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RE: Notice of Study
Detail Design of Hwy 17 Realignment and Hewitson Creek Culvert Replacement
Hwy 17, 9.3 km West of Schreiber, ON
MTO file: GWP 6333-14-00

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COMMENTS

We are interested in any comments or concerns you may have. Please submit your comments to either:

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Sincerely,

Erin McCulloch
Environmental Planner
Hatch Ltd.

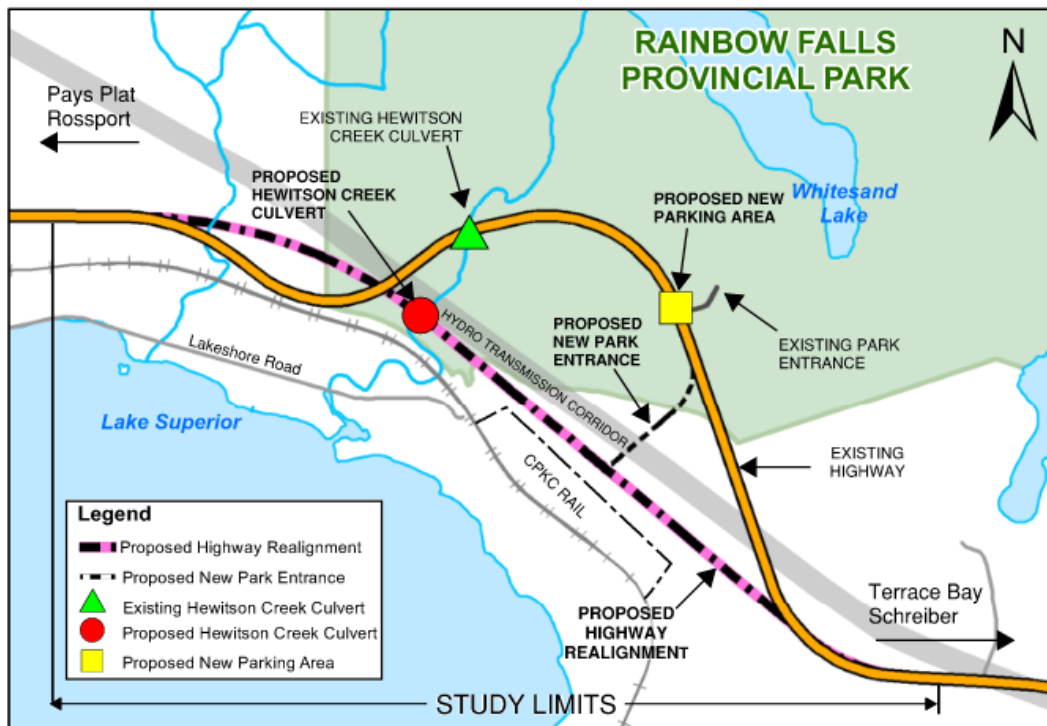
Attachment: Location Plan

cc P. Van Belleghem, MTO
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2.	Mr. David Bott Superintendent Superior North EMS North Shore Cluster District Operations	david.bott@thunderbay.ca	
3.	Fire Chief Ryan Bolan Terrace Bay Fire/Emergency Services 8 Radisson Avenue Terrace Bay, ON P0T 2W0	fire@terracebay.ca	
4.	Ms. Kimberly McNaughton District Planner Ministry of Natural Resources Nipigon District 5 Wadsworth Drive PO Box 970 Nipigon, ON P0T 2J0	kimberly.mcnaughton@ontario.ca	
5.	Ontario Provincial Police Schreiber Detachment PO Box 187 Hwy 11-17 West Nipigon, ON P0T 2J0		
6.	Mr. Anthony Friedrich Coordinator East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium PO Box 1300 Marathon, ON P0T 2E0	Afriedrich@sgdsb.on.ca	
7.	Mr. Jonathan Hall Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Township of Terrace Bay 1 Selkirk Avenue & Highway 11 Terrace Bay, ON P0T 2W0	cao@terracebay.ca	

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9.	Fire Chief Jan Morrison Township of Schreiber Fire and Rescue PO Box 700 222 Subway Street Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0	jmorrison@schreiberfire.ca	
10.	Traffic Staff Sergeant Cheryl Davidson NW Region Traffic Manager Ontario Provincial Police Northwest Region Box 550 15550 Hwy 17E Dryden, ON P8N 0A2	cheryl.davidson@opp.ca	<i>Please note, this notice has also been mailed to the OPP Schreiber Detachment.</i>
11.	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Northern Region	eanotification.nregion@ontario.ca	<i>Please note that the Streamlined Project Information Form for this project is attached.</i>
12.	Ms. Karla Barboza Team Lead - Heritage Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Heritage Planning Unit 401 Bay Street, Suite 1700 Toronto, ON M7A 0A7	karla.barboza@ontario.ca	<i>Stage 1 and Stage 2 archaeological assessments were completed by Northwest Archaeological Assessments for the project following Archaeological Guidelines.</i>
13.	Joseph Harvey Heritage Planner Heritage Branch - Citizenship Inclusion and Heritage Division Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	Joseph.Harvey@ontario.ca	
14.	Jack Mallon Heritage Planner Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Heritage Planning Unit 401 Bay Street, Suite 1700 Toronto, ON M7A 0A7	Jack.mallon@ontario.ca	<i>Stage 1 and Stage 2 archaeological assessments were completed by Northwest Archaeological Assessments for the project following Archaeological Guidelines.</i>
15.	Ms. Katherine Kirzati Heritage Planner Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Heritage Planning Unit 401 Bay Street, Suite 1700 Toronto, ON M7A 0A7	katherine.kirzati@ontario.ca	<i>Stage 1 and Stage 2 archaeological assessments were completed by Northwest Archaeological Assessments for the project following Archaeological Guidelines.</i>

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16.	Matt Borutski President Casque Isles Hiking Trail Club		
17.	Voyageur Trail Association PO Box 22009 RPO Cambrian Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 0E9	info@voyageurtrail.ca	<i>Please note that this Notice has also been sent to the Casque Isles Hiking Trail Club.</i>
18.	Ms. Dawn King Secretary/Treasurer Rossport Local Services Board PO Box 62 Rossport, ON P0T 2R0	rossportlsb@gmail.com	
19.	Mr. Mathieu Roy Vice President, Trail Development and Managmegnt Trans Canada Trail 300-321 de la Commune W Montreal, QC H2Y 2E1		<i>Please note that this Notice has also been sent to the Casque Isles Hiking Trail Club and the Voyageur Trail Association.</i>
20.	Ms. Katherine Onyshkewych Senior Park Planner Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ontario Parks 435 James St. S Suite 221D Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S7	katherine.onyshkewych@ontario.ca	
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25.	Mr. Marc Stewart Senior Manager Ministry of Mines Rehabilitation Section Willet Green Miller Ctr Level B6 Unit 933 Ramsey Lake Rd Sudbury, ON P3E 6B5	marc.stewart@ontario.ca	
26.	Allison Spadoni Superintendent Ministry of Environment, Conesrvation, and Parks Ontario Parks Operations PO Box 280 Terrace Bay, ON P0T 2W0	allison.spadoni@ontario.ca	
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28.	Nafey Gill CPKC Public Works Maneger CPKC	Nafey.gill@cpkcr.com	
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32.	Canadian Herpetological Society C/O Jolene Lavery Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry	info@canadianherpetology.ca	
33.	Canadian Parks & Recreation Association 1180 Walkley Road, P.O. Box 83069 P.O. Box 83069 Ottawa, Ontario K1V 2M5	info@cpra.ca	
34.	Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association 171 Rink St., Suite 102 Peterborough, Ontario K9J 2J6		
35.	Ducks Unlimited 740 Huronia Road, Unit 1 Barrie, Ontario L4N 6C6	du_barrie@ducks.ca	
36.	Earthroots 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 410 Toronto, Ontario M5V 3A8	info@earthroots.org	
37.	Ecojustice PO BOX 106 1910 - 777 Bay St Toronto, Ontario M5G 2C8	communications@ecojustice.ca	
38.	Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) 201 - 159 King Street Peterborough, Ontario K9J 2R8	info@foca.on.ca	
39.	Forests Ontario 15 Maple Ave Unit #103 Barrie, Ontario L4N 2N6	info@forestsontario.ca	
40.	Bill Mungall Hike Ontario 262 Lavender Drive Ancaster, Ontario L9K 1E5	info@hikeontario.com	
41.	Hydro One Inc. - Environmental Services & Approvals	regulatory@hydroone.com	

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42.	International Mountain Bicycling Association Canada (IMBA) PO BOX 1131 Garibaldi Highlands, British Columbia V0N 1T0	info@imbacanada.com	
43.	Colin Hovi Team Lead Mineral Exploration and Development Section Ministry of Mines Thunder Bay Office B002, 435 James St S Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 6S7	colin.hovi@ontario.ca	
44.	Glen Niznowski Manager Northern Region Office Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks MECP - Northern Region 3rd Floor 331B - 435 James St S Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 6S7	glen.niznowski@ontario.ca	
45.	Bryce Voca Supervisor Thunder Bay District Office Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 3rd Flr Suite 331B, 435 James St S Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 6S7	bryce.voca@ontario.ca	
46.	Kim Greonendyk Director (Acting) Negotiations and Reconciliation Division Negotiations Branch - Northwest Ministry of Indigenous Affairs 9th Flr, 160 Bloor St E Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E6	kim.greonendyk@ontario.ca	
47.	Nature and Outdoor Tourism Ontario (NOTO) 386 Algonquin Ave North Bay, Ontario P1B 4W3	info@noto.net	
48.	Ontario Chapter- Sierra Club of Canada Foundation	ontario@sierraclub.ca	

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49.	Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs (OFATV) PO Box 299 Coe Hill, Ontario K0L 1P0	info@ofatv.org	
50.	Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters PO Box 2800 4601 Guthrie Dr Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5	ofah@ofah.org	
51.	Murray Baker Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs 501 Welham Road, Unit 9 Barrie, Ontario L4N 8Z6	inquiries@ofsc.on.ca	
52.	Rob Girouard Ontario Federation of Trail Riders 3000 Steeles Ave East, Suite 201 Markham, Ontario L3R 4T9	info@oftr.ca	
53.	Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) 8 King Street East, Suite 1704 Toronto, Ontario M5C 1B5	info@ofia.com	
54.	Ontario Fur Managers Federation 531 Second Line East Sault Ste Marie, Ontario P6B 4K2	furmanagers@gmail.com	
55.	Ontario Live Bait Angling Association 3005 Wasdell Falls Road Washago, Ontario L0K 2B0		
56.	Adrianna Stech Ontario Mining Association 1201 - 5775 Yonge St Toronto, Ontario M2M 4J1	info@oma.on.ca	
57.	Ontario Nature 720 Bathurst Street Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4	info@ontarionature.org	
58.	Paul Ronan Executive Director Ontario Parks Association (OPA) 60 Water Street North Cambridge, Ontario N1R 3B1	paul@ontarioparksassociation.ca	

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59.	Ontario Private Campground Association 306 - 230 Westney Road South Ajax, Ontario L1S 7J5	info@campinginontario.ca	
60.	Chris Baskys Ontario Recreation Mountain Bicycling Alliance - Ontario Cycling Association 2015 Pan Am Blvd. Suite #2 Milton, Ontario L9T 8Y9	support@ontariocycling.org	
61.	Ontario Recreational Canoeing and Kayaking Association (ORCKA) PO Box 5024 Huntsville, Ontario P1H 2K5	info@orcka.ca	
62.	Patrick Connor Executive Director Ontario Trails Council 500 Main Street Deseronto, Ontario K0K 1X0	execdir@ontariotrails.ca	
63.	Michelle McShane Executive Director Paddle Canada PO Box 126 Station Main Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V6	info@paddlecanada.com	
64.	Peaceful Parks Coalition 1-133 John Street London, Ontario N6A 1N7	ppc@peacefulparks.org	
65.	Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada 800-170 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5H 3B3	info@pdac.ca	
66.	The Conservation Council of Ontario C/O Cariporter Inc PO BOX 73021, 465 Yonge St Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2W5	ontarioconservation@gmail.com	
67.	The Nature Conservancy Of Canada - Ontario PO Box 443 London, Ontario N6A 4W1	ontario@natureconservancy.ca	
68.	Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) 405 - 207 Queen's Quay West Toronto, Ontario	info@tiaontario.ca	

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70.	Cameron Mack Executive Director Wildlife Habitat Canada 247 - 2039 Robertson Rd Ottawa, Ontario K2H 8R2	admin@whc.org	
71.	World Wildlife Fund of Canada 410 Adelaide St. West, Suite 400 Toronto, Ontario M5V 1S8	ca-panda@wwfcanada.org	
Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Agency-Business Mailing List			
72.	Supervisor of Track Maintenance Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway c/o 320 Winnipeg Ave. N. White River, ON P0M 3G0		<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
73.	Manager - Road Operations Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway PO Box 219 Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0		<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
74.	Township of Terrace Bay Community Development Supervisor Terrace Bay, ON P0T 2W0	cds@terracebay.ca	<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
75.	Great Lakes Sea Kayaking Association 23 Van Dusen Blvd. Toronto, Ontario M8Z 3E4		<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
76.	Mikus Fuels Box 190 Terrace Bay, ON P0T 2W0		<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
77.	Chris Magee District Manager Nipigon Work Center Ministry of Natural Resources Nipigon, ON P0T 2J0	chris.magee@ontario.ca	<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
78.	Northern Computers 9 Simcoe Plaza		<i>You have been notified of this project due to past</i>

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	Box 1163 Terrace Bay, ON P0T 2W0		<i>interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
79.	Finance & Special Projects Administrator Schreiber Economic Development Office Township of Schrieber PO Box 40 Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0	fspace@schreiber.ca	<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
80.	Schreiber Public Library P.O. Box 39 Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0	library@schreiber.ca	<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
81.	Superior Sno Goers Snowmobile Club Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0		<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>
82.	Terrace Bay Tourist Information Centre P.O. Box 40 1008 Highway 17 Terrace Bay, Ontario P0T 2W0	tourism@terracebay.ca	<i>You have been notified of this project due to past interest in the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park Management Plan.</i>

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North Bay, ON P1B 9S9
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Date

Position (e.g., Chief [First Name] [Last Name])
Community Name
Address
City, Province
Postal Code

Sent via email: [recipient email address]

Subject: Notice of Study

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Dear [Title and Name (e.g., Chief [Last Name])],

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alternatives were evaluated and an alternative consisting of the realignment of Highway 17 and a new Hewitson Creek culvert crossing was selected to carry forward into Detail Design.

The purpose of this study is to further develop the proposed alternative and commitments made in the TESR. The study includes undertaking detailed environmental and engineering field investigations, seeking input from stakeholders, external agencies, Indigenous communities and the public, and finalizing the design. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the Detail Design study process. This includes a review of the 2021 TESR to document how commitments identified in the TESR, and environmental protection measures, have been addressed during Detail Design. The DCR will be made available for a 30-day public comment period. A Notice of Submission of the DCR will be issued at that time to indicate where the DCR will be made available for review.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the opportunity to meet with the project team to learn further details on the project and provide input into the process. If you would like to arrange a meeting, have questions and comments, or require additional information, please contact Heather Boyer, Regional Services and Relationships Manager by email at heather.boyer@ontario.ca or by phone at (807) 630-8996. MTO will continue to engage with [community name] as this project progresses.

Information collected during the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information and other protected information, including information outlined in section 15.1 (information received in confidence from an Indigenous community), may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record. Information received in confidence from an Indigenous community may be protected and not made public, such as information on sites of cultural significance, harvesting areas and resources, traditional ecological knowledge, and land use values. Please contact me if you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project.

Sincerely,

[Insert Signature]

Herb Villneff
Director, North Operations

Attachment:

- Attachment A: Location Map

c.c. H. Boyer, Regional Services and Relationships Manager, MTO

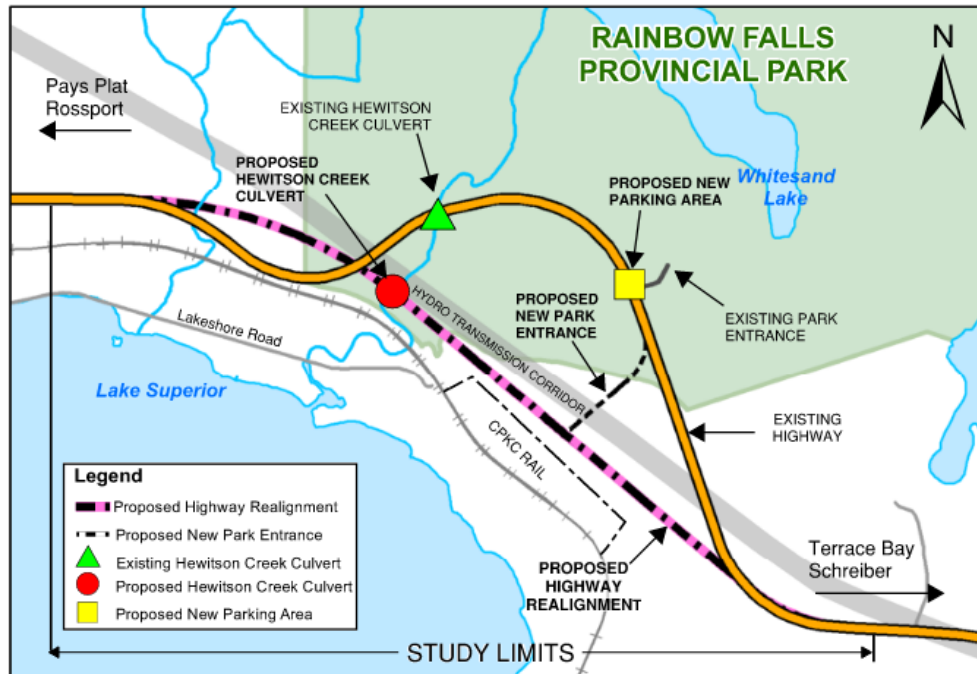
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P. Van Belleghem, Project Engineer, MTO
M. Sanders, Indigenous Liaison Specialist, MTO

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5.	Chief Sheri Taylor Ginoogaming First Nation PO Box 89 Longlac, ON, P0T 2A0
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7.	Chief Troy DeLaRonde Red Sky Métis Independent Nation 406 East Victoria Avenue Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1A5
8.	Regional Councillor Tim Sinclair, Region 2 Métis Nation of Ontario
9.	Mr. Jon MacDonald President Jackfish Métis Association Box 146 Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0

Thursday, March 28, 2024

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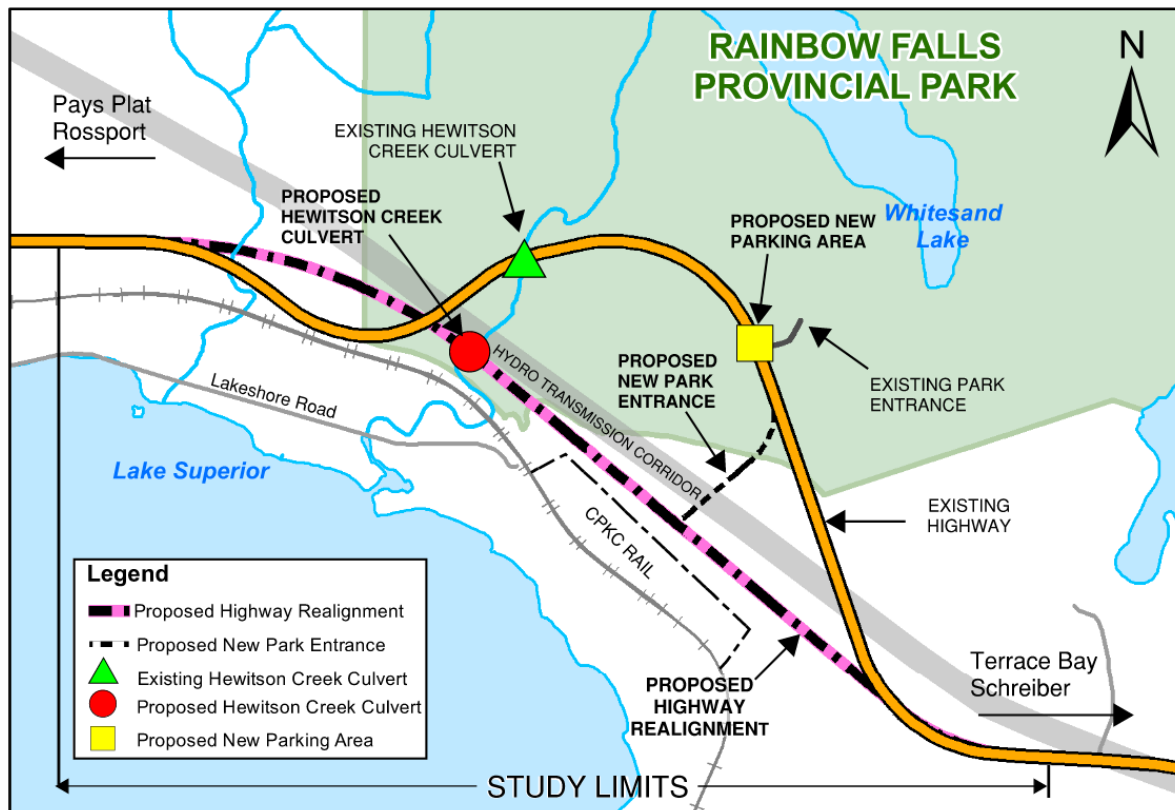
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Commencement of Study Notice

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