# APPENDIX A – ABORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE





June 10, 2013

Chief Barron King Moose Deer Point First Nation PO Box 119, 3720 Twelve Mile Bay Road Mactie, ON POC 1H0

Dear Chief Barron King:

Subject:

Notice of Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting

Gardiner Expressway / Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration

**Environmental Assessment** 

Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto have resumed the preparation of an individual environmental assessment (EA) to address current problems and opportunities in the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard study area. The EA will determine the future of the Gardiner Expressway East and Lake Shore Boulevard East, from approximately Jarvis Street to approximately Leslie Street. Four alternatives will be considered within the study area, including: maintaining, improving, replacing, or removing the elevated expressway. Improvements to other roadways could also be required.

An individual EA, prepared under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*, involves a two-stage process. The first stage involves the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA, which outlines the work plan, including the studies and consultation that will be carried out during the preparation of the EA. The second phase of the EA process is the preparation of the EA itself.

The first stage of the EA process was completed in November of 2009 when the Minister of the Environment approved the ToR for the EA. With this approval given, the City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto may now proceed to carry out the EA. Under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the EA must be prepared in accordance with the approved ToR.

#### **Public Consultation**

Consultation with interested persons, government agencies and Aboriginal communities is a key component of the Gardiner Expressway / Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration EA. The consultation plan provides opportunities for feedback at multiple points in the studies.

The Project Team will be hosting a number of public forums (the first of which is Thursday, June 13, 2013), live webcasts, workshops and online opportunities for Interested persons, government agencies and Aboriginal communities to participate in the EA planning process. We invite you to the first public forum where you can learn more about the project, the alternatives being considered and what other jurisdictions have done with elevated waterfront expressways. You will also be able to ask questions and speak directly with members of the project team, offer input and submit comments. Additional information about the date and location of this first public forum is provided in the attached Notice of Public Meeting.

Your input is important. If you have an interest in this project we would appreciate your participation. Information materials are available online and feedback can be submitted to the project team by email. If you would prefer, we would be pleased to hold an individual meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the project in further detail.

Please let us know if you are interested in being involved with this study.

#### Contact:

Antonio Medeiros, Project Manager, Waterfront Toronto 416-214-1344 ext 285 amedeiros@waterfrontoronto.ca

Stephen Schijns, Manager, City of Toronto 416-392-8340 schijns@toronto.ca

On behalf of Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto, we look forward to hearing from you.

For further information, you may also visit the project web page at <a href="https://www.gardinereast.ca">www.gardinereast.ca</a> where you can learn about the project and contribute your insights, ideas, and views.

Sincerely,

John W. Campbell President and CEO Waterfront Toronto

John Livey

Deputy City Manager City of Toronto

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\*\*In addition to this email, a letter has been mailed to you\*\*





September 26, 2013

Ms. Karry Sandy-McKenzie Barrister and Solicitor Coordinator Williams Treaty First Nations 8 Creswick Court Barrie, Ontario L4M 2J7

Dear Ms. Sandy-McKenzie:

Subject: Notice of Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 2

Gardiner Expressway / Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration

**Environmental Assessment** 

Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto are carrying out an individual environmental assessment (EA) to address current problems and opportunities in the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard study area. The EA will determine the future of the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East, from approximately Jarvis Street to approximately Leslie Street. Four alternatives will be considered within the study area, including: maintaining, improving, replacing, and removing the elevated expressway. Improvements to other roadways could also be required.

#### Public Consultation

The Project Team will be hosting a number of public forums, live webcasts, workshops and online opportunities for interested persons, government agencies and Aboriginal communities to participate in the EA planning process. We invite you to the second public forum where you can learn more about the project, the alternatives being considered, the evaluation process, and the study timeline. You will also be able to ask questions and speak directly with members of the project team, offer input and submit comments. Additional information about the date and location of this first public forum is provided below and in the attached Notice of Public Meeting.

#### Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 2 Wednesday, October 16, 2013 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by presentations at 7:00 p.m.)

The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library

789 Yonge Street, Toronto (Bloor Street subway station)

#### Please register for the event at: gardinereastpublicmeeting2.eventbrite.ca

Your input is important. If you have an interest in this project we would appreciate your participation. Information materials are available online and feedback can be submitted to the project team by email. If you would prefer, we would be pleased to hold an individual meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the project in further detail.

#### Please let us know if you are interested in being involved with this study.

#### Contact:

Antonio Medeiros, Project Manager, Waterfront Toronto 416-214-1344 ext. 285 amedeiros@waterfrontoronto.ca Stephen Schijns, Manager, City of Toronto 416-392-8340 schijns@toronto.ca

On behalf of Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto, we look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely,

John Campbell

President and CEO

Waterfront Toronto

John Livey

Deputy City Manager

City of Toronto

Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting No. 2

cc: Chief James R. Marsden, Alderville First Nation 11696 Second Line, PO Box 46, Roseneath ON K0K 2X0

> Chief Rodney Monague Jr., Beausoleil First Nation (Christian Island) 1 O-Gema Street Cedar Point, Christian Island ON L0K 1C0

Chief Donna Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation R.R. #2, P.O. Box 12, Sutton West ON L0E 1R0

Chief Sharon Stinson Henry, Chippewas of Rama 5884 Rama Road, Suite 200, Rama ON L0K 1T0

Chief Greg Cowie, Hiawatha First Nation R.R. #2, 123 Paudash Street, Keene ON K0L 2G0

Chief Tracy Gauthier, Mississaugas of Scugog Island 2251 Island Road, Port Perry ON L9L 1B6

### GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUILDING AND CULTURAL CENTRE



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CURVE LAKE, ONTARIO KOL 1RO

July 11, 2013

Antonio Medeiros Toronto, Ontario Via email: amedeiros@waterfrontoronto.ca

Dear Antonio Medeiros.

RE: Notice of Gardiner Expressway East Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment

We would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence, which we received on 6/10/2013 regarding the above noted project.

As you may be aware, the area in which your project is proposed is situated within the Traditional Territory of Curve Lake First Nation. Our First Nation's Territory is incorporated within the Williams Treaty Territory and the spirit and intent of treaties is acknowledged in Canada's Constitution Act, 1982. As a result of a specific claim we are involved in, we request that you provide Karry Sandy-Mackenzie, Williams Treaty First Nation Claims Coordinator, 8 Creswick Court, Barrie, ON L4M 2S7, with a copy of your proposal.

Although we have not conducted exhaustive research nor have we the resources to do so, Curve Lake First Nation Council is not currently aware of any issues that would cause concern with respect to our Traditional, Aboriginal and Treaty rights. Providing information however, does not meet the legal requirements of consultation and accommodation. Consultation and accommodation as stated in Supreme Court rulings should include meaningful dialogue with the rights holders (potentially impacted First Nations).

Please note that we have particular concern for the remains of our ancestors. Should excavation unearth bones, remains or other such evidence of a native burial site or any Archaeological findings, we must be notified without delay. In the case of a burial site, Council reminds you of your obligations under the *Cemeteries Act* to notify the nearest First Nation Government or other community of Aboriginal people which is willing to act as a representative and whose members have a close cultural affinity to the interred person. As I am sure you are aware, the regulations further state that the representative is needed before the remains and associated artifacts can be removed. Should such a find occur, we request that you contact our First Nation immediately.

Curve Lake First Nation also has available, trained Archaeological Liaisons who are able to actively participate in the archaeological assessment process as a member of a field crew, the cost of which will be borne by the proponent.

If any new, undisclosed or unforeseen issues should arise, that has potential for anticipated negative environmental impacts or anticipated impacts on our Treaty and Aboriginal rights we require that we be notified regarding these as well.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of information sharing and respecting your duty to consult obligations as determined by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Should you have further questions or if you wish to hire a liaison for a project, please feel free to contact Melissa Dokis at 705-657-8045x222 or mdutytoconsult@curvelakefn.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Phyllis Williams Curve Lake First Nation

C.C. Stephen SchijnsManager



#### ALDERVILLE FIRST NATION 11696 Second Line P.O. Box 46 Roseneath, Ontario K0K 2X0 Phone: (905) 352-2011

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Councillor: Julie Bothwell
Councillor: Jody Holmes
Councillor: Dave Mowat
Councillor: Angela Smoke

October 7, 2013

City of Toronto Transportation Services City Hall 100 Queen St W 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor East Tower Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Att: Stephen Schijns, Manager

Re: Notice of Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 2
Gardiner Expressway/Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration
Environmental Assessment

Dear Stephen Schijns,

Thank you for your consultation request to Alderville First Nation regarding the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard study area which is being proposed within our Traditional and Treaty Territory. We appreciate the fact that the City of Toronto recognizes the importance of First Nations Consultation and that your office is conforming to the requirements within the Duty to Consult Process.

As per the Alderville First Nation Consultation Protocol, your proposed project is deemed a level 3, having minimal potential to impact our First Nations' rights, therefore, please keep Alderville apprised of any archaeological findings, burial sites or any environmental impacts, should any occur. I can be contacted at the mailing address above or electronically via email, at the email address below.

In good faith and respect,

Dave Simpson <u>dsimpson@aldervillefirstnation.ca</u>
Lands and Resources

Communications Officer Tele: (905) 352-2662 Alderville First Nation Fax: (905) 352-3242





January 27, 2014

Margaret Sault, Director of Research, Lands and Membership Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation 2789 Mississauga Road, R.R. 6 Hagersville ON NOA 1H0

Dear Ms. Sault:

Subject:

Notice of Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 3
Gardiner Expressway / Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration

Environmental Assessment

Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto are carrying out an individual environmental assessment (EA) to address current problems and opportunities in the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard study area. The EA will determine the future of the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East, from approximately Jarvis Street to approximately Leslie Street. Four alternatives will be considered within the study area, including: maintaining, improving, replacing, and removing the elevated expressway. Improvements to other roadways could also be required.

#### Public Consultation

The Project Team will be hosting a number of public forums, live webcasts, workshops and online opportunities for interested persons, government agencies and Aboriginal communities to participate in the EA planning process. We invite you to the third public forum where you can comment on the results of the evaluation of the options for the Gardiner Expressway East. You will also be able to ask questions and speak directly with members of the project team, offer input and submit comments. Additional information about the date and location of this public forum are provided below and in the attached Notice of Public Meeting.

## Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 3 Thursday February 6, 2014 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by presentations at 7:00 p.m.)

The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge Street, Toronto (Bloor Street subway station)

#### Please register at: www.gardinereastpublicmeetingfeb6.eventbrite.ca

Your input is important. If you have an interest in this project we would appreciate your participation. Information materials are available online and feedback can be submitted to the project team by email. If you would prefer, we would be pleased to hold an individual meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the project in further detail.

Please let us know if you are interested in being involved with this study.

#### Contact:

Antonio Medeiros, Project Manager, Waterfront Toronto 416-214-1344 ext 285 amedeiros@waterfrontoronto.ca Jeffrey Dea, Project Manager, City of Toronto 416-392-8479 idea@toronto.ca

On behalf of Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto, we look forward to hearing from you.

For further information, you should also visit the project web page at <a href="https://www.gardinereast.ca">www.gardinereast.ca</a> where you can learn about the project and contribute your insights, ideas, and views.

Sincerely,

John Campbell

President and CEO

Waterfront Toronto

John Livey

Deputy City Manager

City of Toronto

Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting No. 3

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April 1, 2015

Ms. Fawn Sault Consultation Coordinator Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation 6 First Line, Unit 1 Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0

Dear Ms. Sault:

Subject:

Notice of Public Meeting No. 4:

Gardiner Expressway East and Lake Shore Boulevard

**Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment** 

Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto are carrying out an individual environmental assessment (EA) to address current problems and opportunities in the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard study area. The EA will determine the future of the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East, from approximately Jarvis Street to approximately Leslie Street. A number of alternatives have been considered within the study area, including: maintaining, improving, replacing, and removing the elevated expressway. At the upcoming public meetings in April, Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto will share the results of the following work:

- 1. Review the remove option under the EA process to mitigate concerns about traffic congestion; and
- 2. Prepare and evaluate an additional hybrid option that preserves expressway linkage and functionality between the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley.

#### Public Consultation

The Project Team have been hosting a number of public forums, live webcasts, workshops and online opportunities for interested persons, government agencies and Aboriginal communities to participate in the EA planning process. We invite you to the

fourth public forum where you can learn more about the project, the alternatives being considered, the evaluation process, and the study timeline. You will also be able to ask questions and speak directly with members of the project team, offer input and submit comments. Additional information about the date and location of this fourth public forum is provided in the attached Notice of Public Meeting.

Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 4

Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting (Downtown)

Wednesday April 15, 2015 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library 789 Yonge Street

Open house begins at 6:30 PM Presentations begin at 7:00 PM

Please register at:
https://gardinereapublicmeetingdown
townapril15.eventbrite.ca

Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting (Scarborough)

Monday April 20, 2015 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Blessed Cardinal Newman HS Cafeteria 100 Brimley Rd S

Open house begins at 6:30 PM
Presentations begin at 7:00 PM
\*This meeting will not be webcast\*

Please register at:
<a href="https://gardinereapublicmeetingscarboro">https://gardinereapublicmeetingscarboro</a>
ughapril20.eventbrite.ca

Your input is important. If you have an interest in this project we would appreciate your participation. Information materials are available online and feedback can be submitted to the project team by email. If you would prefer, we would be pleased to hold an individual meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the project in further detail.

Please let us know if you are interested in being involved with this study.

#### Contact:

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Jeffrey Dea
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On behalf of Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto, we look forward to hearing from you.

For further information, you should also visit the project web page at <a href="https://www.gardinereast.ca">www.gardinereast.ca</a>, on Twitter at @GardinerEast, or on Facebook at Facebook.com/GardinerEast where you can learn about the project and contribute your insights, ideas, and views.

Sincerely,

John Livey

**Deputy City Manager** 

City of Toronto

John Campbell

President and Chief Executive Officer

Waterfront Toronto

CC: Mark LaForme, Director MNCFN-DOCA





January 7, 2016

Ms. Karry Sandy-McKenzie Barrister and Solicitor Coordinator Williams Treaty First Nations 8 Creswick Court Barrie ON L4M 2J7

Dear Ms. Sandy-McKenzie:

Subject:

Notice of Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 5
Gardiner Expressway / Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration

**Environmental Assessment** 

Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto are carrying out an individual environmental assessment (EA) to address current problems and opportunities in the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard study area. The EA will determine the future of the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East, from approximately Jarvis Street to approximately Leslie Street.

Four alternatives have been considered within the study area, including: maintaining, improving, replacing, and removing the elevated expressway. At its meeting of June 11, 2015, Toronto City Council endorsed a Hybrid Option as the preferred alternative for the Gardiner Expressway East. The Hybrid Option includes elements of both the maintain and replace alternatives that were originally assessed.

#### **Public Consultation**

The Project Team will be hosting a number of public forums, live webcasts, workshops and online opportunities for interested persons, government agencies and Aboriginal communities to participate in the EA planning process. We invite you to the fifth public forum where you can comment on the evaluation of the alternative designs for the Hybrid Option, as well as urban design concepts for the study area. You will also be able to ask questions and speak directly with members of the project team, offer input and submit comments. Additional information about the date and location of this public forum are provided below and in the attached Notice of Public Meeting.

#### Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 5 Tuesday, January 19, 2016 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by presentations at 7:00 p.m.)

The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge Street, Toronto (Bloor Street subway station)

#### Please register at: www.gardinereastpublicmeeting5.eventbrite.ca

Your input is important. If you have an interest in this project we would appreciate your participation. Information materials are available online and feedback can be submitted to the project team by email. If you would prefer, we would be pleased to hold an individual meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the project in further detail.

Please let us know if you are interested in being involved with this study.

#### Contact:

Pina Mallozzi,
Director, Design
Waterfront Toronto
416-214-1344 ext 285
pmallozi@waterfrontoronto.ca

Jeffrey Dea, Manager, Infrastructure Planning City of Toronto 416-392-8479 idea@toronto.ca

On behalf of Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto, we look forward to hearing from you.

For further information, you should also visit the project web page at <a href="https://www.gardinereast.ca">www.gardinereast.ca</a> where you can learn about the project and contribute your insights, ideas, and views.

Sincerely,

Christopher Glaisek

Vice President, Planning and Design

Waterfront Toronto

John Livey

Deputy City Manager City of Toronto

Attachment: Notice of Public Meeting No. 5

\*\*In addition to this email, a letter has been mailed to you\*\*

Cc: Chief James R. Marsden, Alderville First Nation 11696 Second Line, PO Box 46 Roseneath ON K0K 2X0

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Chief Tracy Gauthier, Mississaugas of Scugog Island 2251 Island Road Port Perry ON L9L 1B6



January 22, 2016

Pina Mallozzi
Director, Design
Waterfront Toronto
pmallozi@waterfrontoronto.ca

#### Dear Pina Mallozzi,

Thank you for your notification on the Gardiner Expressway East Public Meeting No. 5 Gardiner Expressway/Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment dated January 7, 2016. The Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation (MNCFN) has a high level of concern related to this project's potential impacts on MNCFN's interests. We believe that a substantive consultation process which may include a formal consultation agreement is required for this project and therefore request to meet with you as soon as possible. We will be requesting capacity funding for pre-consultation review and additional funding if we determine our full participation will be required during the project approvals and permitting process. In addition, we respectfully ask you to immediately notify us if there are any changes to the project which may impact MNCFN's interests and that you please provide us with a copy of all associated environmental and archaeology reports.

Additionally, MNCFN employs Field Liaison Representatives ("FLRs") to act as official representatives of the community and who are answerable to MNCFN Chief and Council through the Department of Consultation and Accommodation. The FLRs' mandate is to ensure that MNCFN's perspectives and priorities are considered in the field and to enable MNCFN to provide timely, relevant, and meaningful comment on the Project. Therefore, **it is MNCFN policy that FLRs are on location whenever fieldwork for any environmental and/or archaeological assessments is undertaken.** It is expected that the proponent will cover the costs of this FLR participation in the fieldwork. Please also provide the contact information of the person, or consultant, in charge of organizing this work so they may facilitate the participation of the MNCFN FLRs.

For further information please see our website, http://www.newcreditfirstnation.com/.

The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation has various treaty rights across its traditional territory, including the area contemplated for development of your project. MNCFN continues to exercise treaty rights which include, but are not limited to, rights to harvest, fish, trap, and gather species of plants, animals and insects for any purpose including for food, social, ceremonial, trade and exchange purposes. The MNCFN also has the right to use the water and resources from the rivers, creeks and lands across the MCNFN traditional territory.

Nothing in this letter, pursuant to section 25 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, shall be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from the protection provided for MNCFN's existing Aboriginal or Treaty rights as recognized by section 35 of the Constitution Act 1982, the Royal Proclamation of October 7, 1763, and any rights or freedoms that now exist by way of land claim settlement agreements or may be so acquired.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as to affect the Aboriginal or Treaty rights and hence shall not limit any consultation and accommodation owed to MNCFN by the Crown or any proponent, as recognized by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, of any other First Nation.

MNCFN reserves the right in relation to any development project or decision, to decide whether it supports a project and to: comment to regulators, participate in regulatory processes and hearings, seek intervener funding or status, or to challenge and seek remedies through the courts.

#### MNCFN expects all proponents to act according to the following best practices:

- Engage early in the planning process, before decisions are made
- Provide information in meaningful and understandable formats.
- Convey willingness to transparently describe the project and consider any MNCFN concerns.
- Recognize the significance of cultural activities and traditional practices of the MNCFN
- Demonstrate a respect for MNCFN knowledge and uses of land and resources.
- Understand the importance of youth and elders in First Nation communities.
- Act with honour, openness, transparency and respect.
- Be prepared to listen and allow time for meaningful discussion.

Sincerely,

Fawn D. Sault Consultation Manager MNCFN Department of Consultation and Accommodation

cc – Mark LaForme; Director, Department of Consultation and Accommodation

From: Jeffrey Dea

**Sent:** June-30-16 11:21 AM

To: 'Fawn Sault' < Fawn. Sault@newcreditfirstnation.com>

Cc: Megan DeVries < Megan.DeVries@newcreditfirstnation.com >; Mark LaForme < Mark.LaForme@newcreditfirstnation.com >; 'quentin.lewis@newcreditfirstnation.com' < quentin.lewis@newcreditfirstnation.com >; McKinnon, Don (dpmckinnon@dillon.ca) < dpmckinnon@dillon.ca >; Pinelopi Gramatikopoulos < pgramati@toronto.ca >; Tracy

Manolakakis <tmanola@toronto.ca>

**Subject:** Gardiner East and Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment Follow-up

#### Hi Fawn,

My apologies for the delay in following up. Further to our meeting on May 5, 2016, here is a brief meeting summary that I have compiled. Follow-up items are attached, as appropriate. If there is anything I've missed, please let me know. I'll be in touch about other City-led EA's.

Regards,

Jeff.

#### Jeffrey Dea, MES

Manager Infrastructure Planning Transportation Services Division, Transportation Infrastructure Management Section City of Toronto City Hall, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, East Tower 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

(O) <u>416-392-8479</u> (M) <u>416-993-6810</u> <u>idea@toronto.ca</u>

Meeting Time/Date: 10:30 AM (actual start time was after 11:00 AM)

May 5, 2016

Meeting Location: Department of Consultation and Accommodation

6 First Line Rd., R.R. #6 Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Participants: Fawn Sault, Consultation Manager, Department of Consultation and Accommodation

Megan DeVries, Archaeological Coordinator, Department of Consultation and Accommodation

Quentin Lewis, Environmental and Traditional Knowledge Coordinator, Depart of Consultation and Accommodation

Mark LaForme, Director, Department of Consultation and Accommodation

Jeffrey Dea, Manager Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services, City of Toronto

Pinelopi Gramatikopoulos, Project Manager, Waterfront Secretariat, City of Toronto

Tracy Manolakakis, Manager Public Consultation, City of Toronto Don McKinnon, Dillon Consulting

#### Summary:

 FS provided an overview about the history of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and drew attention to the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation website:

http://www.newcreditfirstnation.com/

- Materials were provided to City representatives that describe the history of the First Nation.
- FS noted that the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation is located in southwestern Ontario and extends into the Toronto area.
- A letter has been submitted to the federal and provincial governments about the Rouge River Valley Tract by the Mississaugas of The New Credit First Nation. The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation are in negotiation with the Crown regarding a specific land claim related to the purchase of lands. It was also noted that a future claim could be made for some areas of the Lake Ontario lake bed.
- A First Nations working group has been established through Parks Canada to work through development of the National Rouge Park plan.
- The working group is involved with the review of any plans and environmental assessments (EA) that impact the National Park.
- The working group met with the federal Minister of the Environment and is proposing co-management of the National Park.
- The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation are generally concerned with projects that are located within their traditional territories. Projects located near waterways are a particular concern. High concern areas warrant face to face meetings. Low concern areas may not require consultation of the same level.
- It was noted that project notification is not considered as consultation. Notices of public meetings are not appropriate.
- DM provided an overview of the Gardiner East and Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration EA (power point slide deck is attached fyi), which is being led jointly by the City of Toronto and Waterfront Toronto.
- FS advised that the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation have field liaison representatives (FLRs) that can be used as a resource for environmental data collection and archaeological investigations.
- The FLRs are trained in a variety of disciplines and are subject to a code of conduct. A copy of the Field Liaison Representatives Code of Conduct 2016 was provided.
- There are approximately 12 14 FLRs that are employed by the community. FLRs have been used by others, including Enbridge and other utility companies.

- Environmental data has already been collected for the Gardiner EA. Future archaeological studies may be required as part of the detail design for the Gardiner project and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation will be contacted at that time.
- FS/QL indicated that they would like to review the draft Gardiner EA once it is available (editor's note: the draft EA is planned for release in July 2016). The project team will provide an electronic copy to DOCA upon release.
- A request was made for information related to the Don Mouth Naturalization EA. More information can be found here: <a href="https://trca.ca/conservation/green-infrastructure/don-mouth-naturalization-port-lands-flood-protection-project/">https://trca.ca/conservation/green-infrastructure/don-mouth-naturalization-port-lands-flood-protection-project/</a>
- JD advised that outside of the Gardiner EA, there are a number of other transportation-based EAs that the City's Transportation Services Division is leading. Approximately 20 are in various stages. A map outlining the areas under study was provided to the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.
- The City is interested in determining how best to engage the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation about these other studies.
- TM also noted that the City's Water Department (Toronto Water) has a number of other studies underway as well.
- FS advised that the level of consultation needed is project-specific. While face to face meetings are encouraged as much as possible, a teleconference or videoconference could be used for the City's Transportation and Water Divisions to provide an overview of their list of ongoing EAs. Additional efforts can be identified based on the level of interest that the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation have in the particular project.
- JD will make the necessary arrangements for a follow-up meeting (editor's note: Fawn, I will be in touch shortly to canvas your availability for a tele/videoconference).