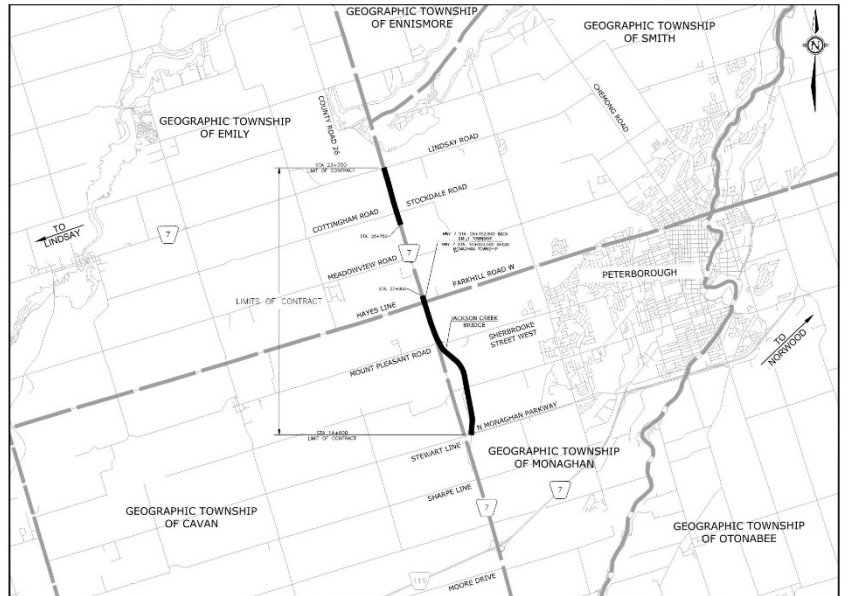


PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and their Consultant, Ainley Group, have completed the *Design and Construction Report (DCR)* for the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for Highway 7 from County Road 26 (Fowler’s Corners) to County Road 15 (North Monaghan Parkway), excluding a 2.2 kilometre (km) section from 1.1 km north of Lily Lake Road to 0.2 km north of Park Hill Road West. The DCR builds upon the recommended operational improvements identified as part of preliminary design activities for the Highway 7 corridor.



The recommended plan includes; highway resurfacing, signal upgrades, the replacement or rehabilitation of eleven (11) culverts / storm drains, the addition of left turn lanes at Stockdale Road, improvements to the southbound right turn lane at Maple Grove Road, and resurfacing of Jackson Creek Bridge.

Highway 7 and the intersecting roadways are expected to remain open during construction; however, short duration traffic delays may result from lane reductions associated with the proposed undertaking. Originally, night works were not anticipated; however, to fulfill design criteria, limited night work has been determined to be a requirement to facilitate the open-cut culvert replacement activities. Night work will be restricted to, up to four (4) weeknights with exact timing dependent on the successful contractor’s construction schedule. Advanced signing will be placed in strategic locations on the highway and intersecting roads advising traffic of the temporary lane closures and night work. Additional information can be found on the project website at <https://hwy7cr15cr26.com/>.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The Study followed the approved planning process for a Group B undertaking in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout. The DCR outlines the environmental assessment process followed, consultation, design details existing environmental conditions, impacts and mitigation measures, and contract specifications for construction.

The purpose of this notice is to initiate the public comment period for the DCR. We are interested in hearing your comments regarding this Study and the DCR. **A copy of the DCR will be available for a 30-day public comment period at <https://hwy7cr15cr26.com> and at the following locations during normal business hours from March 25, 2026 to April 24, 2026.**

Ministry of Transportation
Eastern Region
1355 John Counter Boulevard
Kingston, Ontario
K7L 5A3

Cavan Monaghan Library
2199 Davis Road
Cavan Monaghan, Ontario
K9J 0G5

If you have any accessibility needs to review the DCR, please contact one of the project team members below.

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the DCR and provide comments to the Project Team by **April 24, 2026**. To provide comments, or if you wish to be added to the study mailing list, visit the project website (<https://hwy7cr15cr26.com>) or contact the following team members:

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the ground that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive EA), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements. This will ensure that the Ministry is able to efficiently review the request.

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Email: Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch

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135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor

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A copy of the request should also be sent to the team members (MTO and Ainley Group) by mail or email at the contact information provided above.

Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

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