

# Welcome Public Information Centre

# Road Network Expansion, 417 Industrial Park, Township of Russell

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Council Chambers, Township of Russell Office, 717 Notre-Dame St, Embrun, ON K0A 1W1









Please sign-in at the front entrance if you have not already done so.

Review the display material and feel free to discuss the study or any questions with the team representatives in attendance.



We value your feedback! Please fill in and drop off the Comment and Feedback form provided to you.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any accessibility requirements, our team will be more than happy to help accommodate!





# Purpose of the MCEA Process

- Assess the project area existing conditions and design alternatives
- Assessment of potential impacts related to technical, environmental, social & financial criteria
- Ensure design compliance with relevant regulatory agencies.

# Purpose of Public Information Centre

- To present the proposed alternatives and design options,
- Answer questions and seek community feedback to help guide the road network expansion process.

#### You will be able to review:

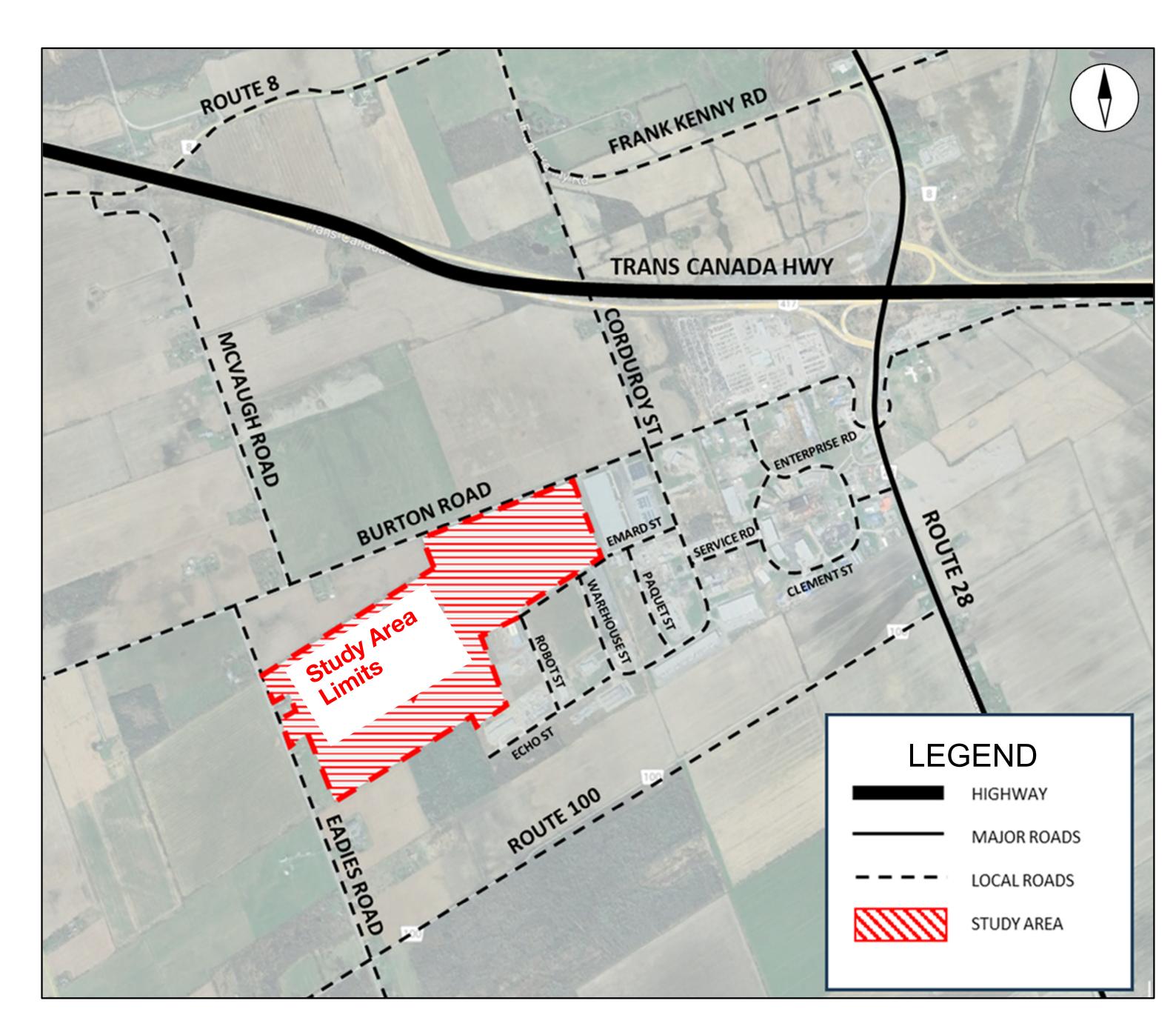
- Project Approach
- Planning Process & Overview of Ongoing & Future Applicable Studies
- Existing Conditions
- Evaluation Methodology

- Roadway Network Design Options
- Tentative Timelines
- Next Steps

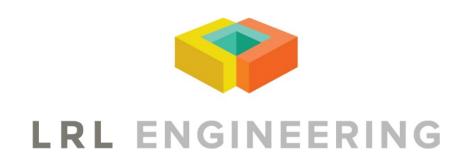


The Corporation of the Township of Russell is initiating a **Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA)** to review and study the proposed expansion of the road network within the Vars Industrial Park.

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.



Study Area Limits

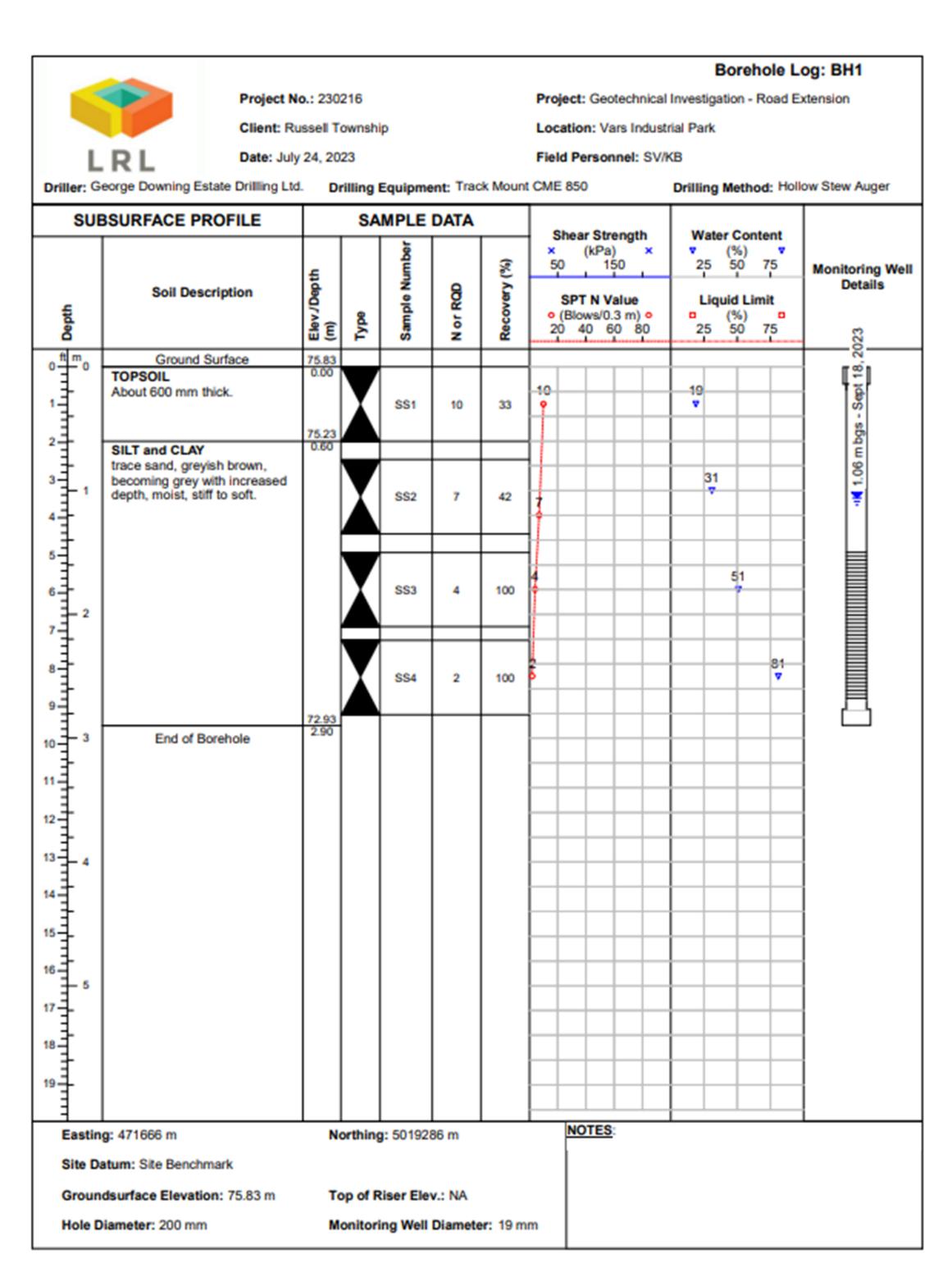




# Ongoing Studies - Geotechnical Investigation

Within the study area limits, a Geotechnical Investigation has been initiated. The investigation will serve to provide;

- An assessment of the sub-surface soil properties and groundwater conditions of the overburden soils.
- A formulation of a recommendation for a robust subgrade capable of withstanding traffic and proposed pavement structure loads.
- Recommendations on excavation, geotechnical parameters, along with groundwater control for the installation of the proposed pavement structure.
- Insights on backfilling requirements and evaluating the suitability of on-site soils for backfilling purposes.



Sample Borehole Log from Site





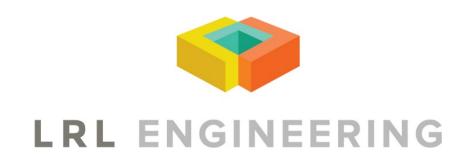
# Ongoing Studies - Archaeological Assessment

The Township is currently undertaking an archaeological assessment for the project area.

The Archaeological assessment will aim to identify, preserve and protect any findings on Cultural/Historical significance, if any within the study area limits.

The engaged archaeologists are currently progressing on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. The Stage 1 study aims to determine if there are any known archaeological sites within the study area, and to assess the potential of the property(s) for archaeological resources.





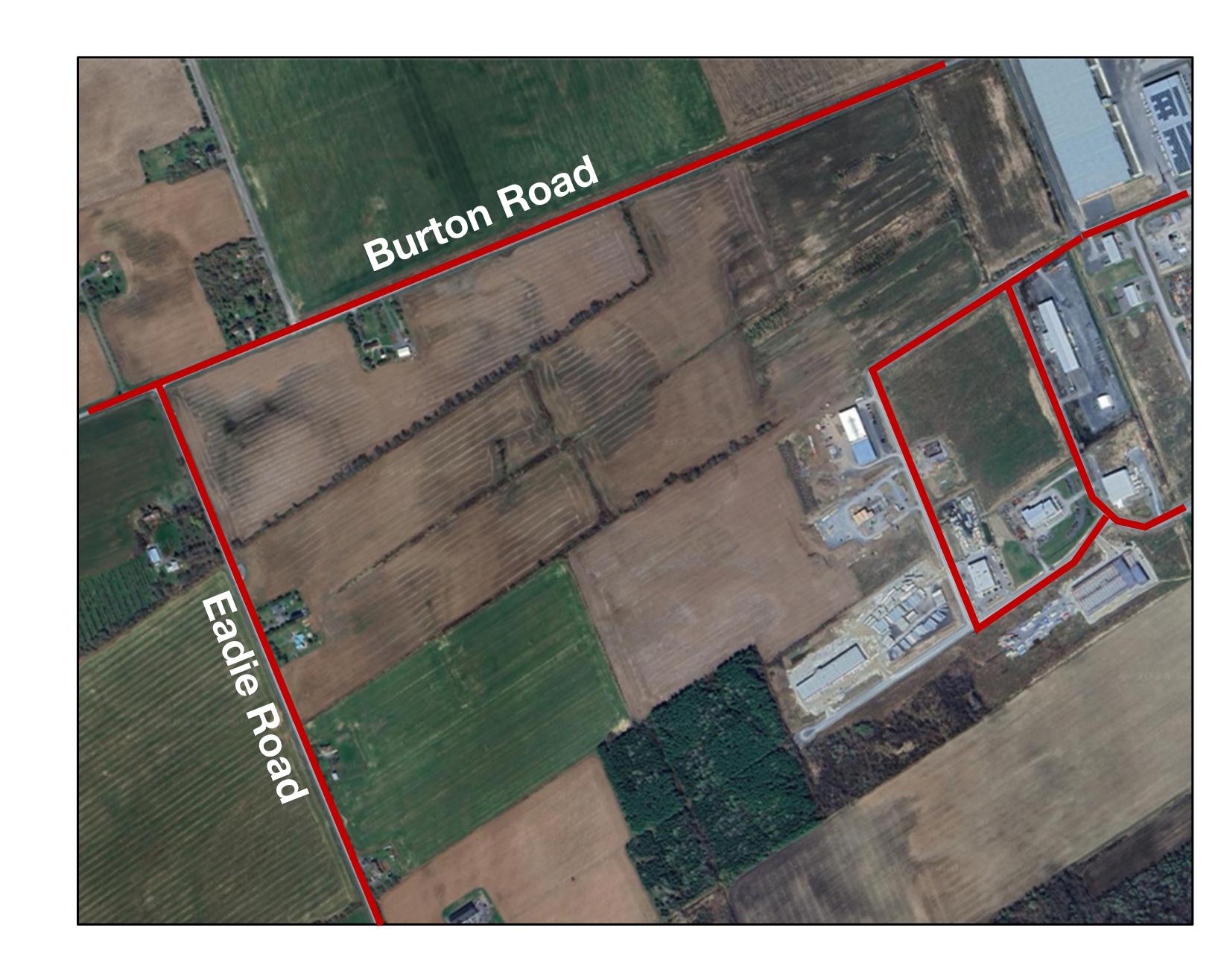




A Traffic Study will be conducted to model the expected traffic from Burton Road and Eadie Road for the project area (pending the preferred design alternative). Special emphasis will be given to:

- Modelling the traffic volumes
- Simulating and analysing travel patterns
- Recommending mitigation measures for increased commercial/industrial vehicles.
- Integrating data in Municipal Transportation Master Plan

The Traffic analysis is anticipated to be completed in 2024.





#### Overview Of Activities Under The Class EA Process

#### Phase 1 **Getting Started**

#### Phase 2 **Exploring the Options**

#### Phase 3 Conceptualizing the Preferred **Option**

#### Phase 4 **Documenting the Process**

Phase 5 Implementing the Recommendations

- Review available information/data
- Identify Problem / Opportunity Statement
  - NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT March 13, 2024

- Consider ways to address traffic needs and identify potential impacts
- Assess and shortlist **Option(s)**

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- Evaluate and select **Preliminary Preferred Option(s)**
- Confirm Preferred option based on public and review agency input

NOTICE OF COMPLETION (Future)

- Develop design concepts to implement the Preferred Option from Phase 2
- Identify impacts and mitigation measures
- Evaluate options and select the recommended **Preliminary Preferred Design** Concepts

- Prepare a Report and satisfy the documentation requirements of the Class EA process
- Make report available for **public review**
- Complete detailed design of recommended solution
- Initiate construction

Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA Process will be completed during initial stages. Projects identified as Exempt will proceed to implementation. Projects identified as Schedule B require filing of the Project File for public review. Projects identified as Schedule C will require completion of Phase 3 and 4 of the Class EA Process.





## **Evaluation Criteria & Methodology**

Road network design alternatives were assessed using the following criteria to ensure they effectively meet future transportation and servicing requirements while minimizing adverse impacts on the natural, cultural, social, and economic environment

#### Technical Aspects

- Roadway connectivity
   & impact on existing network.
- Geometric design and drainage
- Potential to improve active transportation
- Municipal drain considerations

#### Socio-Economic Environment

- Impacts to archaeological, built & cultural resources
- Impact to agricultural lands
- Compatibility with future development opportunities
- Potential effects on existing residential & commercial properties
- Potential effects on air quality & noise

# Environmental Concerns

- Impacts to terrestrial vegetation
- Impact to wildlife/species at risk
- Impact to aquatic habitat
- Impact to watercourses
- Climate changes

# Cost & Constructability

- Utility relocation
- Cost/benefit
- Capital cost
- Opportunity to phase construction
- Maintenance cost

#### **Evaluation Criteria**



Potential impacts are significant, implementation of substantial mitigation measures are required. Risk cannot be eliminated.



Potential impacts are major, implementation of extensive mitigation measures required to reduce/eliminate risks.



Potential impacts are moderate, implementation of many mitigation measures required to reduce/eliminate risks.



Potential impacts are minor and can be easily mitigated through implementation of standard mitigation measures.



Potential impacts are negligible, no mitigation required.

**Least Preferred** 

Most Preferred





## Option 1: Emard Street and Warehouse Street Extension

|                            | Criteria/<br>Alternative         | Rationale  | Evaluation      |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                            | Safety                           | Improved connectivity, traffic flow and regulation, continuous road alignment. Potential congestion on Emard St between Warehouse and Robot. |                 |
| Technical<br>Aspects       | Traffic<br>Volume/Distribution   | Two additional points of entry/exit promotes traffic distribution. Increase in volume of traffic within the industrial park.                 |                 |
|                            | Connectivity                     | Provides access to both Eadie Road and Burton Road. Warehouse-Burton connection is close in proximity to the Corduroy- Burton connection.    | 4               |
|                            | Geometric Design &<br>Drainage   | Olich can easily tollow existing   |                 |
|                            | Impact to surrounding properties | Emard-Eadie connection will increase flow of traffic on Eadie Road, added concerns with property owners in the vicinity of Eadie Road.       |                 |
| Socio Economic Aspects     | Archaeological Impact            | Being Evaluated  | Being Evaluated |
|                            | Efficient Land Use               | Simplistic road design leads to flexibility in overall park design and lot configuration, small lots on east of Warehouse Rd.                | 4               |
| Environmental<br>Aspects   | Natural Environment<br>Impact    | Emard Street intersects with existing Municipal Drain branch, road construction will have a moderate impact to natural environment.          | 2               |
| Cost &<br>Constructability | Constructability                 | Simplistic geometric road layout design aides in buildability.   | 5 E             |
|                            | Construction Cost                | Shorter road length results in less construction costs for road.   | 4               |



**Option 1:** Full length extension of Emard Street and Warehouse Street

Total 33





## Option 2: Emard Street and Robot Street Extension

|                            | Criteria/<br>Alternative         | Rationale  | Evaluation      |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Technical<br>Aspects       | Safety                           | Improved connectivity, traffic flow and regulation, continuous road alignment.   | 5               |
|                            | Traffic<br>Volume/Distribution   | Two additional points of entry/exit promotes traffic distribution. Increase in of volume of traffic within the industrial park.        |                 |
|                            | Connectivity                     | Provides access to both Eadie<br>Road and Burton Road.   | 5               |
|                            | Geometric Design &<br>Drainage   | Simple geometric design, road and ditch can easily follow existing drainage patterns.  | 5               |
| Socio Economic<br>Aspects  | Impact to surrounding properties | Emard-Eadie connection will increase flow of traffic on Eadie Road, added concerns with property owners in the vicinity of Eadie Road. |                 |
|                            | Archaeological Impact            | Being Evaluated  | Being Evaluated |
|                            | Efficient Land Use               | Simplistic road design leads to flexibility in overall park design and lot configuration.  | 4               |
| Environmental<br>Aspects   | Natural Environment<br>Impact    | Emard Street intersects with existing Municipal Drain branch, road construction will have a moderate impact to natural environment.    | 2               |
| Cost &<br>Constructability | Constructability                 | Simplistic geometric road layout design aides in buildability.   | 5               |
|                            | Construction Cost                | Shorter road length results in less construction costs for road.   | 4               |

| Total | 35 |
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**Option 2:** Full length extension of Emard Street and Robot Street







|                            | Criteria/<br>Alternative         | Rationale  | Evaluation      |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                            | Safety                           | Poor connectivity, increased traffic flow through Robot Street, no continuity through Emard Street.  | 2               |
| Technical<br>Aspects       | Traffic<br>Volume/Distribution   | Single point of entry/exit limits traffic distribution, increased volume within cul-de-sac.  | 2               |
|                            | Connectivity                     | Provides access to Burton Road.<br>No access to Eadie Road.  | 3               |
|                            | Geometric Design &<br>Drainage   | Simple geometric road design. Additional consideration for drainage required for lots around and west of cul-de-sac.   | 3               |
| Socio Economic<br>Aspects  | Impact to surrounding properties | No connection or disruption to Eadie Road.   | 5               |
|                            | Archaeological Impact            | Being Evaluated  | Being Evaluated |
|                            | Efficient Land Use               | Simplistic road design leads to flexibility in overall park design and lot configuration.  Lot configuration around round-about not optimal for industrial sites |                 |
| Environmental<br>Aspects   | Natural Environment<br>Impact    | Emard Street intersects with existing Municipal Drain branch, road construction will have a low to moderate impact to natural environment.                       | 3               |
| Cost &<br>Constructability | Constructability                 | Simplistic geometric road layout design aides in buildability. Consideration required for drainage of site around round-a-bout.                                  | 4               |
|                            | Construction Cost                | Shortest road length results in less construction costs for road.  | 5               |





**Option 3:** Cul-De-Sac at Emard Street and extension of Robot Street







|                            | Criteria/<br>Alternative         | Rationale  | Evaluation      |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                            | Safety                           | Poor connectivity, driveway issues<br>for lots through loop roads, frequent<br>bends/turns.  |                 |
| Technical<br>Aspects       | Traffic<br>Volume/Distribution   | Improved flow of traffic with two lanes. Increased traffic volume along Robot Street and at Robot/Burton intersection.                   |                 |
|                            | Connectivity                     | Provides access to Burton Road.<br>No access to Eadie Road.  | <b>3 3 3</b>    |
|                            | Geometric Design &<br>Drainage   | Complex geometric road design. Additional consideration for drainage required for lots around loops and west-most driveway.              |                 |
|                            | Impact to surrounding properties | No connection or disruption to Eadie Road.   | 5               |
| Socio Economic<br>Aspects  | Archaeological Impact            | Being Evaluated  | Being Evaluated |
|                            | Efficient Land Use               | Reduction in potential average lot size, less opportunity for large industrial development, difficulty for large vehicle maneuverability |                 |
| Environmental<br>Aspects   | TWICE road co                    |  |                 |
| Cost &<br>Constructability | Constructability                 | Complex geometric road layout, difficulty for sewer and utility installation and drainage design.  |                 |
|                            | Construction Cost                | Long road length results in greater construction costs for road.   |                 |

| Total | 18 |
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**Option 4:** Extension of Robot Street, and extension of Emard Street to Cover Phase 3 and Future developments







|                            | Criteria/<br>Alternative         | Rationale   | Evaluation      |  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| Technical<br>Aspects       | Safety                           | Poor connectivity, frequent bends/turns.  |                 |  |
|                            | Traffic<br>Volume/Distribution   | Improved flow of traffic with two east/west roadways. Increased traffic volume along Robot Street and at Robot/Burton intersection. |                 |  |
|                            | Connectivity                     | Provides access to Burton Road.<br>No access to Eadie Road.   | 3               |  |
|                            | Geometric Design &<br>Drainage   | Complex geometric road design. Additional consideration for drainage required for lots around west-most driveway.                   | 2               |  |
|                            | Impact to surrounding properties | No connection or disruption to Eadie Road.  | 5               |  |
| Socio Economic Aspects     | Archaeological Impact            | Being Evaluated   | Being Evaluated |  |
| 7 10 p 0 0 10              | Efficient Land Use               | Reduction in potential average lot size, less opportunity for large industrial development  | 2               |  |
| Environmental<br>Aspects   | TWICE FORG CONSTR                |   | 2               |  |
| Cost &<br>Constructability | Constructability                 | Moderate geometric road layout, some challenge for sewer and utility installation and drainage design.                              | 2               |  |
|                            | Construction Cost                | Moderate road length results in greater construction costs for road.  | 2               |  |

| Total | 23 |
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**Option 5:** Extension of Robot Street, and extension of Emard Steet networking back to Robot





### Alternatives Evaluation Results

|                           | Criteria/ Alternative       | Emard Extension | Emard/Robot<br>Extension   | Robot Extension & Cul-de-sac | Robot Ext & Future<br>Internal Circulation | Robot Ext &<br>Internal<br>Circulation |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|
|                           | Safety                      | 4               | 5 <b>1</b> |                              |  |  |
| Technical Aspects         | Traffic Volume/Distribution | 4               | 4  |                              |  | 3                                      |
| -                         | Connectivity                | 4               | <b>5</b>   |                              | <b>3 3 3</b>                               | 3                                      |
|                           | Geometric Design & Drainage | 5 E             | 5 E  | 3                            |  | 2                                      |
|                           | Impact to Private Property  |                 |  | <b>5</b>                     |  | 5                                      |
| Socio Economic<br>Aspects | Archaeological Impact       | Being Evaluated | Being Evaluated  | Being Evaluated              | Being Evaluated                            | Being Evaluated                        |
|                           | Efficient Land Use          | 4               | 4  |                              |  | 2                                      |
| Environmental<br>Aspects  | Natural Environment Impact  |                 | 2  |                              |  |  |
| Cost &                    | Constructability            | 5 E             | 5  |                              |  |  |
| Constructability          | Construction Cost           | 4               | <b>3111111111111111111111111111111111111</b>   | <b>STITUTE 5</b>             |  | 2                                      |
|                           | Total                       | 33              | 35   | 30                           | 18   | 23                                     |

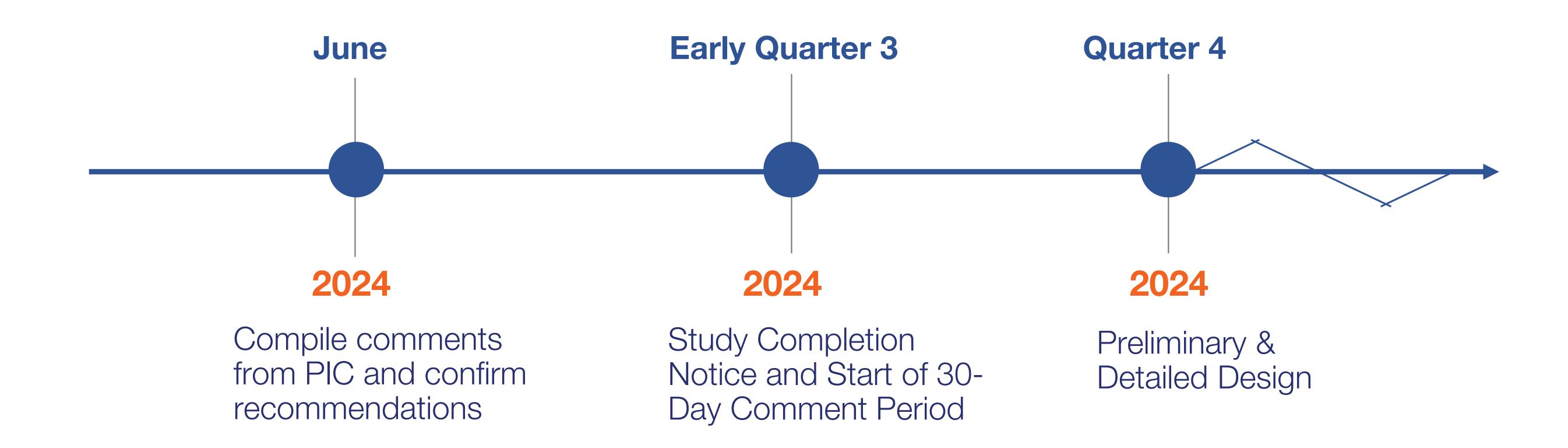
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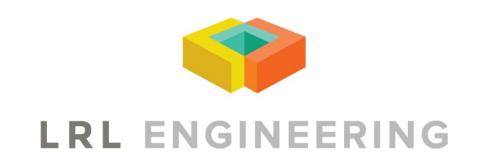


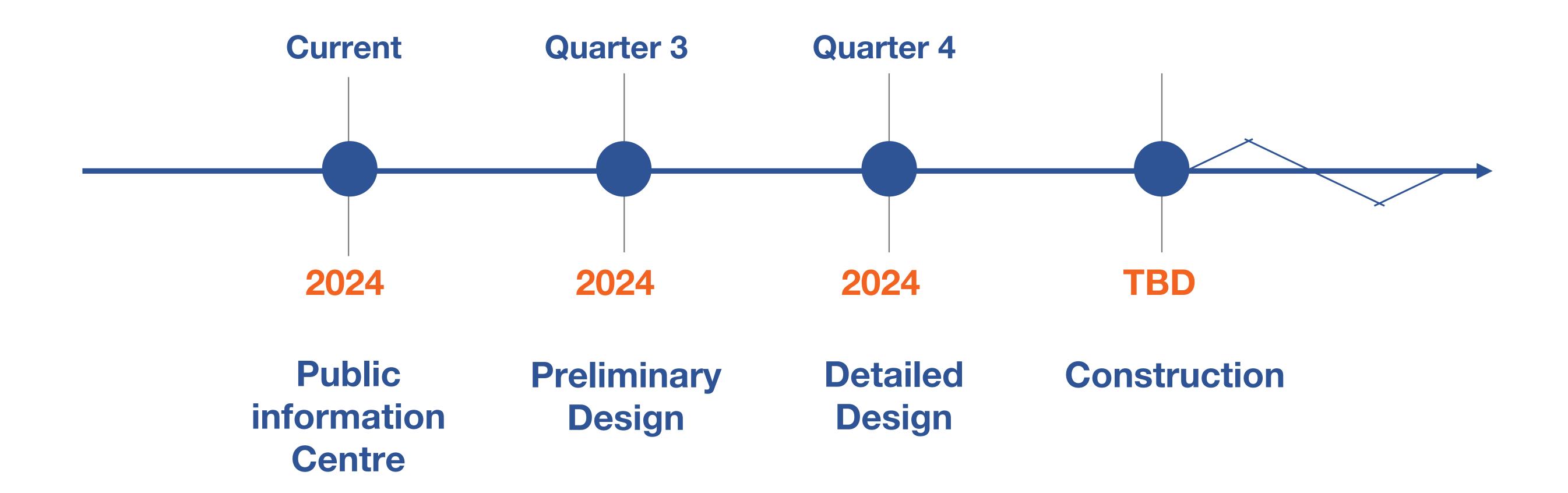


## After this Public Information Centre, the project team will:

- Review and consider input received during this meeting.
- Confirm the preliminary recommendations presented tonight for the roadway layouts
- Completion of all background studies for final consideration.
- Notice of Study Completion and Report on the public record for comments during a 30-day comment period.
- Move into detailed design to ensure roadway is appropriately engineered.









# Questions or comments?

Should you have any questions about this presentation or the project, please fill out a comment sheet tonight or contact:



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Please provide your comments and questions by June 29, 2024

