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February 11, 2013

Mr. Colin Briggs  
Chief Administrative Officer  
City of St. Catharines  
50 Church Street, P.O. Box 3012  
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**RE: Notice of Public Information Centres  
Replacement of the Highway 406 & Glendale Avenue Overpasses  
Removal of the Highway 58 & Queen Street Underpass  
(G.W.P. 2348-09-00)**

Dear Mr. Briggs:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained McCormick Rankin to undertake two (2) detail design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Studies for 1) the replacement of the Highway 406 and Glendale Avenue overpasses in the City of St. Catharines, and 2) the removal of the Highway 58 and Queen Street underpass in the City of Thorold.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend the upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC). A Preview Session for external agencies is being held from **3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the **Four Points by Sheraton** on **February 25, 2013**. The PIC has been arranged for both studies to provide interested stakeholders and the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the existing conditions, technically preferred plans, temporary detour routes, anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

The Preview Session will be held as follows:

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**

**Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Location:** Four Points by Sheraton  
Brock Ballroom  
3530 Schmon Parkway  
Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6  
**Time:** Preview Session: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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For additional study details, please visit the project website at [www.niagarabridgework.ca](http://www.niagarabridgework.ca). Should you require further information regarding these studies, please feel free to contact any of the Project Team members listed on the enclosed notice.

Yours truly,  
**McCORMICK RANKIN**



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES  
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**  
**Replacement of the Highway 406 & Glendale Avenue Overpasses**  
**Removal of the Highway 58 & Queen Street Underpass**  
G.W.P. 2348-09-00

**THE PROJECT**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained McCormick Rankin to undertake two (2) detail design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Studies for the following:

- 1) Replacement of the Highway 406 and Glendale Avenue overpasses in the City of St. Catharines, and
- 2) Removal of the Highway 58 and Queen Street underpass in the City of Thorold.

The locations of each study are shown on the key plan.

**THE PROCESS**

These studies are subject to the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and are being initiated as Group 'B' projects under the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000).

Upon completion of a Group 'B' project, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) is prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the TESR is available for viewing.

**NOTE:** If the Class EA screening process indicates that either of these studies will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects, then either of these projects may be "stepped down" to a Group 'C' project. A notice will be issued and a review period provided if the decision to step down is rendered.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**

A Public Information Centre (PIC) has been arranged for both studies to provide interested stakeholders and the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the existing conditions, technically preferred plans, temporary detour routes, anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures. The PIC will be a drop-in, open-house format. We are encouraging people to attend anytime between 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The PIC has been scheduled for:

**Date:** February 25, 2013  
**Place:** Four Points by Sheraton  
Brock Ballroom  
3530 Schmon Parkway  
Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6  
**Time:** Open House Format: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Comment forms and study information are available on the study website: [www.niagarabridgework.ca](http://www.niagarabridgework.ca). If you wish to be added to the study contact list or submit comments / questions, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in these projects please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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.

