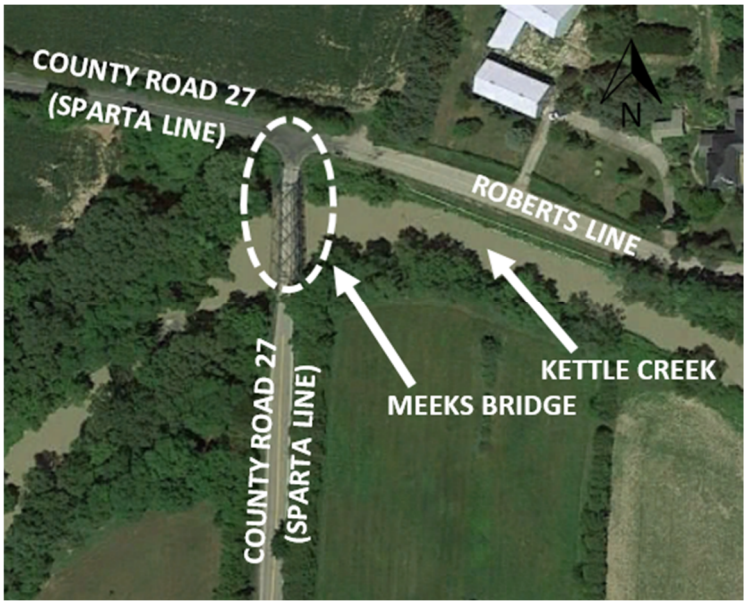
NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

MEEKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Project

The County of Elgin has completed a study to review alternatives for the replacement of Meeks Bridge in the Township of Southwold. Meeks Bridge is located on Country Road 27 and spans Kettle Creek as shown on the key plan. The project was planned under 'Schedule B' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015).

Meeks Bridge was constructed in 1900 and is a single span, steel double-intersection Warren truss (Double Warren) bridge structure. The bridge currently contains a posted load limit of 8 tonnes, and has a total deck length and width of 38.7 metre and 4.9 metres respectively. The bridge is currently in need of replacement.



KEY PLAN

Following consultation with agencies and the public, replacement of the structure was confirmed as the preferred solution for Meeks Bridge. The replacement bridge will have a 140-foot (42.5 metre) span with two 3.25 metre traffic lanes. The recommended plan also includes the conversion of the Sparta Line and Roberts Line intersection to all-way stop control.

Project File Report

A Project File Report (PFR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process for this study. By this Notice, the PFR is being placed on the public record for a 30-day review period from October 21st, 2020 to November 20th, 2020. The PFR is available for review on the County's website at https://www.elgincounty.ca/meeks-bridge-replacement/.

Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by November 20th, 2020. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Brian Lima at the County of Elgin or Stephen Keen at CIMA+.

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If there are any concerns regarding the project that cannot be resolved in discussion with the County, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
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Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Requests should also be sent to the Brian Lima and/or Stephen Keen by mail or by e-mail.