



**Region of Waterloo**  
**Public Consultation Centre #2 For**

**Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design**  
**Grand River Transit – Northfield Drive Facility, Waterloo, ON**  
**Information Package**

**November 24, 2016**

**Drop-In Anytime: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**RIM Park**  
**2001 University Avenue East**  
**Waterloo, ON**

Please fill out the Comment Sheet at the end of this Information Package and place it in the box at this Consultation Centre or send it to the address on the Comment Sheet.

## 1. Background

In 2012, Grand River Transit (GRT) updated the *Transit Facilities Strategy* (2012) which identified a need to expand bus storage and bus maintenance capacity by adding a new 200 bus facility. The existing GRT maintenance facilities on Strasburg Road in Kitchener and Conestoga Boulevard in Cambridge are nearing capacity and cannot accommodate additional fleet. Therefore, property was acquired in 2014 at 300 and 350 Northfield Drive East in Waterloo to accommodate this new facility.

This study is being coordinated with the planned widening of Northfield Drive to allow traffic flow requirements to the planned transit site to be integrated with the planned road widening. See **Appendix A** for a map of the study area.

## 2. What is the Purpose of this Public Consultation Centre?

The purpose of this Public Consultation Centre is to have interested groups and individuals:

1. Review and comment on the preferred site layout concept for the GRT facility at 300 and 350 Northfield Drive;
2. Ask questions of staff from the Region of Waterloo and our consultants from IBI Group; and
3. Provide any comments you may have about the project.

We kindly request that you fill out the Comment Sheet attached to the back of this Information Package and either put it in the Comment Box or send it to the address noted on the Comment Sheet no later than **December 8, 2016**.

## 3. Who is directing the Project?

A Project Team consisting of staff from the Region of Waterloo is directing this project along their consultants from IBI Group.

## 4. What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

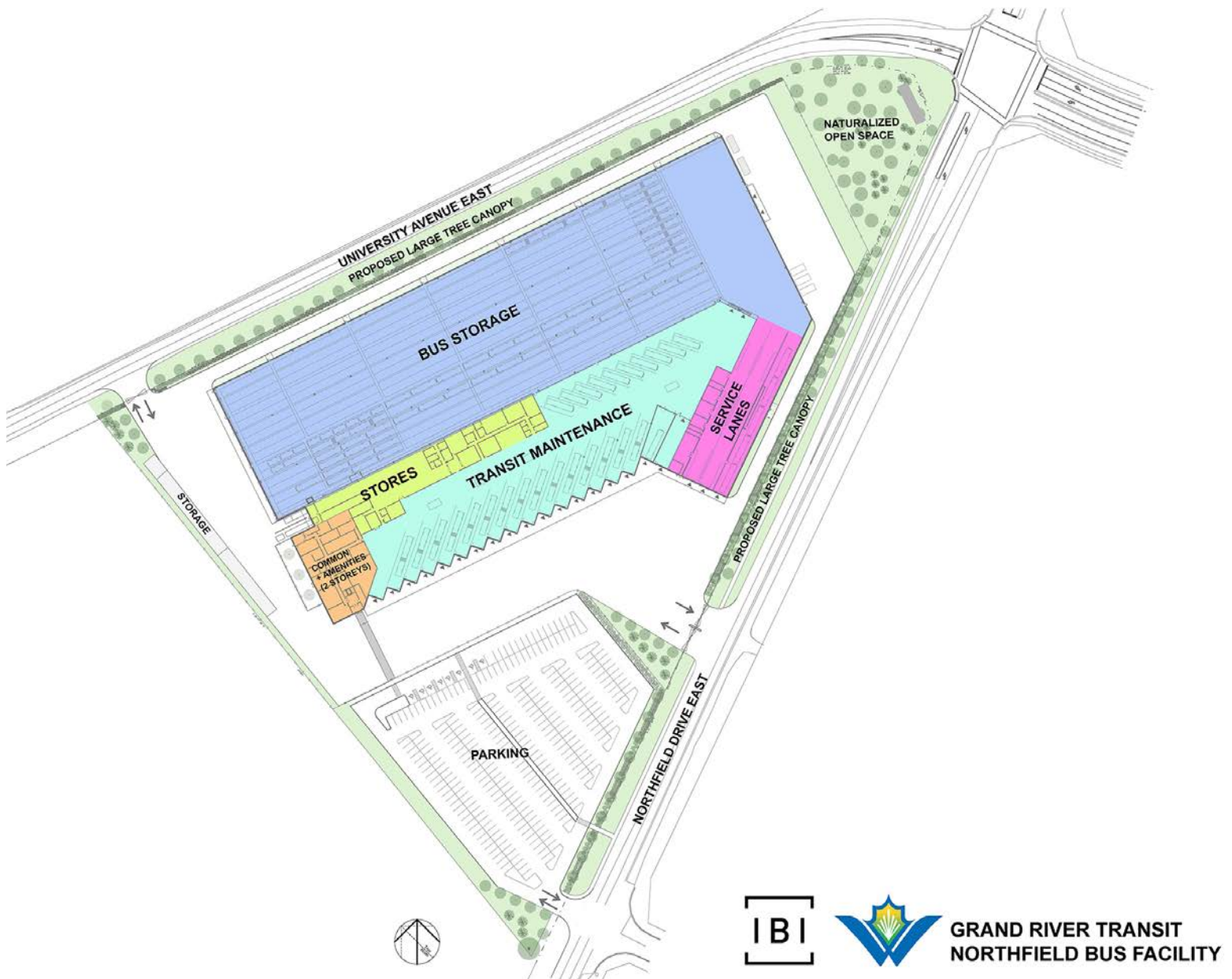
In Ontario, a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is a planning and decision-making process that must be conducted for public infrastructure projects so that potential environmental effects are considered before a project begins. It also requires consultation with the public and involved stakeholders and agencies. This is the reason why this Public Consultation Centre is being held so that public comments or concerns are heard and considered in the EA.

This EA is a Schedule 'C' EA. This type of EA applies to new facilities where there is the potential for significant environmental impacts (environment meaning the natural, social, cultural and economic environments) and the full planning procedure outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) must be followed.

## 5. Preferred Site Layout Concept

Highlights of the preferred GRT facility site layout concept include:

- Perimeter landscaping with naturalized open space to buffer the development along both frontages;
- Employee parking area with a bridge to main facility entrance;
- LEED Silver target applicable to design and construction;
- Building mounted and pole mounted lighting to limit light trespass into neighbouring properties;
- Outdoor patio;
- Indoor storage, maintenance and servicing of 250 equivalent buses;
- Single storey facility with a 2 storey administrative block; and
- One main and one alternate driveway entrance.



## 6. Preferred Roof Layout Concept

Highlights of the preferred roof layout concept include:

- Distributed air handling units;
- Skylights over repair bays; and
- Roof screens.



## 7. When will the final decision be made for this project?

The Project Team will review the public comments received from this evening's Public Consultation Centre on the preferred layout concept. The final

recommendation is expected to be presented to Regional Council for consideration in early 2017.

#### **8. How can I voice my comments at this time?**

In order to assist us in addressing any comments or concerns you might have about this project, please fill out the attached Comment Sheet and leave it in the box provided at the registration table. You can also mail, fax or email your comments to the Region of Waterloo/IBI Group no later than **December 8, 2016**. We thank you for your involvement and if you have any questions, please contact:

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**Appendix A: Study Area**







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# COMMENT SHEET

Regional Municipality of Waterloo  
PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE – November 24, 2016

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All comments and information received from individuals, stakeholder groups and agencies regarding this project are being collected to assist the Region of Waterloo in making a decision. Under the Municipal Act, personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location may be included in a submission that becomes part of the public record. Questions regarding the collection of this information should be referred to Jerry Biersteker at [jbiersteker@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:jbiersteker@regionofwaterloo.ca) or call 519-575-4028.

Please complete and hand in this sheet so that your views can be considered for this project. If you cannot complete your comments today, please take this sheet home and mail, fax or email your comments by **December 8, 2016** to:

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**Please provide comments on the project information you have seen today, and any other issues or concerns you may have concerning the Northfield Drive Transit Facility.**

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