

## **Problem and Opportunity Statement**

### **Wayne Gretzky Parkway North Extension**

### **Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

The Wayne Gretzky Parkway is a major arterial roadway that serves the City of Brantford (City) as a significant north-south travel route for accessing the Alexander Graham Bell Parkway (Highway 403).

The North Expansion Lands, north of Powerline Road, are anticipated to have high population and employment growth that require increased traffic capacity on the existing transportation network. The Transportation Master Plan Update (TMP 2020) identified the extension of Wayne Gretzky Parkway north of Powerline Road to provide relief to the anticipated (2051) capacity constraints to:

- service future growth;
- provide capacity relief to the King George Road corridor and north/south travel demands for the North Expansion Lands, and
- be consistent with the future vision for the area and proposed adjacent developments.

The project presents an opportunity to optimize the transportation network to accommodate the current and future travel demands, while minimizing potential impacts to the environment and climate change by:

- extending the Wayne Gretzky Parkway north of Powerline Road;
- providing a parallel route to connect travel demand back to the Highway 24 corridor for inter-regional travel via Governors Road and future provincial connecting link roadways; and,
- improving multi-modal connectivity and enhancing active transportation infrastructure to improve pedestrian and cycling travel choices.