

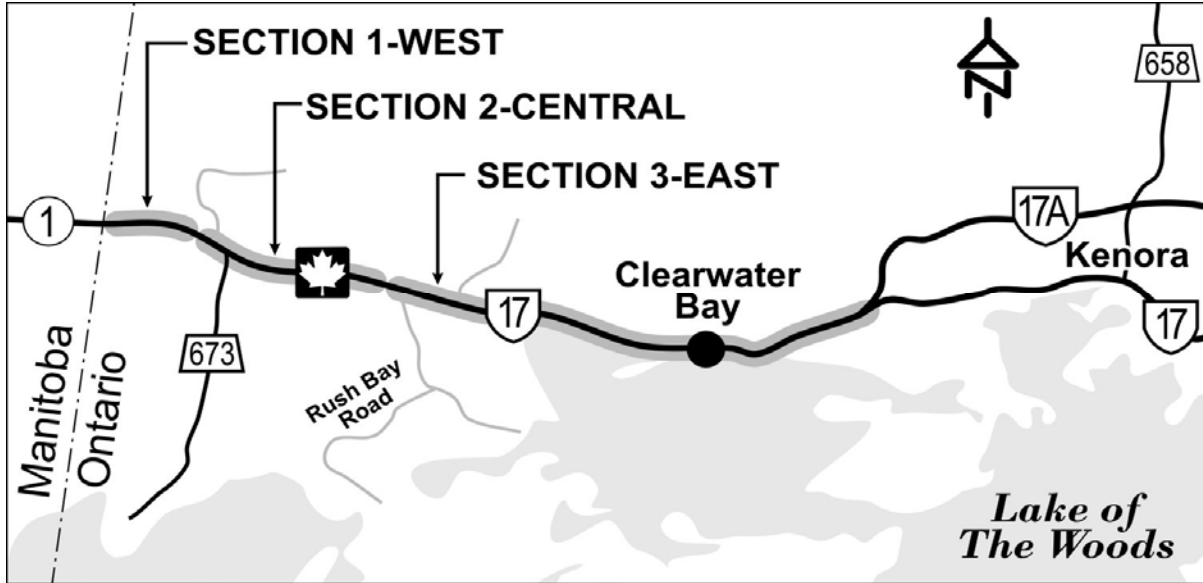
# HIGHWAY 17 FOUR-LANING NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Four-Laning between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Kenora

## ROUTE PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY

### THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated a study for the four-laning of Highway 17 within the District of Kenora, as shown in the key plan and described below. The firm of McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) will undertake this project on behalf of MTO.



The study is being carried out to identify and protect a preferred corridor for a four-lane divided highway. The study is comprised of the following three sections:

**Section #1:** Between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Gundy Lake Road

**Section #2:** Between Gundy Lake Road and Rush Bay Road

**Section #3:** Between Rush Bay Road and Highway 17A

The study will follow the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* process for Group 'B' projects. Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESRs) will be prepared separately for each section. Notices will be published when each TESR is completed to explain the public review process and identify the locations where the TESR is available for viewing.

### CONSULTATION PROCESS

External agency and public consultation will take place throughout the project to present study findings, including Public Information Centres (PICs). The PICs will provide the public and interest groups an opportunity to discuss the project with members of the project team.

The first PIC has been arranged to provide a study overview for all three sections. The PIC will also include, for Sections 1 and 2, the assessment and evaluation of highway improvement alternatives and the recommended improvements for review and comment. We encourage you to attend this PIC to provide us with your views and comments so they can be addressed as the project progresses. The PIC is scheduled as follows:

<b>Location:</b>	McKenzie Clearwater Fire Hall Junction of Highway 17 West and McConnell Lake Road Clearwater Bay, Ontario
<b>Time:</b>	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2009

### COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, or if you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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Please visit our project website at [www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca](http://www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca) for additional project details.

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.

