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**RE: Ontario Ministry of Transportation - Notice of Public Information Centre
Highway 26 from the community of Thornbury to the Town of The Blue Mountains /
Town of Collingwood Boundary (G.W.P. 3119-10-00)**

To Whom It May Concern,

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained MMM Group Limited (formerly McCormick Rankin) to undertake the Preliminary and Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the rehabilitation of 13.2 km on Highway 26 from the east limits of the community of Thornbury to the Town of The Blue Mountains / Town of Collingwood boundary, in Grey County.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend a session for external agencies and municipalities on **March 27, 2014** between 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. The PIC has been arranged to provide agencies, interest groups, and members of the public an opportunity to review and comment on the study process, existing conditions, proposed improvements, and the next steps in the study.

The PIC will be held as follows:

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

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| Date: | March 27, 2014 |
| Location: | Beaver Valley Community Centre, Large Hall 58 Alfred Street West Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0 |
| Time: | Preview Session: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open House Format: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. |

Should you require further information regarding this study, you may contact either one of the Project Managers on the enclosed notice.

Yours truly,
MMM Group Limited



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cc: Charles Organ, MTO, Senior Project Manager
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Greg Moore, MMM Group Limited, Consultant Environmental Planner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

Highway 26 from the Community of Thornbury to the Town of The Blue Mountains/Town of Collingwood Boundary (G.W.P. 3119-10-00)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **MMM Group Limited** (formerly McCormick Rankin) to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (EA) for the rehabilitation of 13.2 km on Highway 26 from the east limits of the community of Thornbury to the Town of The Blue Mountains/Town of Collingwood boundary, in Grey County (see key plan).

The proposed works being considered include pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, entrance modifications/removals and parking access to Shale Beach.

THE STUDY PROCESS

The study is following the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) process for a Group 'B' project, a category relating to major improvements to provincial transportation facilities. External agency and public consultation will take place throughout the study.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report will be prepared and made available for public review. A notice will be published at that time in this newspaper to explain the review process.

If during the study, it is determined that there are no significant environmental effects associated with the project, MTO may decide to reclassify the project into a different project category. A notice would be published in this newspaper advising of the change and providing an opportunity to comment.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The Public Information Centre (PIC) provides an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project. The PIC provides the community with an opportunity to review the study process, existing conditions, proposed improvements and next steps in the study. The PIC will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. MTO and consultant members of the Project Team will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The PIC will be held as follows:

Date: March 27, 2014
Location: Beaver Valley Community Centre, Large Hall
58 Alfred Street West
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We are interested in obtaining your comments by **April 28, 2014**. To provide comments, obtain additional information, or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements for attending the PIC, please contact one of the Project Team members. 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.

