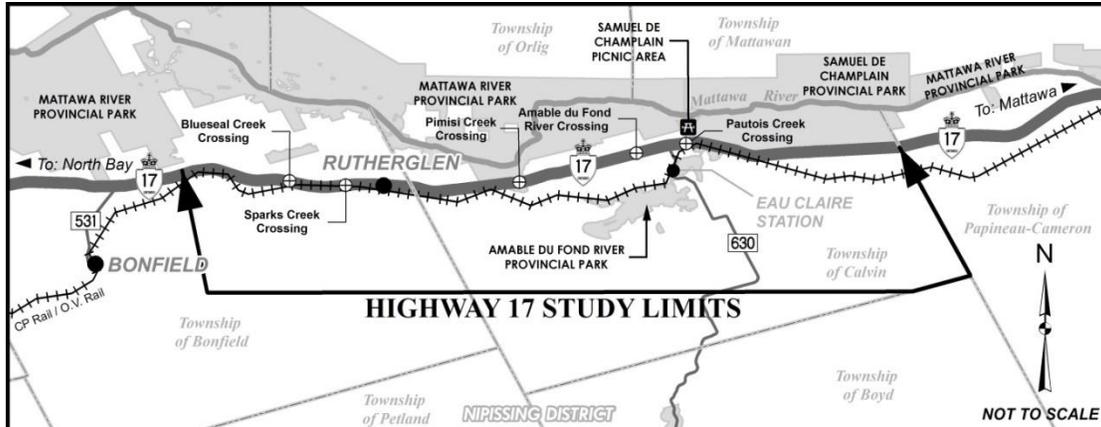


**NOTICE OF FILING OF TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT**  
**Highway 17 Planning Study**  
**From 2.2 km east of Highway 531 easterly to 8.0 km east of Highway 630**  
**G.W.P. 5670-10-00**

**THE STUDY**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation retained AECOM to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment to identify a recommended plan for a four-lane Highway 17 within the study limits with access restricted to interchange locations. The study developed and evaluated a range of reasonable alternatives, including improvements to the existing highway, new highway routes and / or combinations of the two and has identified a Preferred Plan. The study limits are shown on the key plan.



The Preferred Plan includes:

- Widening and realignment of Highway 17 from Highway 531 to the east study limit
- Use of existing Highway 17 as a service road except from just east of Highway 630 to west of Pautois Creek where the existing highway will be decommissioned;
- Interchanges at Rutherghlen Line, Highway 630 and Boundary Road;
- Grade separations at Trout Pond Road and Trunk Road; and
- A cul-de-sac at McNutt Road.

**THE PROCESS**

The study has followed the approved environmental planning process for Group 'A' projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) with agency and public consultation throughout. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared to document the study process, the highway planning alternatives considered and the Preferred Plan including environmental protection measures and commitments for future action with regard to implementation of the project.

The TESR has been placed on the public record at the Ministry of Environment (MOE) for a 30-day review period beginning **Monday August 25, 2014**. Copies of the document have also been placed at the following locations and on the project website, [www.highway17routeplanning.ca](http://www.highway17routeplanning.ca):

**Ministry of the Environment**  
North Bay Office  
191 Booth Road (Units 16 & 17)  
North Bay, ON P1A 4K3

**Ministry of Transportation**  
Northeastern Region Office  
447 McKeown Avenue, 1st Floor Security/Information Desk  
North Bay, Ontario P1B 9S9

**Township of Bonfield**  
**Clerk's Office**  
365 Highway 531, Bonfield

**Municipality of Calvin**  
**Clerk / Administration Office**  
1355 Peddlers Drive, RR 2, Mattawa

**Township of Papineau-Cameron**  
**Clerk / Administration Office**  
4861 Highway 17 West, Mattawa

**Bonfield Public Library**  
365 Highway 531, Bonfield

**Mattawa Public Library**  
370 Pine Street, Mattawa

**Ministry of Transportation**  
447 McKeown Avenue, North Bay

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments by **Friday October 3, 2014**. If, after review and consultation with the MTO's consultant and staff, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request that the Minister of Environment (77 Wellesley Street West, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ferguson Block, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5), issue a Part II Order (Bump-Up) for the project. This would lead to the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment. A copy of the Part II Order request should be forwarded to MTO and AECOM at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after **Friday October 3, 2014**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the *Class EA*.

**COMMENTS**

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 1-800-668-1983 poste 2202, David LeBlanc (Courriel: [David.LebLanc@aecom.com](mailto:David.LebLanc@aecom.com)).

