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February 6, 2018

**Attention: Mr. Terry Kuipers, Chief Building Official/Bylaw Enforcement Officer**  
Town of Minto  
5941 Highway #89, R.R. 1  
Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0

**Sent via email: [terry@town.minto.on.ca](mailto:terry@town.minto.on.ca)**

**RE: Rehabilitation of Highway 9 from Clifford to Harriston (G.W.P. 3079-14-00)**  
**Request for Exemption from Noise By-law 05-09 (Town of Minto) to**  
**Facilitate Night Work**

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The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for the rehabilitation of Highway 9 from the Clifford east limits, easterly for 9.0 km, to 0.8km east of Highway 23/Highway 89 in Harriston, Town of Minto.

**The purpose of this letter is to request an exemption from the Town of Minto's Noise By-law (05-09), pertaining to prohibited hours for the operation of construction equipment from 21 00 (9:00 pm) one day to 07 00 (7:00 am) next day (09:00 (9:00 am) on Sundays).**

### **Project Overview**

The project is being undertaken primarily to address the existing pavement condition, and will include pavement resurfacing, culvert rehabilitations/replacements and minor electrical work. During construction, Highway 9 traffic will be reduced to a single lane. At times, Highway 9 will be closed to traffic and a detour route will be provided (see attached map).

The construction work is expected to take place over one construction season. Night-time construction is proposed to minimize construction duration and avoid significant disruption to Highway 9 traffic. We are requesting the exemption from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. If night work is conducted, it will involve normal construction equipment such as trucks, excavators, compactors and paving equipment related to the replacement of culverts and paving operations. The Contractor will be required to

minimize idling of construction vehicles and to maintain equipment in good working order (including muffling devices) to mitigate noise impacts. The Contract Administrator will monitor and investigate any complaints regarding construction noise according to the provisions of the MTO's *Environmental Guide for Noise*.

The following information is provided in support of our application:

Applicant: Ontario Ministry of Transportation, West Region  
659 Exeter Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
London, ON N63 1L3

Attention: Emily Roadhouse, Environmental Planner  
Planning & Design, Environmental Section  
Tel: (519) 873-4590

Event Title: Rehabilitation of Highway 9 from Clifford to Harriston

*Note: Private construction firms, working under Contract for the MTO, will undertake the work.*

To date, project information in the form of Notices and letters have been set to municipalities, agencies, and the public with an interest in the project, including adjacent property owners.

**We would appreciate your consideration of this request, at your earliest opportunity so that MTO may proceed to tender the project in April 2018, subject to funding and receipt of all approvals.**

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Emily Roadhouse  
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Attachments: Notice of Study Commencement  
Schedule 4 – Application for Noise Exemption

cc. Ron Meertens – Senior Project Manager, MTO West Region  
Nadia Dabagh – Assistant Environmental Planner, MTO West Region

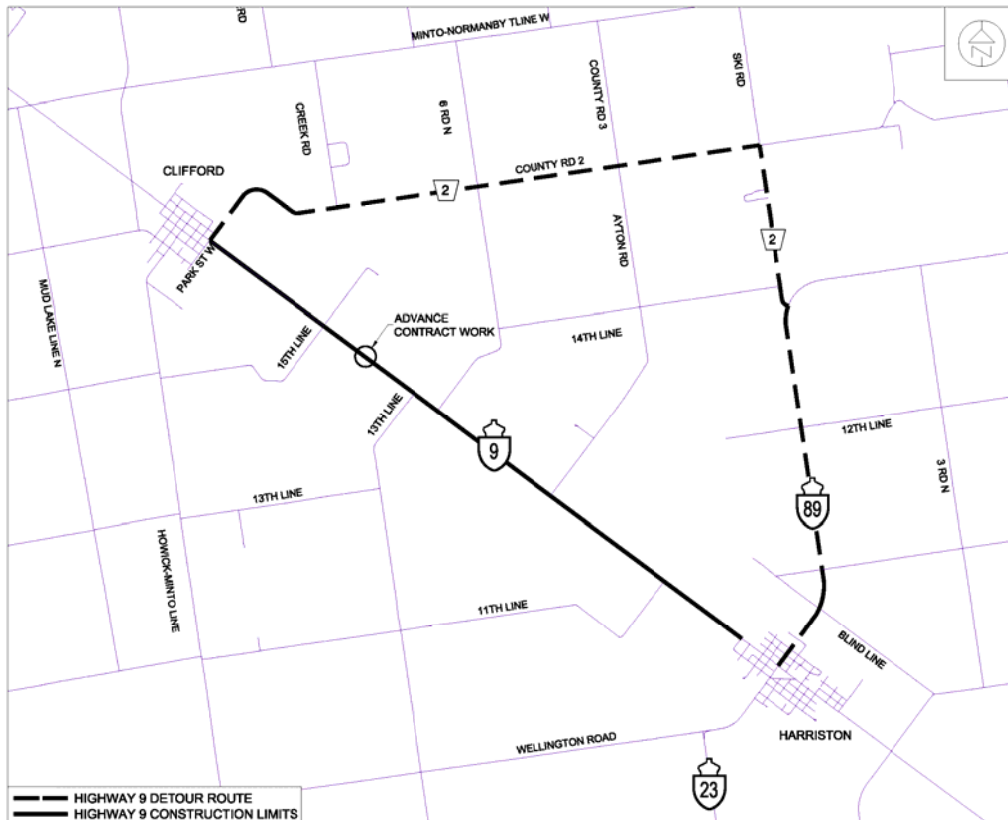
# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## DETAILED DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

### Rehabilitation of Highway 9, from Clifford to Harriston (GWP 3079-14-00)

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for the rehabilitation of Highway 9 from the Clifford east limits, easterly for 9.0 km, to 0.8 km east of Highway 23/Highway 89 in Harriston, Township of Minto. The project is being undertaken primarily to address the existing pavement condition, and will include pavement resurfacing, culvert rehabilitations/replacements and minor electrical work.



During construction, Highway 9 traffic will be reduced to a single lane. At times, Highway 9 will be closed to traffic and a detour route will be provided, as shown on the key plan. Advanced signing of closure dates will be provided by the Contractor. Access for businesses and properties on Highway 9 will be maintained throughout construction. Subject to funding and approvals, it is anticipated construction will take place in 2018 (April to November).

An advanced contract to complete required culvert work west of 13<sup>th</sup> Line is anticipated to be completed over approximately 3 weeks beginning in late September 2017. Highway 9 will be closed to traffic for approximately 1 week during construction and a detour route will be provided, as shown on the key plan.

#### PROCESS

The study is being completed in accordance with the *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* as a Group "C" project (minor improvement). An Environmental Screening Document for MTO's internal use will be prepared to summarize anticipated impacts and mitigation measures.

The purpose of this Notice is to advise area residents, businesses and agencies of the upcoming work. We are interested in obtaining your comments regarding the existing conditions in the area or questions regarding the proposed construction activities. We are requesting comments by **September 8, 2017**.

For more information, to provide comments or be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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**Senior Project Manager**  
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West Region, Planning & Design Section  
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If you have any accessibility requirements for participating in this project please contact a Project Team member.  
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 be part of the public record.



SCHEDULE 4

Application for Noise Exemption:

Applicant Name	Last	First
	Roadhouse	Emily

Applicant Address	Street	Town	Postal Code
	659 Exeter Road	London	N6E 1L3

Applicant's Phone Number
519-873-4590

Group or Organization
Ontario Ministry of Transportation

Event Title
Rehabilitation of Hwy 9 from Clifford to Harriston

Date of Event	Time of Event
(If event is being held over more than one day, specify times for each day.)	
May 1st, 2018 -	2100 (9:00pm) one day to
October 31st, 2018	0700 (7:00am) next day (0900 Sundays)

Description of Event – include the source of sound or vibration in respect of which the exemption is being sought:
In the event the contractor will perform night work, it will include the replacement of culverts and paving. If night work is conducted, it will involve normal construction equipment such as trucks, excavators, compactors, and paving equipment.

State the particular provision or provisions of the By-law from which the exemption is being sought
4. Prohibitions by Time and Place; schedule 2; 3. The Operation of any motorized conveyance...

February 6, 2018  
Date  
emRdh  
Signature  
Environmental Planner  
Title

Submit to:  
The Town of Minto, c/o The Clerk's Office,  
5941 Hwy. 89, R. R. 1  
Harriston, Ontario N0G 1Z0  
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