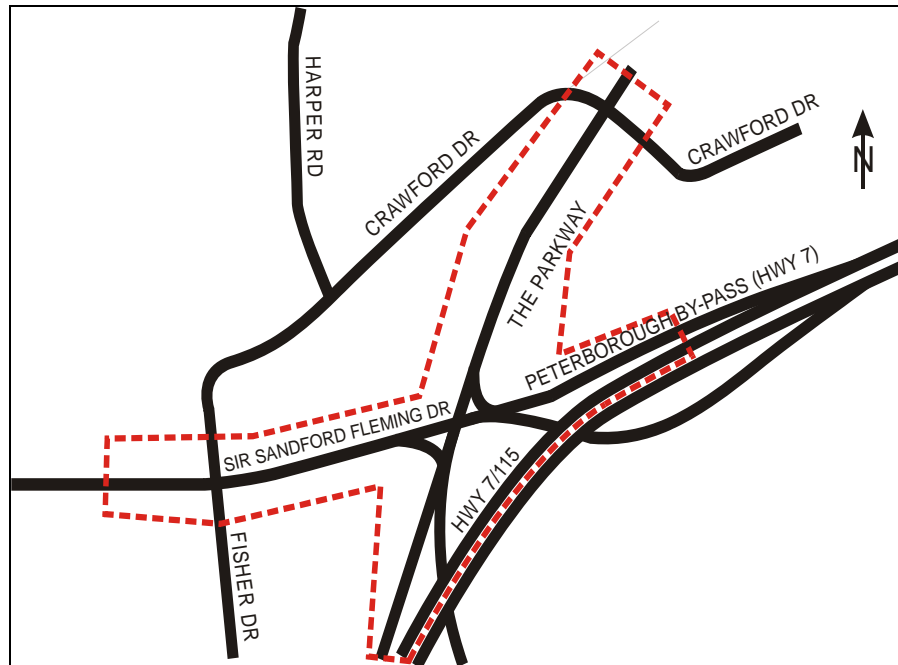




**NOTICE OF STEP-DOWN PROCESS
THE PARKWAY/HIGHWAY 7/115/SIR SANDFORD FLEMING DRIVE
INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS
PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY**

The City of Peterborough, in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), has undertaken a Preliminary Design/Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to investigate operational improvements at The Parkway/Highway 7/115/Sir Sandford Fleming Drive interchange including the adjacent intersections at Fisher Drive/Crawford Drive/Sir Sandford Fleming Drive and Crawford Drive/The Parkway.

The objective of this study was to develop a Preliminary Design for the three intersections that addressed immediate and long term needs for traffic operations and safety. The study has included a review of each intersection's geometrics and identified a plan of improvement. In addition, engineering, environmental and property requirements have been established, along with the identification of mitigation measures to reduce or negate potential construction impacts.



Public consultation undertaken as part of this project included the notification of external agencies and the public at the study commencement. Public Information Centre notices were mailed to property owners and businesses in the surrounding area in the vicinity of the intersections. The notices were placed in the Peterborough Examiner and Peterborough This Week prior to the PIC.

Following the Public Information Centre (PIC) held on December 12th, 2007 at Peterborough City Hall and at other points of public consultation (Notice of Study Commencement and Notice of PIC), the City of Peterborough and MTO have decided to “step down” this project from a Group “B” project to a Group “C” project because no significant environmental effects or property issues are anticipated. Therefore, an Environmental Screening Document will be prepared as part of the Group “C” project.

This public notice will provide a 30-day public review period during which time affected parties may request the proponent to reconsider the decision and leave the project in the Group “B” classification. Interested persons who have concerns regarding the “step down” of this project are encouraged to provide a request by December 2, 2008 to the City of Peterborough or consultant project manager. If, after consulting with the City of Peterborough, MTO and consultant staff, the affected party cannot agree, then the objector may ask the Minister of the Environment (135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5) to rule on the request. It is the responsibility of the objector to forward the request to the Minister of the Environment before the end of the 30-day public review period. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the City of Peterborough at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after December 2, 2008 the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA and will be stepped down to a Group “C” project and an Environmental Screening Document will be completed.

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Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the City of Peterborough in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. 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 become part of the public record.