

### 3.0 CONSULTATION STRATEGY

Consultation is a critical feature of the MCEA process. It provides two-way communication between the proponent and affected and/or interested persons (e.g., general public, Indigenous communities, local interest groups, non-government organizations, government agencies, and ministries) and allows the opportunity to participate and/or be involved in decision-making throughout the MCEA, thereby allowing for the exchange of ideas and questions pertaining to the proposed project throughout the MCEA process.

Detailed information can be found in Appendix B – Public Consultation.

#### 3.1 Private Landowner Consultation Activities

Consultation and feedback have been vital to informing the preferred trail alignment in addition to technical and feasibility considerations. Private landowner consultation activities have been summarized in **Table 3-1** below.

**Table 3-1:** Summary of private landowner consultation meetings.

Date	Private Landowner Group
February 18, 2021	WGCC
May 26, 2021	Humberview Crescent Residents (Private Land Trust)
October 26, 2021	WGCC
January 12, 2022	Humberview Crescent Residents (Private Land Trust)
March 8, 2022	Humberview Crescent Residents (Private Land Trust)

#### 3.2 Public Consultation Activities

In accordance with the MCEA 2015 consultation requirements, the following summary in Table 3-2 outlines key public consultation activities undertaken throughout the MCEA.

**Table 3-2:** Public consultation activities undertaken

Public Consultation	Activity	Notification	Date
Phase 1: 2021	Round One: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Notice of Commencement</li> <li>Public Information Centre 1</li> <li>Event Reminder</li> <li>Round One Summary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Email #1</li> <li>Project Email #2</li> <li>Project Email #3</li> <li>Project Email #4</li> </ul>	May 31, 2021 May 27, 2021 June 4, 2021 Sept 10, 2021
Phase 2: 2022	Round Two: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Information Centre 2</li> <li>IEC and Report to Council</li> <li>Round Two Summary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Email #5</li> <li>Project Email #6</li> <li>Project Email #7</li> </ul>	May 2, 2022 June 29, 2022 Aug 16, 2022

Notice of Completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Day Public Review Period</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Email #8</li> </ul>	Oct 2022
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### 3.3 Public Consultation Mechanisms

There are several mechanisms proponents can follow to meet the mandatory public consultation requirements set forth in a MCEA. For the Mid Humber Gap, the project team used mechanisms that provided for meaningful engagement throughout the duration of the project (see Table 3-3).

Please note that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both Public Information Centre and Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings were held virtually.

**Table 3-3:** Summary of public consultation mechanisms

Activity	Description
Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Two SAG meetings were held throughout the MCEA process. Each meeting included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations by the project and consultant teams</li> <li>• Question and answer period</li> <li>• Seven-day review period for additional comment following the meeting</li> </ul>
Public Information Centre (PIC)	Two virtual PICs were held throughout the MCEA process. Each PIC included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and discussion</li> <li>• Comment forms</li> <li>• Question and answer period with the project and consultant teams</li> <li>• Four-week review period for additional comment before and following the meetings</li> </ul>
Project Website	A website was developed at the onset of the project and was maintained by the City of Toronto ( <a href="http://toronto.ca/midhumbergap">toronto.ca/midhumbergap</a> ). The website included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project updates</li> <li>• Study Area &amp; Background</li> <li>• Online Feedback Forms</li> <li>• Notices</li> <li>• Common Questions</li> <li>• Contact information</li> </ul>
Notifications	Formal notices were used to inform members of the public, private landowners, Indigenous communities, stakeholders, local politicians, and review agencies at key stages of the project. Notifications were used to advertise the Notice of Commencement, PICs, and Notice of Completion.

	<p>Notifications were distributed using different mechanisms as required by the MCEA process and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertisements in the Etobicoke Guardian Newspaper</li> <li>• Flyer distribution through Canada Post</li> <li>• Letters and emails to project list</li> <li>• Project website</li> </ul>
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### 3.4 Stakeholder Advisory Group

To facilitate ongoing stakeholder involvement at the planning level, a SAG comprised of stakeholder representatives, community groups, and residents was formed. The purpose of the SAG was to assist TRCA and the City in obtaining public and stakeholder input concerning the planning and design process for the Mid Humber Gap MCEA. The primary role of each member was to review and provide feedback and assist in building consensus on the Mid Humber Gap’s preferred trail alignment.

The SAG met twice, both times at major project milestones throughout the duration of the MCEA (Table 3-4). Each meeting included a presentation from the project and consultant teams, open discussion, review packages, and handout materials.

A full overview of each SAG, including presentations and review materials, can be found in Appendix B.

**Table 3-4:** SAG meeting overview

Meeting	Date
SAG Meeting #1	May 05, 2021
SAG Meeting #2	February 03, 2022

### 3.5 Technical Advisory Committee

A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of key technical and review staff from the City, Metrolinx and TRCA, was formed for the Mid Humber Gap MCEA. The purpose of the TAC was to provide critical feedback on working concepts, constraints, design/evaluation criterion and other material related to the project.

The TAC met twice, both times at major project milestones throughout the duration of the MCEA (Table 3-5). Each meeting included a presentation from the project and consultant teams, open discussion, review packages, and handout materials.

A full overview of each TAC, including presentations and review materials, can be found in Appendix B.

**Table 3-5:** TAC meeting overview

Meeting	Date
TAC Meeting #1	April 13, 2021
TAC Meeting #2	January 22, 2022

### 3.6 Indigenous Communities

Prior the delivery of any notifications, the MECP was contacted for advice and information about the Indigenous communities that should be contacted during the Indigenous Engagement process. Additional Indigenous community contact lists were also considered, including lists held by TRCA. The following communities and agencies were engaged based on asserted or established interest as listed below and in Table 3-6:

- Haudenosaunee Confederacy
- Huron-Wendat Nation
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation

Documentation of Indigenous engagement is provided in Appendix B.

**Table 3-6:** Summary of Notifications

Notification	Date	Method
Notification #1: Notice of Commencement	31-Mar-2021	Email, courier
Notification #2: Public Information Centre #1	27-May-2021	Email
Notification #3: Public Information Centre #2	4-May-2022	Email
Notification #4: Notice of Completion	20-Oct-2022	Email, courier

### 3.7 Review Agencies

At minimum, review agencies, such as government organizations, ministries, or public authorities, are to be informed at the mandatory points of contact (Municipal Engineers Association, 2015). The list of review agencies is attached in Appendix B.