



City of Sarnia

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC INFORMATION #2 - THE RAPIDS PARKWAY EXTENSION / NATURE TRAIL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The City of Sarnia is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to extend The Rapids Parkway and Howard Watson Nature Trail from Sandpiper Drive to Exmouth Street under Highway 402 in the study corridor shown on the included map.

This EA Study will select a preferred road and nature trail design to serve travel demands of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and transit expected from planned development in the surrounding area between Highway 402 and Blackwell Road. The road / trail extension has been planned by the City since the mid-1990's.

The study is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule 'C' project as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association's *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015)*.

The Study has prepared preferred design concepts for the road/trail extension, including evaluation criteria and recommendations for traffic management, trail design, storm water management, noise attenuation and mitigation of natural impacts. This information will be available for public review and comment at the following website as of Friday May 15, 2020 until June 5, 2020: Speak Up Sarnia <https://www.speakupsarnia.ca/>

Study team members will monitor and respond to email submissions to provide information and answer questions regarding the Study purpose and

process, traffic conditions, environmental conditions, preliminary road and nature trail designs and impact mitigation (i.e. noise, vegetation, drainage).

Following the PIC, in consideration of the comments received, the project team will confirm the preferred alternative design concept. An Environmental Study Report (ESR), which documents the EA process undertaken, will be compiled and made available for 30-day public review.

Also available on the [Speak Up Sarnia site](#) is a comment sheet and survey to provide feedback for final design purposes.

For additional information on the project visit the Engineering section on the website www.smartsarnia.com.

Information collected by this Study will be used 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.



Image: The Rapids Parkway Extension Study Corridor

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