

**CITY OF MISSISSAUGA**

Comments on Proposal to exempt various Ministry of Transportation projects from the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act - ERO 019-1883

MTO Project	SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES	STAFF COMMENTS
<p>QEW from West of Mississauga Road to west of Hurontario Street (Credit River Bridge) (Date of TESR: June 2013)</p>	<p>In consultation with the Ministry of Transportation, we are proposing a regulation to exempt this project from the requirements of Environmental Assessment Act, subject to conditions. The purpose of this exemption is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eliminate duplication of work already completed by the Ministry of Transportation during the original Class EA process completed for each of the projects listed above; and</li> <li>• reduce timelines for the implementation of this critical infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>If the proposed exemption regulation is approved, the Ministry of Transportation would no longer be required to complete the addendum process as outlined in the Ministry of Transportation Class EA for these projects. As a result, the Ministry of Transportation would not be required to complete a review of the original TESR which is normally completed to document any changes to the project. By exempting these requirements, there would not be any opportunity for public review of an addendum nor any opportunity to submit Part II Order requests.</p> <p>In addition, the Ministry of Transportation would not complete a DCR documenting the environmental assessment process during detail design for public review. There also would not be any opportunity to submit Part II Order requests on the DCR.</p>	<p>Given the community interest and involvement on the QEW from West of Mississauga Road to west of Hurontario Street (Credit River Bridge) Project to date, as well as the sensitivity around the environmental and heritage impacts of the project, the City of Mississauga <b>objects</b> to the exemption of this project from the requirements of Environmental Assessment Act. The surrounding residents have been actively engaged in the Environmental Assessment and DCR process and expect engagement to continue through the addendum process.</p> <p>In addition, the City of Mississauga is not in support of eliminating the need for a DCR documenting the environmental assessment process during detailed design. For the same reasons, the surrounding residents should have the ability to review the DCR and the impacts to their surrounding neighbourhoods and submit a Part II Order request, if necessary.</p>