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**Prince Edward County  
Design & Construction of a New Connecting Road Construction  
(Street A)**

**Municipal Class Environmental Assessment  
Schedule "B"**

**Environmental Study Report File**

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**Project Objective**

Jewell Engineering Inc. was contracted to provide engineering services to Prince Edward County for the purpose of undertaking a Schedule B, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the construction of Part of a New Connecting Road (Street A), Highway 33 (Loyalist Parkway) to Talbot Street in Picton, Prince Edward County.

The section of road being considered in this EA is strictly within the defined limits of the proposed new commercial development, from the north limit of the commercial development to the north limit of the setback limit established by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) of Highway 33 (Loyalist Parkway).

A separate, individual "Class Environmental Assessment for Improvements to Highway 33 (Loyalist Parkway)" is being undertaken in parallel to this study to complete an Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design of the intersection of the New Road and Highway 33 (Loyalist Parkway).

There is a proposed private residential subdivision development (Rollins Subdivision) to the north of this study area which is being advanced through the Planning Act process with Prince Edward County.

The total length of this section of road, and this study area is approximately 0.145 km. The New Connecting Road requires construction to provide part of a new Connector Road from Highway 33 (Loyalist Parkway) to Talbot Street, and for access to the proposed new commercial development.

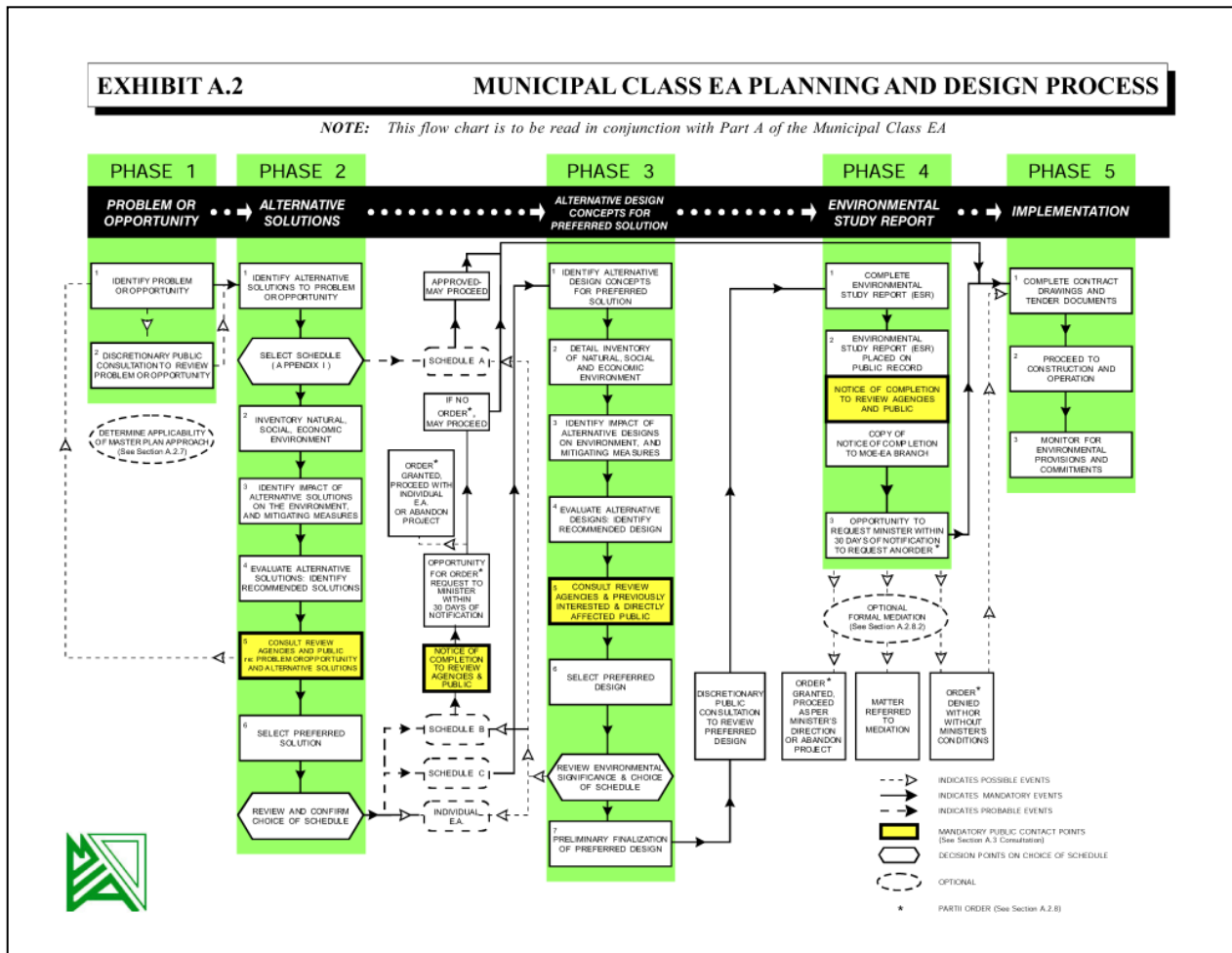
The County requires the construction of an urban cross section with curb and gutter, sidewalks and storm sewers. Included as part of the project, the County will install electrical, sanitary sewer and watermain infrastructure within the new road allowance to serve the adjacent commercial development and extend to the Rollins Subdivision.

## Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process

Find below Exhibit A.2, Municipal Class EA Planning and Design Process from the Municipal Class EA Manual which is a flow chart detailing Phase 1 to 5 of the Municipal Class EA process. A list of the five phases can be found below for reference.

1. Problem or Opportunity
2. Alternative Solutions
3. Alternative Design Concepts for Preferred Solution
4. Environmental Study Report
5. Implementation

A Schedule B project requires the Owner to complete phases 1, 2 & 5 of the process. This report summarizes the Schedule B process undertaken by the County for the project.



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## Project Options

As the project objective is clear and straight forward, the project goal can be achieved without the need of considering many options. The following options for the travelled portion of the road were considered as part of the EA:

- Do nothing
- Four (4) Lane Urban Road with Centre Median (No Designated Left Turn Lanes)
- Four (4) Lane Urban Road with Centre Median (Designated Left Turn Lanes)
- Two (2) Lane Urban Road with Centre Turning Lane

The following options for Active Transportation were considered as part of the EA:

- Do Nothing
- Concrete Sidewalk

The above proposed works meet the project objectives. The option of “do nothing” was disregarded at the outset as the roadway and its infrastructure is in need as stated.

The preliminary recommended design was:

- Four (4) Lane Urban Road with Centre Median (No Designated Left Turn Lanes)
- Concrete Sidewalk

The County is proceeding with a detailed design for a Four (4) Lane Urban Road with Centre Median (No Designated Left Turn Lanes) and Concrete Sidewalks on both sides of the road. The length(s) of centre median will be determined as part of the detailed design process.

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## Agency Consultation

All regulatory agencies including the Quinte Conservation A, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Transportation Ontario, etc, were notified of the project as part of the EA process.

In addition, Aboriginal Consultation and Utility Consultation was also completed for the project.

There were no objections or significant obstacles provided in the responses received.

A permit from the Quinte Conservation will not be required for the project.

A copy of all correspondence, including any responses, can be found in the Appendix of this report.

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### **Public Consultation**

There were three (3) points of contact with the public for this project being the publication of the EA Notice of Commencement, Public Information Centre, and finally the EA Notice of Completion. All notices were published in the local newspapers and on the Prince Edward County website.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held for the above noted project at the Prince Edward Community Centre, 375 Picton Main Street on January 23, 2019, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The County was represented at the meeting by Mr. Robert McAuley and Mr. Peter Moyer. Mr. Chris Bradley and Mr. Bryon Keene from Jewell Engineering Inc. were on-hand to present the project and the EA process to those in attendance.

The public was notified of the meeting via local newspapers as well as notices posted on the County website. Agencies, Utilities and First Nations were provided notice by mail.

Those in attendance were encouraged to sign the attendance sheet and provide any written comments on the project, though we have assumed that not all those at the meeting signed the attendance sheet.

Those in attendance were in general approval of the project and were advised that any further comments can be sent to the office of Jewell Engineering Inc.

Copies of the displays presented at the PIC along with the comment sheets from the public meeting can be found in the appendix of this report. The names of those who had provided written comments at the PIC have been removed for their privacy.

Following the PIC meeting, the presentation material was posted on the Prince Edward County website.

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### **Completion of The Environmental Assessment**

As the County has gone through the Schedule B Municipal Class EA process, the final step in the process is to publish the EA Notice of Completion and place the Environmental Study Report on public record. A copy of the EA Notice of Completion must also be sent to the review agencies and the Ministry of Environment.

The public has up to thirty (30) days from the publication date to object to the project and, if concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved at this review phase, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environment assessments. If no requests for alterations are received during the thirty (30) day review period, the County is able to proceed with the detail design and construction of the project as detailed.

Following the expiration of this screening period and following the receipt of any comments from the public, First Nations and the approval agencies, it is recommended that the County proceed with the final phase of this project being the Implementation Phase. This phase includes detail design and tendering of the project followed by construction, which has been tentatively scheduled for the construction season of 2019.

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