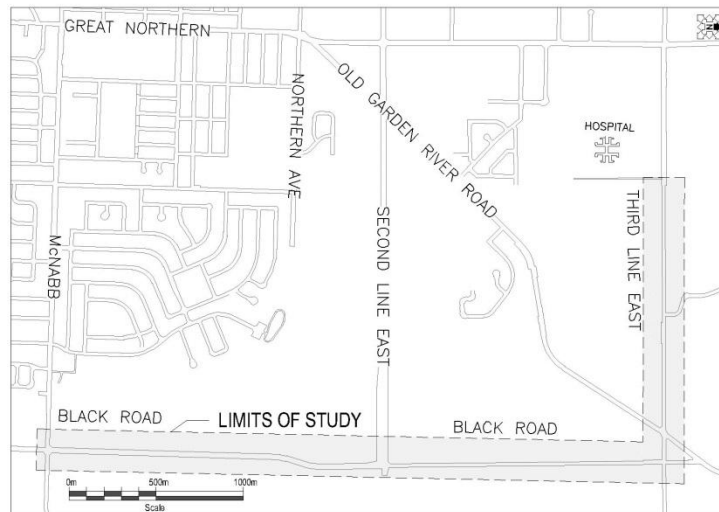


City of Sault Ste. Marie
Black Road and Third Line Corridor Improvements
From McNabb Street to the Sault Area Hospital Entrance
Class Environmental Assessment

Notice of Public Open House

The purpose of this Notice to invite you to an **Open House** to discuss the preliminary preferred solution to address changing traffic patterns and vehicular and pedestrian safety in the Black Road and Third Line corridors from McNabb Street to Third Line and from Black Road to the Sault Area Hospital entrance respectively (refer to key plan below).



Background

Changing traffic patterns along Black Road and Third Line are the result of congestion in other parallel corridors and recent new and planned developments in the northern portion of the City, including the new Sault Area Hospital (SAH).

Alternative solutions being considered include doing nothing, road widening while maintaining the existing two lane configuration and road widening to include additional through lanes. Consideration is also being given to the extension of municipal potable water distribution and waste water collection services where they do not presently exist.

The preliminary preferred solution was determined based on technical requirements, environmental considerations and costs.

Class Environmental Assessment (EA)

This project is being planned as a **Schedule C** project under the **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process (Class EA process)**. The Class EA process includes identification of problems and opportunities, evaluation of alternative solutions and designs, stakeholder consultation, assessment of potential effects on the environment and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any adverse effects.

Public and external agency consultation is a key component of this Study. The City of Sault Ste. Marie is making preliminary study materials available for public viewing at a **Public Open House** to be held as follows:

Date: Thursday January 22, 2015

Time: 3:30 pm to 7:30pm

Location: Russ Ramsay Room (Level 3) in the Civic Center (99 Foster Drive)

The displays will include the results of the preliminary evaluation and the preliminary preferred lane configuration. The City's Consultant and City staff will be available to discuss the project details with you.

Interested individuals are also encouraged to visit the project web page (ie. www.saultstemarie.ca/BlackRoadEA) to access project documentation and updates.

In the meantime should you have any questions or require further information please contact either:

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Please note that information related to this study will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record and may be included in Study documentation prepared for public review.

This Notice issued on January 8, 10 and 15, 2015.

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We look forward to seeing you at the open house!