



Notice of Study Commencement

Public Notice – March 13, 2024

This notice is to inform stakeholders and interested parties that the Corporation of the Township of Russell is initiating a Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to review and study the proposed expansion of the road network within the Vars Industrial Park. The road network expansion intends to provide access to subject lands, optimize new lot configuration and improve transportation efficiency to and within the park, all while considering existing conditions and constraints.

The Schedule B Class EA (Environmental Assessment) process aims to thoroughly review the expansion of the roadway infrastructure within the industrial park. The expansions would involve the construction of new road ROWs (Right of Way), and implementing associated drainage infrastructure, to expand the current road network and to assess potential connections to Burton Road and Eadie Road.

The purpose of the Environmental Assessment is to assess the project area existing conditions, design alternatives and identify potential environmental impacts associated with the roadway expansion, and ensure design is compliant with relevant regulatory agencies.

The Process

In compliance with Schedule B Activities, the Township of Russell will be conducting a screening process and engaging in consultations with directly affected parties (including the public and Indigenous groups), relevant stakeholders and pertinent review agencies. The Township will perform an evaluation of alternative solutions, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the proposed expansion of road network and development of measures to mitigate identified impacts.

Public Consultation

Public consultation is an integral component of the Class EA process, and we value your input during the planning process. A Public Information Center (PIC) will be held in association with the proposed road network expansion. Once a date for the PIC has been scheduled, notices will be published in local newspapers, on the Township's website (www.russell.ca) and distributed to all individuals and agencies who express an interest in this project.

If you wish to be placed on the project contact list to receive notices and information, or to provide comments at any time during the process, you can do so by contacting:

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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and may be released, if requested, to any person.

