

**CITY OF OWEN SOUND
DOWNTOWN RIVER PRECINCT MASTER PLAN &
FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE 'B'
MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NOTICE OF COMPLETION**

The City has identified a need to consolidate a vision for the Downtown River Precinct, which includes the 800 and 900 Blocks of 1st Avenue East and 1st Avenue West. The basic intentions of this vision are to re-claim the pedestrian environment from the existing vehicular environment along the Sydenham River banks, and to reconnect the downtown commercial district with the river. In order to formalize recognized opportunities in traffic flow alternatives to address existing deficiencies in urban design, and to improve both the vehicular and pedestrian environments within the Study Area, the City is undertaking a combined Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) planning process. The City intends to proceed with the design and construction of this project, as follows:

1. Master Plan: One-way pairs on 1st Avenue East and 1st Avenue West between 8th Street and 10th Street in a clockwise direction. More specifically:
 - a. Maintain 1st Avenue West (800 Block) as one-way northbound;
 - b. Convert 1st Avenue West (900 Block) to one-way northbound;
 - c. Maintain 1st Avenue East (900 Block) as one-way southbound; and
 - d. Convert 1st Avenue East (800 Block) to one-way southbound.

This is a Schedule A+ activity under the Municipal Class EA and is considered to be pre-approved.

2. Farmers' Market Schedule 'B' EA: Re-alignment of the 800 Block of 1st Avenue East from the west side of the Farmers' Market building to the east side. This is subject to a 30-day Public Review Period and includes a provision for a Part II Order request.

Construction projects within each Block will be subject to a phased implementation approach with the first Phase potentially commencing in 2019. Project timing is subject to further review due to the need to coordinate with the 10th Street Bridge replacement including budget and traffic management.

This Notice initiates the 30 calendar day Public Review Period specific to the Farmers' Market Schedule 'B' EA. Interested persons should provide written comment within 30 days from the date of this Notice to the Manager of Engineering Services, City of Owen Sound and/or GM BluePlan Engineering.

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If concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved in discussion with the City, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environmental assessments. The Master Plan process does not include a provision for a Part II Order request to the Minister. Requests may be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch (MOECP) and the City of Owen Sound. If there is no request received by August 10, 2018, the project will proceed to detailed design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

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