



**NOTICE OF COMPLETION
SCHEDULE B MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC STUDY

The City of Sault Ste. Marie (City) has completed a Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) for a new traffic study of its downtown focusing on one-way traffic streets. The MCEA was conducted to determine if one-way streets are still needed in the downtown based on changes to traffic patterns and business needs. Impacts of possible conversion to two-way streets were studied, including traffic circulation, business exposure and accessibility, pedestrian and cycling movement and streetscape quality.

The study was conducted in accordance with the approved requirements for a Schedule 'B' project under the MCEA. It included public consultation, contact with Indigenous communities and government review agencies and the evaluation of alternatives. During the course of the study, Public Information Centres were held on December 6, 2017 and July 25, 2018, plus a workshop for Downtown Association members on September 20, 2018.

The study considered converting all, some or none of the current one-way streets in the downtown to two-way. It recommends that no conversion be made in the foreseeable future, and that the City's previously approved MCEA to improve Bay Street be constructed as a two lane, one-way street with a north side sidewalk, added multi-use path of the south side plus streetscaping.

The Project File Report (PFR) documents the MCEA process followed throughout the study. By this notice, the PFR is being placed on the public record for a 30-day review period as required by the MCEA. The PFR will be available starting on November 17, 2018 for public review, expiring December 17, 2018 at <http://www.saultstemarie.ca/DowntownTrafficEA> and at the following locations:

City of Sault Ste. Marie
Engineering Department
5th Floor, Civic Centre
99 Foster Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 5N1

City of Sault Ste. Marie
Clerk's Department
4th Floor, Civic Centre
99 Foster Drive
Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 5N1

Interested persons should provide written comments to the City within the review period noted above. Comments should be directed to Don Elliott, P.Eng., Director of Engineering Services at the address shown below.

If concerns regarding the project cannot be resolved through discussions with the City of Sault Ste. Marie, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Minister) make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act, which addresses individual environmental assessments. Requests for a Part II Order must be received by the Minister, and the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, at the addresses noted below, within 30 days of this Notice of Completion being published. Part II Order requests must be made in writing using a Part II Order Request Form (#012-2206E), available online at <http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca> by searching for "Part II Order" or "012-2206E". A copy of the Part II Order request must also be sent to the City of Sault Ste. Marie at the address below. If a Part II Order request is not received by December 17, 2018 this project may proceed as presented.

The Honourable Rod Phillips
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Conservation and Parks
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