



May 5, 2010

Ms. Susan McLeod, Executive Director  
Lake of the Woods District Property Owners Association Inc.  
P.O. Box 1160,  
Kenora, ON P9N 3X7

**Re: Highway 17 Four-Laning between Rush Bay Road and Kenora  
Section #3  
Route Planning and Preliminary Design Study**

**Notice of Public Information Centre #2  
G.W.P. 6053-03-00**

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Dear Ms. McLeod:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is continuing with a study for the four-laning of Highway 17 within the District of Kenora. The firm of McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) is undertaking this project on behalf of MTO.

The purpose of the study for Section 3 is to identify and protect a preferred corridor for a four-lane divided highway. Route planning and preliminary design is currently underway with the development of corridor alternatives for Section 3.

The study will follow the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities process for Group 'B' projects. A TESR will be prepared for Section 3. A notice will be published when the TESR is completed to explain the public review process and identify the locations where the TESR is available for viewing.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The second PIC has been arranged to present corridor alternatives for Section 3 (from west of Rush Bay Road to Kenora). We encourage you to attend this PIC to provide us with your views and comments so they can be addressed as the project progresses. You are also invited to attend an External Agency Session which will be held in advance of the PIC on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.



The two PIC sessions are scheduled as follows:

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| <b>Locations:</b>               | McKenzie Clearwater Fire Hall<br>Junction of Highway 17 West and<br>McConnell Lake Road<br>Clearwater Bay, Ontario | Super 8 Kenora Minis Hall<br>240 Lakeview Drive<br>Kenora, Ontario |
| <b>External Agency Session:</b> |  | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.   |
| <b>PIC:</b>                     | 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.   | 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.   |
| <b>Dates:</b>                   | <b>Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>  | <b>Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>                         |

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, or if you would like to be added to the mailing list, please write or call toll-free:

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Please visit our project website at [www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca](http://www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca) for additional project details.

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

Sincerely,

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Consultant Project Manager

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