



CITY OF BRANTFORD

THREE GRAND RIVER CROSSINGS

MUNICIPAL CLASS EA

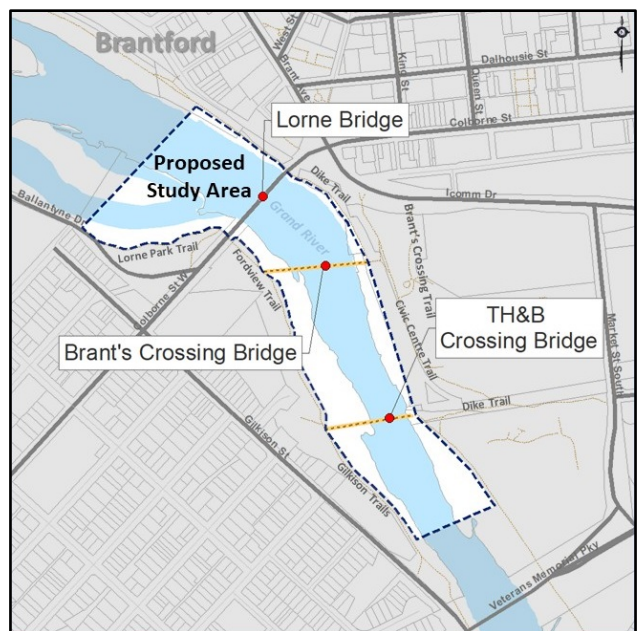
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The Study

The City of Brantford has initiated a Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for three bridges over the Grand River, including the Lorne Bridge, Brant's Crossing Bridge and the TH&B Crossing Bridge. The study encompasses an area approximately 175 metres wide starting 200 metres north of Lorne Bridge to 200 metres south of the TH&B Crossing Bridge along the Grand River. The study is intended to identify the short and long-term plans for the three Grand River Bridges. The study will include determining the feasibility of removing the winter load limit on Lorne Bridge and the need for one or both of the TH&B Crossing and Brant's Crossing Bridges based on an assessment of the technical, social and environmental factors, including impacts to the active transportation network and the risks of future flooding events of the Grand River.

The Process

The EA will be conducted as a Schedule 'B' Project in accordance with the "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment" (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015) which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA process includes public and agency consultation, an evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of potential environmental effects of the proposed work and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts.



Virtual Public Information Centre

A virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) has been arranged to provide an overview of the project, including the EA process, alternative solutions being considered and criteria that will be used to evaluate the alternatives. All content and instructions on how to submit questions will be posted on the project webpage:

www.brantford.ca/ThreeGrandRiverCrossings

PIC boards and a video walkthrough of their content will be posted on Wednesday May 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by a two week question submission period closing June 10, 2020. A question and answers video will be posted on Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. This will be followed by a three week question submission period, closing July 8, 2020. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will be posted on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

This notice is also available on the City's project website where future project updates will also be posted. If you wish to submit comments or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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