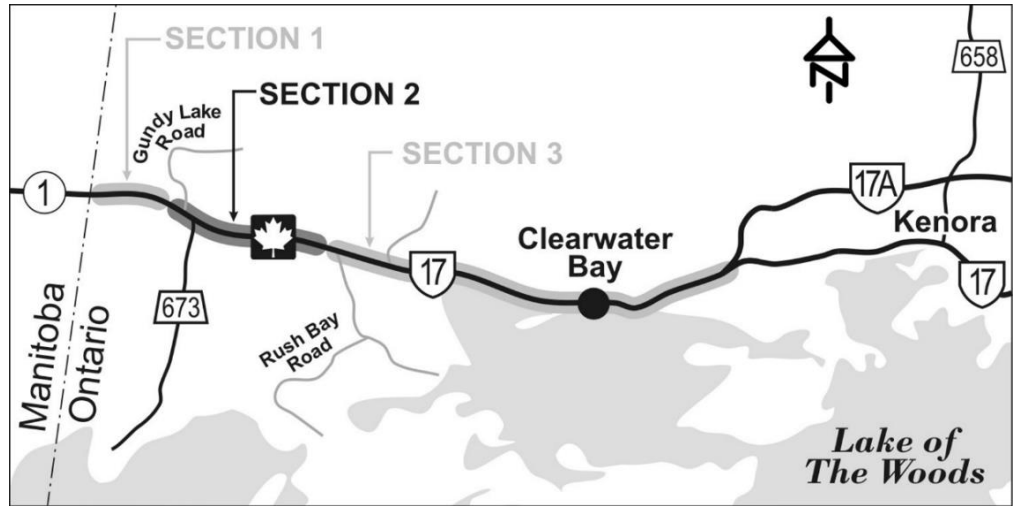


**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2**  
**Highway 17 Four-Laning - Section 2 (between Highway 673 and Rush Bay Road)**  
**(G.W.P. 6053-03-00)**

**THE STUDY:**

**WSP Canada Inc. (WSP)**, on behalf of the **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, has initiated the preliminary design and class environmental assessment study to review four-laning alternatives for the 8.5 km long section of Highway 17 between Highway 673 and Rush Bay Road (referred to as Section 2 on the Key Plan). The project team has reviewed the four-laning alternatives within Section 2 were reviewed and a preferred alternative has been recommended.

The study follows the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under MTO's Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). MTO published the original Notice of Study Commencement for the four-laning of Highway 17 between Manitoba and Kenora in November 2018.



**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #2:**

Following a detailed route evaluation using input received through public engagement and discussions with Indigenous communities, the project team has recommended a preferred alternative to establish a four-lane divided Highway 17, within the limits for Section 2. The recommended preferred alternative focuses on minimizing impacts to Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and the environment. The PIC will provide an opportunity to review and provide input and comment on the recommended preferred alternative. The materials at the PIC will also provide an overview of the evaluation process that was undertaken, as well as the proposed project access roads.

The PIC will be held as follows:

**Date:** Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location / Address:** Super 8 Motel - 240 Lakeview Drive in Kenora

The PIC will be an in-person, open house format with project team representatives from MTO and WSP available to answer questions, as well as discuss and receive comments. We encourage interested persons to attend to learn about the project and provide input to ensure that concerns can be addressed as the study progresses. PIC materials, including a recorded presentation, will be available on the project website at [www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca](http://www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca) beginning on **July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Comments can be submitted in-person at the PIC, through the comment form on the website, or by contacting a project team member listed below. Comments are requested by **August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Following the PIC and reviewing comments received on the materials presented, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared to document the existing environmental conditions, the recommended four-lane plan and the proposed mitigation measures. The TESR will be available for a 30-day public review period at the end of the study process. Notices will be posted and published when the TESR is available for viewing. Please visit our project website at [www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca](http://www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca) for additional project details.

**COMMENTS:**

Persons requiring accommodation to review these materials are encouraged to contact the project managers below. Comments are welcome at any time during the study. If you require additional information or would like to provide comments, please contact:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.