

INCH FARM ARTERIAL ROAD MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The City of Orillia is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the Inch Farm Arterial Road. The project involves the establishment of a new arterial road including all underground and aboveground infrastructure to support the greenfield development of approximately 6.64 hectares of vacant industrial employment lands, east of Uthhoff Line and adjacent to Highway 11 extending north to the City limits. Development of the arterial road and associated infrastructure also requires consideration for servicing of adjacent existing and proposed residential and commercial properties on Murphy Road, Uthhoff Line and in Severn Township.

This study is being carried out as a Schedule C project in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Phases 1 and 2 of the EA were previously undertaken as part of the 2019 City of Orillia Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan. Accordingly, the City is now undertaking Phases 3 and 4 of the EA to consider the impacts associated with the proposed improvements.

In light of COVID-19 requirements for physical distancing and respecting concerns relating to the spread of COVID-19, the PIC will be conducted digitally. Display boards will be made available to the public on the City's website, orillia.ca/inchfarm, starting on Oct. 29, 2020. The purpose of the PIC is to present the study, the development and assessment of alternatives being considered for roadway alignment, cross section, pedestrian/cycling infrastructure, watercourse crossing structure(s), interim sewage pump station location and overall storm drainage and stormwater management strategy. Through the PIC a recommended solution will be identified. Following completion of the PIC, and in consideration of concerns received through agency reviews and public comment, the preferred solution will be outlined in an Environmental Study Report, detailed design will be undertaken and approvals obtained in anticipation of construction.

Public engagement and input are key components of this study and will assist in ensuring that anyone with an interest in the study has the opportunity to provide input as the study proceeds. Comments can be submitted using the online comment form, available on City's website, or by email, by Nov. 30, 2020. To obtain information or to provide input, please contact either of the following members of the study team:

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Comments and information received during this Class Environmental Assessment are collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be part of the public record.

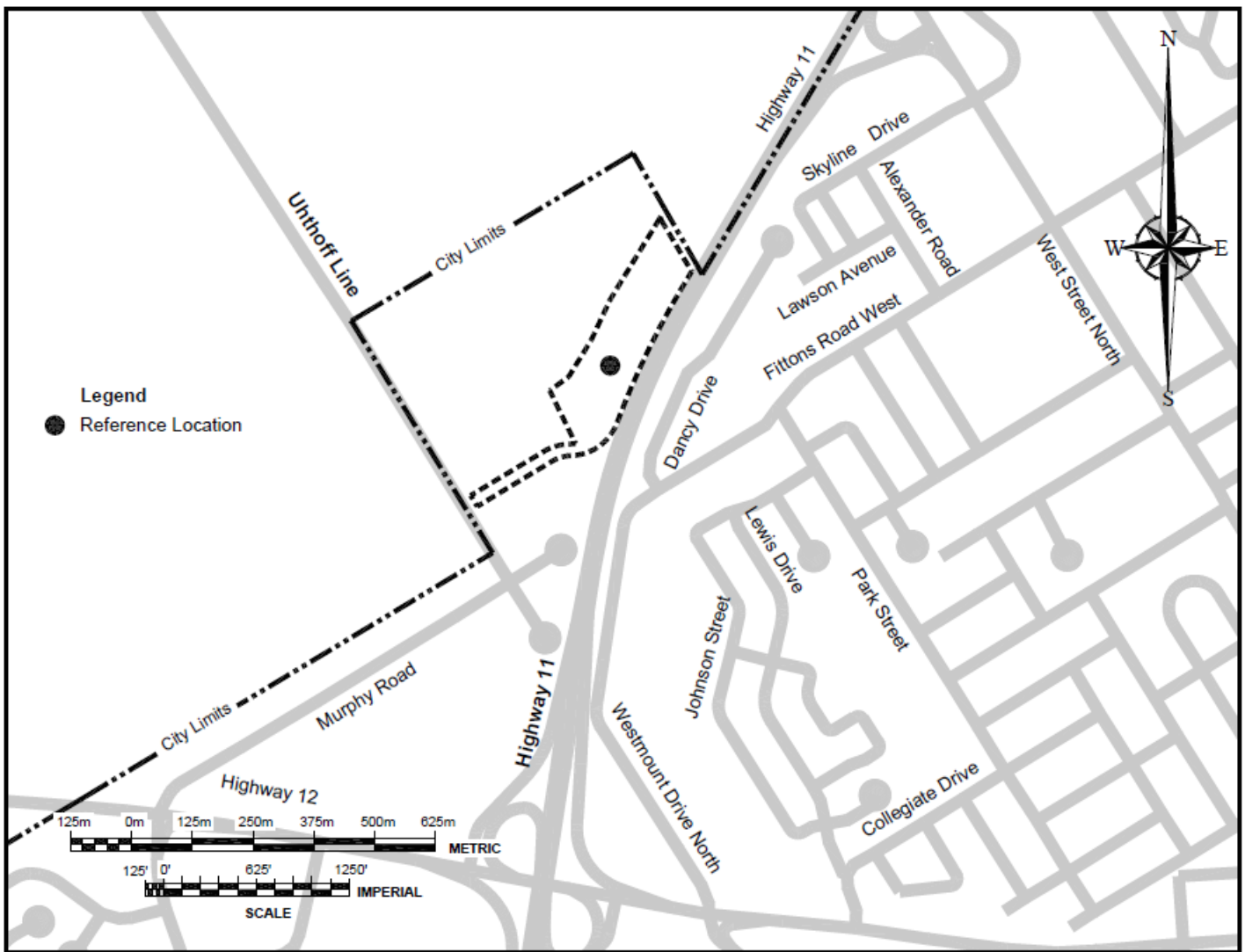


Figure 1: Location Plan