections
- Focused Evaluation #4 Bank Street Crossing Alternatives
- Focused Evaluation #5 Bank Street to Hawthorne Road Alternatives
- Preliminary Preferred Corridor
- Preliminary Draft Corridor Design – Interim
- Preliminary Draft Corridor Design – Long Term
- Preferred Design Refinement
- Accessibility in the Design
- Property Implications and Future Acquisition Processes

- Next Steps.

Notification of the Open House occurred through email reminders to the project stakeholder list, notices on the project website as well as advertisements in citywide newspapers on the following dates:

- South Community Voice on December 20, 2018
- Le Droit and the Ottawa Citizen on January 4 and 11, 2019

The material presented at the second Public Open House included information on:

- Study Overview, Process and Schedule
- Consultation Activities
- Transportation Need and Study Area Context
- Planning Framework
- Planning Objectives
- Long List of Alternative Corridors
- Short List of Preferred Corridors and Evaluation
- What We Have Heard So Far (summary of consultations to date)
- The Recommended Plan
- Recommended Corridor
- Design Considerations – Roadway Interconnectivity Options
- Design Considerations – Rural vs. Urban Cross-Sections
- Design Considerations – Accommodating Pedestrians and Cyclists
- Design Considerations – Transit Priority Measures and Transit Connectivity
- Accessibility in the Design
- Preliminary Recommended Plan – Phase 1: Albion Road to Bank Street
- Preliminary Recommended Plan – Phase 2: Bank Street to Hawthorne Road
- Preliminary Recommended Plan – Bank Street Crossing
- Elements of the Recommended Plan – Low Impact Design for Stormwater Management
- Preliminary Recommended Plan – Eco-crossings and Landscape Strategy

- Mitigating Noise and Vibration Impacts
- Other Proposed Mitigation Measures
- Property Implications and Future Acquisition Processes
- Next Steps

Notification of the Open House occurred through email reminders to the project stakeholders, notices on the project website, on social media, and through advertisements in citywide newspapers on the following dates:

- South Community Voice Thursday March 14 and 28, 2019
- Le Droit and the Ottawa Citizen Friday March 22 and 29, 2019.

A resource table was provided at both open houses that included copies of the City of Ottawa Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan and supporting Pedestrian and Cycling Plans, the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, a guide to Municipal Class Environmental Assessments, and the Provincial Policy Statement. A handout for the EA study was also made available, highlighting the study's need and objectives and progress made to date. To further assist in obtaining feedback from attendees, a Comment-Questionnaire was distributed at both events. Members of the public were encouraged to provide written comments and submit them either before leaving the open house or by email or regular mail.

Input received as part of the EA's consultation efforts informed all components of the EA study, including the evaluation of alternative solutions, corridors and designs, and the preparation of the recommended plan. The Environmental Study Report contains the summary of key comments and questions received and how they were addressed as part of the EA process.