

Third Crossing open houses this week (September 25 and 26) on Environmental work

The Third Crossing team has started the public consultation for the federal environmental assessment of the project, known as the Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA).

The document is currently posted online for public review on the City's Get Involved website until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 12 at <u>GetInvolved.CityofKingston.ca</u>. As part of the 30 day engagement we are also hosting two open houses – one on the east and one on the west shore of the Cataraqui River. At these open houses you can expect to connect with members of the project team on elements like storm water management, consideration of the wildlife in the area, how we're going to construct the bridge and our mitigation plans, to name a few.

Both of the open houses are open **drop-in any time from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** Further details are below:

- September 25 (east shore) at LaSalle Secondary School at 773 Highway 15
- September 26 (west shore) at L.C.V.I Secondary school at 153 Van Order Drive

Required for complex projects, the DIA is the most intensive form of review for the regulatory process. This comprehensive analysis shows the environmental considerations, impacts and proposed mitigation strategies for the project. After consultation on the DIA, the City will compile the questions and comments received into a report, which will be submitted along for review and approval by federal departments and agencies (Parks Canada, Transport Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada. Residents will be able to see the public consultation review on the **project website** as well as the City's Get Involved site.

Upcoming engagement opportunities

After our engagement on the Detailed Impact Assessment (DIA), the next phase of public

engagement on the project will be around some of the design elements of the bridge.

About The Third Crossing Bridge

Once completed, the new 1.2 km bridge will connect the east and west sides of Kingston over the Cataraqui River. The two-lane bridge will improve emergency services, increase active transportation through a multi-use pedestrian and bike pathway, create greater business connectivity and enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kingston. The bridge is jointly funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Kingston.

Keeping You Connected

Learn more about Third Crossing at our website: **ThirdCrossing.CityofKingston.ca**

Send us an email: thirdcrossing@cityofkingston.ca

Your comments and participation continue to be important to the project team and to the success of the overall project. Please contact us or join our newsletter.





