

# Notice of Transportation Environmental Study Report Submission

## Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Rehabilitation of One Structure and Replacement of Three Structures on Highway 17 Townships of White River and Vasiloff, District of Algoma GWP 5124-12-00

### THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) retained GHD to conduct a Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study (the Study) for the rehabilitation of one culvert and replacement of three bridges on Highway 17, within the Townships of White River and Vasiloff, District of Algoma.

- Chain Lake Culvert – 0.9 km south of Highway 631
- Depew River Bridge - 9.4 km south of Highway 631
- CPR Overhead Bridge - 11.1 km south of Highway 631
- South White River Bridge – 17.8 km south of Highway 631

Since initiating the Study, MTO has identified the recommended improvements for each of the four structures as follows:

- Chain Lake Culvert – rehabilitate the existing culvert; particularly at the culvert ends where the deterioration is concentrated through partial depth repairs and crack injections
- Depew River Bridge – erect a temporary modular bridge just to the east of the existing bridge and construct a new 40 m single span bridge in its place on the same highway alignment
- CPR Overhead Bridge – replace the existing bridge with a new 40 m single span bridge
- South White River Bridge – erect a temporary modular bridge just to the west of the existing bridge and construct a new 34 m single span bridge in its place on the same highway alignment

### THE PROCESS

The Study followed the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) documenting the Group 'B' Class EA planning process has been prepared as part of the Study.

### COMMENTS

The TESR will be made available for a 30-day public comment period from **September 8, 2026 to October 8, 2026** at the project website [www.highway17fourstructures.ca](http://www.highway17fourstructures.ca). If you require an alternate format to review the TESR, then please contact one of the listed project team members to discuss options.

Interested persons are encouraged to provide comments through the project website. Please contact either one of the following Project Team members if you would like to ask questions or request additional information:

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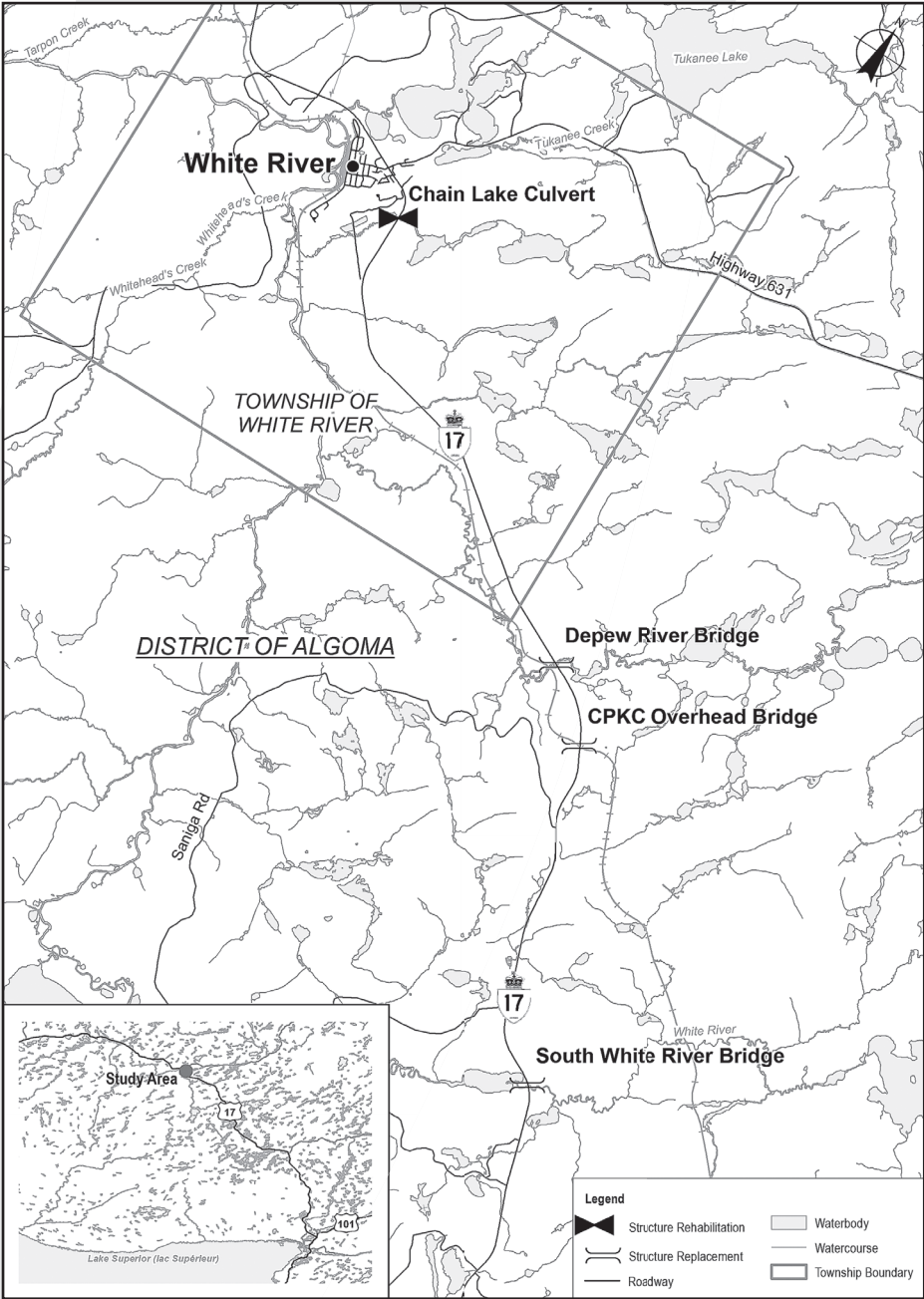
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Requests must include: the requestor's full name and contact information; the project name; the proponent's name; the type of order being requested; detailed reasons explaining how the order may address adverse impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights; information on any efforts made to resolve concerns directly with the proponent; and any other supporting information.

The request should be sent in writing or by e-mail to the MTO Project Manager listed above and to the following individuals:

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