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Notice of Study Completion

December 21, 2023

Kensington Bridge Environmental Assessment

The City of London has completed the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study to identify, evaluate and determine the best long-term rehabilitation or replacement alternative solution and design concept for the Kensington Bridge (refer to Figure 1). The Environmental Assessment study recommends rehabilitation of the bridge with an arrangement that accommodates motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed works are sensitive to the cultural heritage value of the bridge, while extending the functional service life of the bridge by 50 years. This study was completed following the 'Schedule C' process of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015). The recommended rehabilitation improvements include:

- Replacement of the concrete deck slab and repairs to substructure components.
- Repair and coating of structural steel components.
- Replacement of the existing pedestrian railing with a new railing system that replicates the aesthetic appeal of the original design.
- Construction of a crash tested barrier system on the north side of the bridge.
- Construction of decorative pillars with a name and date stone on the west end of the bridge similar to the original pillars which were removed in 2006.
- Increased travel lane widths from 3.0 m to 3.25 m to correspond closer to City Standards. Increased sidewalk widths from 1.83 m to 2.00 m as well as a raised 2.40 m wide cycle track.



Figure 1: Kensington Bridge Environmental Assessment Study Area

Environmental Study Report

An Environmental Study Report has been prepared and a copy will be placed on public record on January 8, 2024 for thirty (30) calendar days. The Environmental Study Report can be reviewed by members of the public and/or any other interested party on the City of London's Get Involved website, at <https://getinvolved.london.ca/kensingtonbridge>. A hard copy will be available for review at the London Public Library – Central Branch – 251 Dundas Street, during regular hours and at the City of London Clerk's office 3rd floor (300 Dufferin Avenue) during regular hours of operation.

If there are any outstanding concerns or issues with this project during the 30-day review period, please address them to the City staff listed below and we will attempt to seek a mutually acceptable resolution.

Under Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act a request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order to require the City to undertake a higher level of assessment may only be made on the grounds that the order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on the existing Aboriginal or Treaty rights of an indigenous community. Requests under Section 16 can be made to:

**Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks**

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**Director, Environmental Assessment
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If no issues or concerns are raised by February 7, 2024, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and may proceed with detailed design, tendering and construction of the recommended works as outlined in the Environmental Study Report.

To provide comments, please contact either of the following team members no later than February 7, 2024:

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Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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