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<b>Indigenous Communities</b>		
<p><b>Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN)</b>            320 Chippewa Road            Muncey ON N0L 1Y0</p> <p>Fallon Burch            Consultation Coordinator            519-289-5555 ext. 251            fburch@cottfn.com</p>	<p><b>Email received on December 2, 2024:</b>            Acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Proposed Transition and that the project will be transitioning to follow the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways (2024). Asked for information on what the consultation process is under the new Class EA, what types of studies will be completed, and if there will be an archaeological assessment. Provided treaty information.</p>	<p><b>Response sent by MTO via email on December 20, 2024:</b>            Thank you for reaching out regarding the Proposed Transition of this project. I'd like to clarify that the new Class EA process will still include all the necessary natural sciences, archeological investigations and Duty to Consult requirements. We will still be contacting you about our archeology as we did recently for the Stage 2 work.</p> <p>The main difference is that the Class EA is considered complete after Preliminary Design has been completed and documented in the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The TESR for this project was completed in March 2022 after public review of the TESR Addendum. Commitments in the TESR are carried forward into Detail Design. Detail Design will consider all requirements of other legislation (e.g., obtaining permits and authorizations), and include mitigation of potential environmental impacts as appropriate. However, under the new Class EA, the Detail Design Construction Report (DCR) is no longer required to document this phase of the project.</p> <p>MTO will continue to engage with COTTFN as this project progresses. If you would like to arrange a meeting, have questions and comments, or require additional information, please contact me at the email or phone number listed below.</p>
<p><b>Haudenosaunee Development Institute, Toronto</b>            Emma Kemeka            Business Manager of Monitoring and Archaeology            emma@hdito.com</p> <p>Adam Zachariah            adam@hdito.com</p> <p>Todd Williams            toddwilliams@hdi.land</p> <p>Christina McCoy            christina@mccoyarchservices.com</p> <p>Brian Doolittle            ganowa@me.com</p> <p>Aaron Detlor            aaron@detlorlaw.com</p>	<p><b>Email received on November 19, 2024:</b>            Noted that they were reaching out regarding the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment for the project and that they are within their rights to participate in all stages of the project. Provided a standard monitoring agreement that they requested to be signed prior to commencement of the work. Requested additional information, including proponent, project, and billing information, as well as historical archaeological information and asked what triggered the archaeological work.</p>	<p>MTO is awaiting guidance from IAFNER and will provide a response once received. MTO considers this comment resolved.</p>

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<b>External Agencies</b>		
<p><b>Hydro One</b>  Paul Dalmazzi  Senior Environmental Specialist  Tel: 416-460-8108  Paul.Dalmazzi@HydroOne.com</p> <p>Mehrgan Mazaheri  Mehrgan.Mazaheri@HydroOne.com</p> <p>Sara Barss  Sara.Barss@HydroOne.com</p> <p>Alexander Buse  Alexander.Buse@HydroOne.com</p> <p>SecondaryLandUse@HydroOne.com</p>	<p><b>Email received on November 7, 2024:</b>  Requested that their Secondary Land Use Department (SecondaryLandUse@HydroOne.com) be added to the project mailing list.</p> <p>Noted that their team are involved in planning and constructing new transmission line projects in the Chatham area, including the recently completed Chatham x Lakeshore transmission line immediately north of the Highway 401/Bloomfield Road Interchange. Indicated that a direct overlap with MTO's work is not anticipated; however, in-servicing of the new line and some construction activities in the vicinity are still underway. Noted that they are working on another transmission line project in the area (Longwood x Lakeshore line), which is in the planning phase, and indicated that they will contact the project team if there is a need for further coordination.</p>	<p><b>Contact information added to the project mailing list.</b></p> <p><b>Response sent via email on December 24, 2024:</b>  Thank you for your comments and interest in the study. Your comments regarding the Chatham x Lakeshore and Longwood x Lakeshore transmission line projects have been circulated to the project team.</p> <p>Please note that contact information for Hydro One's Secondary Land Use Department is on the project mailing list and was delivered the Notice as part of its distribution. The Secondary Land Use Department will continue to be included on any future correspondence for the project.</p> <p>Thank you again for your comments.</p>
<p><b>Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority</b>  100 Thames Street  Chatham ON N7L 2Y8</p> <p>Robert Guo  Planning Technician  Tel: 519-354-7310 ext. 238  Robert.Guo@ltvca.ca</p> <p>Valerie Towsley  Watershed Resource Planner  519-354-7310 ext.226  valerie.towsley@ltvca.ca</p>	<p><b>Email received on November 7, 2024:</b>  Requested that their general planning email (planning@ltvca.ca) be added to the project mailing list.</p> <p><b>Follow-up email received on November 8, 2024:</b>  Noted that Flook and Hinton Drain has had ice jams north of Highway 401 that have obstructed flows and caused localized flooding south of Highway 401. Indicated that there is the potential for this to continue occurring into the future. Requested that their general planning email be added to the project mailing list.</p>	<p><b>Contact information added to the project mailing list.</b></p> <p><b>Response sent via email on January 10, 2025:</b>  Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>Your comments regarding Flook and Hinton Drain have been circulated to the project team for consideration. Please note that the opening of the proposed Highway 401 off-ramp bridge is similar to the existing bridge and replacement of the Highway 401 bridges over Flook and Hinton Drain are not included in the scope of work for the project. Therefore, the occurrence of ice jams is expected to remain unchanged following the proposed improvements. Future improvements to the drain will be considered, including clean out of the drain following this project.</p> <p>Per your request, the contact information provided has been added to the project mailing list and will be included on any future correspondence for the project.</p> <p>Thank you again for your comments.</p>

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<p><b>Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism</b>            Joseph Harvey            Heritage Planner            Tel: 613-242-3743            Joseph.Harvey@ontario.ca</p>	<p><b>Email received on December 16, 2024:</b>            Acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Proposed Transition and provided a project summary. Provided resources and requirements related to cultural heritage resources, provincial heritage properties, archaeological resources, built heritage and cultural heritage landscapes, and environmental assessment reporting.</p> <p>Noted that their records indicate that three archaeological assessments (AA) have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports, with one Stage 1 AA recommending a Stage 2 AA for portions of the study area, and two Stage 2 AAs recommending no further assessment.</p> <p>Indicated that a Cultural Heritage Resource Assessment was completed as part of the 2008 TESR-approved plan for improvements to the interchange, which identified Bloomfield Road Underpass as a potential cultural heritage resource. Further indicated that a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report was prepared for the underpass in August 2011, which found the underpass to not be of cultural heritage value or interest. Noted that in a decision dated October 12, 2011, MTO's Heritage Bridge Committee concluded that the underpass is not of cultural heritage value or interest and is not eligible for inclusion on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List.</p> <p>Lastly, noted that findings of technical cultural heritage studies should be summarized as part of the EA report discussion of existing conditions, impact assessment, mitigation, and future commitments. Indicated that commitments for further studies should clearly state what is to be done, who is responsible for implementation, and when, and that recommendations from the technical cultural heritage studies should be reflected as commitments in the EA report.</p>	<p><b>Response sent via email on December 24, 2024:</b>            Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>Your comments have been circulated to the project team. Your contact information is on the project mailing list, and you will be sent any future correspondence for the project.</p> <p>Thank you again for your comments.</p>

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<b>General Public 1</b>	<p><b>Email received on November 19, 2024:</b>            Asked if there are plans to widen Highway 401 from four to six lanes from Merlin Road to Bloomfield Road or beyond.</p> <p><b>Email received on December 12, 2024:</b>            Followed up on email sent November 19, 2024.</p>	<p><b>Contact information added to the project mailing list.</b></p> <p><b>Response sent via email on December 24, 2024:</b>            Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>Your comments regarding the improvements to Highway 401 in the area have been shared with the project team. The scope of work for this project includes the reconfiguration of the Highway 401 and Bloomfield Road Interchange and replacement of the Bloomfield Road Underpass to accommodate the future widening of Highway 401 through the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, including the area from Merlin Road to Bloomfield Road. The 2008 Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and 2022 TESR Addendum identified the proposed improvements to the interchange to accommodate the future widening of Highway 401 and address deficiencies related to traffic operation, capacity, and safety performance. These documents and other project information can be found on the project website (<a href="http://hwy401bloomfield.ca">hwy401bloomfield.ca</a>).</p> <p>Please note that the widening of Highway 401 is beyond the scope of work for this project and is being undertaken as part of a separate study. The timeline for construction of the Highway 401 widening in this area has not yet been determined. Information about the Highway 401 Expansion project, which includes widening of Highway 401, can be found at <a href="http://highway401tilburytolondon.ca">highway401tilburytolondon.ca</a>.</p> <p>Thank you again for your comments.</p>