



**INCH FARM ARTERIAL ROAD
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
STUDY**

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

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 Uthoff 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, Uthoff Line and in Severn Township.

This study will be carried out as a Schedule C project in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. Phases 1 & 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 proceeding with Phases 3 & 4 of the EA to consider the impacts associated with the proposed improvements. The Class EA process will address the roadway alignment and infrastructure development; the potential impacts to the noted environments and possible mitigating measures; and public and agency consultation and participation.

To ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input, public consultation will take place over the course of the study. A virtual Public Information Center (PIC) will be held to present the study findings and alternative solutions considered and to receive public input. At the completion of the planning process, the Inch Farm Arterial Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study will be available for public review and comments.

Residents and interested parties are encouraged to regularly visit the City of Orillia website's Weekly Bulletin Board and project webpage (www.orillia.ca/inchfarm) for updates and notices.

If you have any questions or concerns, and/or would like to be added to the study's direct mailing list, please contact one of the study representatives listed below:

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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.

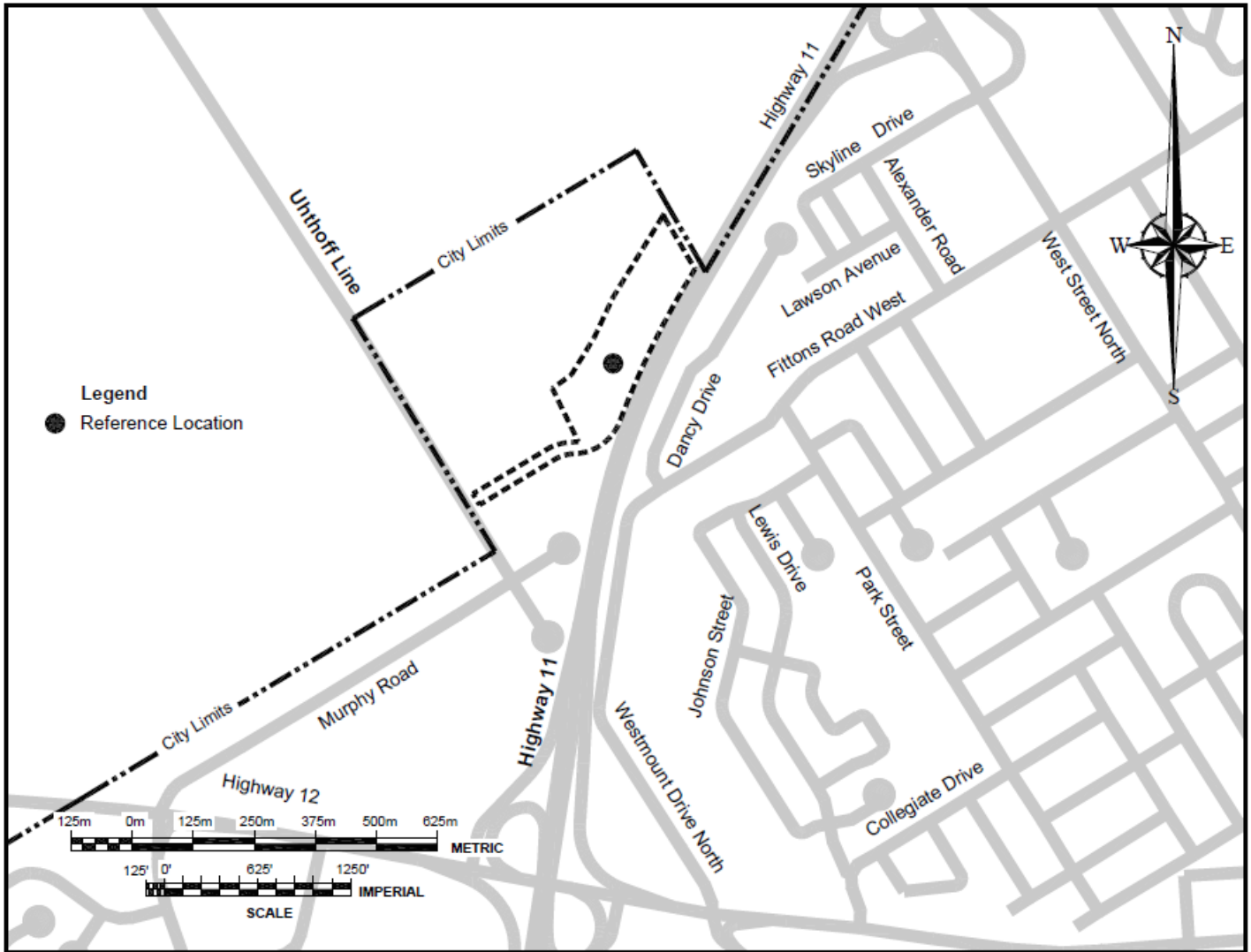


Figure 1: Location Plan