



## **Notice of Draft Terms of Reference and Public Meeting #2 Rapid Transit Initiative Environmental Assessment (EA)**

### **The Study**

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference for the development of rapid transit service extending from Waterloo, through Kitchener to Cambridge.

The Regional Growth Management Strategy adopted by Regional Council on June 25, 2003 affirmed the need for rapid transit service linking these three urban areas in the Region. Rapid transit is intended to act as one of the key catalysts to influence urban form, support downtown core revitalization and control urban sprawl in the Region. It will also serve future travel needs in the Region.

The Draft Terms of Reference provide a framework for completing an Individual EA study that will assess all reasonable rapid transit technologies and alignments and recommend a preferred rapid transit system.

### **The Process**

Prior to preparing an Individual EA, the *Environmental Assessment Act* requires that a proponent prepare a Terms of Reference (ToR). The Minister of the Environment (MOE) has the authority to approve the ToR. The Individual EA is then prepared in accordance with the approved ToR.

The Draft ToR is being provided to facilitate consultation with interested stakeholders and members of the public. Copies of the Draft ToR are available on the project web site at [www.region.waterloo.on.ca/transitEA](http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca/transitEA). In addition, starting Wednesday, March 2, 2005, the Draft ToR can be viewed at all public libraries and main municipal offices in the Cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo, and at the Regional Headquarters.

Public Meeting #2 will also provide the public with an opportunity to meet the Project Team to review comments, questions and issues related to the Draft ToR. This Public Meeting will be held as follows:

**Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2005**  
**Time: Presentation 7:00 - 7:30 PM**  
**Group Discussion 7:30 – 9: 00 PM**  
**Place: Cameron Heights Secondary School**  
**301 Charles Street East**  
**Parking at rear, served by GRT Routes 3, 7, 8 11 and 22**

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Region of Waterloo in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record.

Comments on the Draft ToR will be collected until April 1, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this project or wish to provide comment on the Draft ToR document, please contact either:

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