

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Merritt Street Road Improvements and Mountain Street and Chestnut Street Extension

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Project

The City of St. Catharines initiated a Class Environmental Assessment to evaluate and recommend road improvements along Merritt Street, from Walnut Street to Glendale Avenue, and to consider the extension of Chestnut Street from Hastings Street to Brookdale Avenue and Mountain Street from Glendale Avenue to Chestnut Street. At this time, the City is proceeding with the improvements to Merritt Street and the extension of Chestnut Street and Mountain Street, but only providing a pedestrian connection to Chestnut Street West. The purpose of this study was to evaluate options, recommend preferred solutions and mitigate any potential negative environmental impacts posed by the proposed works.



The Class Environmental Assessment Process

This notice signals the completion of the Class EA study, which was conducted in compliance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2004, 2007, 2011, 2015 & 2023), approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Class EA was documented in an Environmental Study Report, which is available for review at the following locations:

Online:

EngageSTC Project Page

https://www.engagestc.ca/merritt-chestnut-mountain (will be published and live on July 16, 2025)

In-Person:

St. Catharines City Hall E.F.E.S. Department, 1st Floor 50 Church Street St. Catharines, ON, L2R 7C2 (905) 688-5600 Monday to Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm



Comments

Should you have any questions or require additional information about this project after reviewing the Environmental Study Report, please contact the Project Managers identified below:

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Please provide written comments to Jim Stranges and Steve Brant within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. If concerns arise that cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipality, a person may request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks order a change in the project status and require a higher level of assessment under an individual Environmental Assessment process (referred to as a Part II Order). Reasons must be provided for the request. The Minister must receive written requests for Part II Orders at the address below by 4:30pm on August 15, 2025.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Copies of any Part II Order Requests must also be sent to Jim Stranges and Steve Brant. If no Part II Order Requests are received by August 15, 2025, the proposed improvements to Merritt Street and extension of Chestnut Street and Mountain Street will proceed to detailed design and construction as outlined in the Environmental Study Report.

Personal information submitted will become part of the public record, unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.