



# Project Status Report

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**Project Name:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Crossing – EA Report

**Department:** Engineering

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## PURPOSE

The Project Status Report is a document used as a means of formal monthly reporting on the status of a project to key project stakeholders.

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### A) Environmental Assessment Update

#### Background

The overall EA project is progressing on schedule for completion of Stage 2 (phases 3 and 4) by November 2011.

On May 25, 2010, Council authorized that Stage 2 of the Third Crossing Environmental Assessment (EA) Study proceed. Stage 2 will complete the Third Crossing EA Study by building on the findings of the EA Stage 1 Summary Report that assessed the need for and the feasibility of implementing a third transportation crossing over the Cataraqui River. The EA Stage 1 Summary Report presented a number of river crossing options and recommended a bridge crossing at John Counter Boulevard and Gore Road as the preferred option.

Stage 2 activities involve fieldwork investigations by the project team at the preferred John Counter Boulevard-Gore Road corridor. For all the fieldwork activities noted below, plans have been prepared by the City's project team in accordance with Federal and Provincial guidelines. The plans have also been approved by the City of Kingston and Parks Canada.

Discipline	Fieldwork Description in Study Area
Geo-Environmental	Measuring Environmental characteristics.
Geo-Technical	Measures foundation characteristics in land/water.
Aquatic Ecological	Aquatic vegetation and fish sampling.
Terrestrial Ecological	Land vegetation and wildlife inventory.
Marine Archaeological	Marine/water based archaeological.
Terrestrial Archaeological	Based upon bridge location, land based arch.
Hydro-Technical	Water resource assessments.
Traffic Analysis	Intersection and adjacent community analysis.
First Nations	Discussions with First Nation communities.

### **Completed/Ongoing Works in April 2011:**

- Rescheduled Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting from late April to late May.
- Compiled survey results from the March 31<sup>st</sup> PIC meeting.
- Rescheduled meeting with Queen's and RMC for discussion on bridge innovation techniques.
- Completed field Marine Archaeology throughout the preferred corridor.
- Continued to document resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions for consideration into the EA.
- Continued refining the three bridge design concepts.
- Executed communications plan for Stage 2 activities.
- Continued to inform the public through the website and mailing lists as the project progresses with timely information releases.
- Progressed property discussions regarding the impact on adjacent lands to accommodate stormwater control, construction lay-down area, multi-use trails, elevation and access tie-in issues.
- Discussed Gore Road Library logistics and potential heritage aspects.
- Specific request received from the Algonquins of Ontario, Consultations Office, Pembroke. Full information package provided.
- General inquiry from Metis Nation of Ontario received through Office of the Mayor. Under review.
- Continued preparation of report on consultation with First Nations.

### **Work planned for May 2011:**

- Prepare for Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in late May.
- Interpret March 31<sup>st</sup> PIC meeting survey results.
- Prepare for Public Liaison Committee meeting in May.
- Compile the Marine Archaeology field work results for reporting.
- Meet with Parks Canada to discuss compiled comments on the latest "Heritage Values and Guiding Principles" draft document as related specifically to the Third Crossing and UNESCO.
- Continue to document resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions for consideration into the EA.
- Commence terrestrial archaeology on the west shore properties.
- Progress strategies and discussions on bridge construction techniques and watermain installations techniques.
- Continue refining the three bridge design concepts.
- Execute communications plan for Stage 2 activities.
- Finalize the macro-modeling scenarios report that have the bridge in place and how it affects other roads in the project area.
- Continue to inform the public through the website and mailing lists as the project progresses with timely information releases.