



Photo 1. June 2024 Site Tour-Eco-passage

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

2024 JULY-DECEMBER

CN MILTON LOGISTICS HUB PROJECT

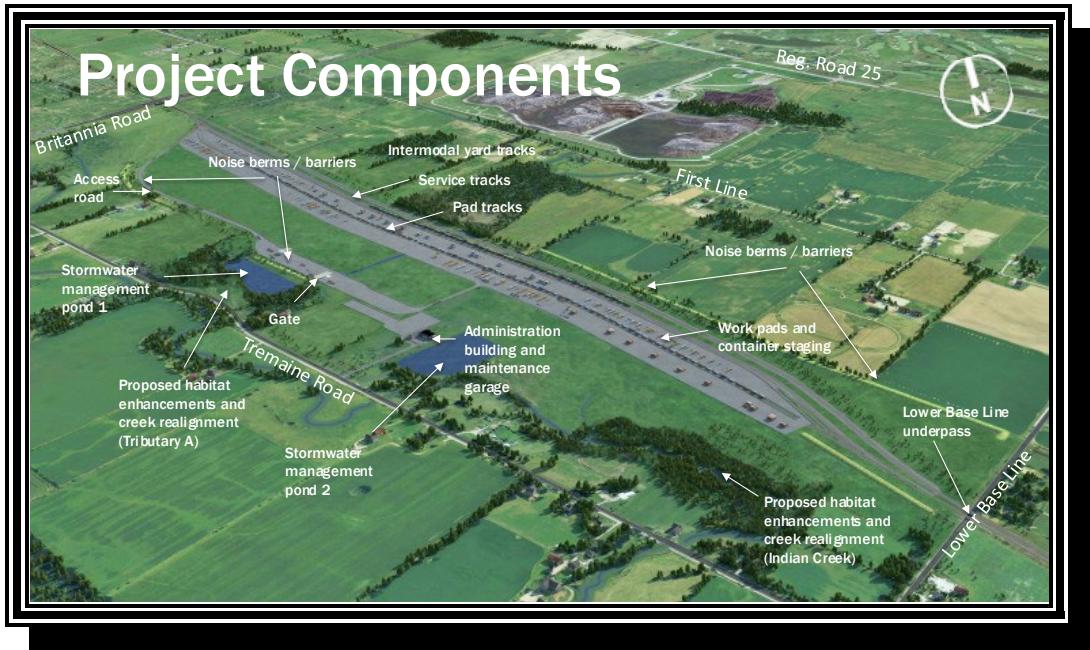


Photo 2. Concept diagram from Environmental Impact Statement, 2015

CONTEXT

CN has advised the committee that they are spending ~\$250 million to build a new logistics hub to load and unload intermodal shipping containers in accordance with a federal approval. CN advises that consumer goods, including electronics, food products, household goods, car parts and health products, have been handled by an intermodal freight container from somewhere in the world. An "[intermodal freight container](#)" (sometimes informally called a "sea can") is a container designed to be moved from one mode of transport to another without unloading and reloading. The modes of transport of containers can be by water, rail and air.

The Milton Logistics Hub is at the centre of CN's network connecting ports on all three coasts with their 35,000km network across North America ([CN - Network Map \(geomapguide.ca\)](#)). Populations are increasing as is consumer demand so increased intermodal demand is expected.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

CN has established a Community Consultation Committee ("CCC") as an advisory forum to provide information, exchange ideas, listen to feedback, and address concerns from the community, Indigenous communities and all levels of government and other stakeholders as the Milton Logistics Hub Project (MLH) progresses through construction and into operation. The CCC provides a forum for CN to listen to and consider community feedback regarding concerns that may be raised related to the construction and operation of the Milton Logistics Hub.

As of December 2024, the Committee has:

- Held 17 virtual meetings;
- Held 4 in-person meetings;
- Participated in 5 site tours; and
- Established an active sub-committee to propose solutions for the heritage buildings on the site. 1 site tour was completed by the sub-committee and four tours with outside parties interested in re-use.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (DECEMBER 2024)

NAME	ORGANIZATION	MEMBER SINCE
Allan Ehrlick	Halton Region Federation of Agriculture	2021
Bianca Caramento	Milton Chamber of Commerce	2023
Danielle Havelka	Wilfrid Laurier University	2024
Marsha Smith	Halton Environmental Network	2023
Erin Caldwell	Conestoga College	2023
Kelly Voisin	Community Member	2024
Larry Chambers	Community Member	2021
Lukas Reale	Great Gulf	2022
Nancy Mott	Community Member	2021
Rita Vogel Post	Milton RAIL (Residents Affected by Intermodal Lines)	2021
Stephanie Carruth	Minds for Matter	2021
Wendy Roberts	Sustainable Milton	2021
Darren Reynolds	CN	2021
Ricky Wai Kei Chiu	CN	2024
Edie Thome	Co-Facilitator	2021
Terry Flynn	Co-Facilitator	2021
<i>Elizabeth Wells</i>	<i>Kirk & Co. (Committee Support)</i>	2024

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Committee has launched its own, independent website to share information on the project with the community and create a means to gather information from the community. This website is administered by the independent co-facilitators and houses information such as meeting minutes, copies of presentations and documents shared with the committee.

In November 2024, Elizabeth Young left the committee for a progressive position in a new organization. Liz was instrumental in providing historical knowledge and records to the committee. She was involved with the project for over 10 years and her contributions to the committee were invaluable. Liz has graciously made herself available on an ad hoc basis, should the facilitators require.

We wish Liz all the best in her exciting career path and thank her for her tremendous contributions to the committee.

FEEDBACK AND OUTCOMES

Tracking Opportunities, Questions and Issues

The Milton Community Consultation Committee uses a tracking document to log all suggestions and opportunities, questions, and outstanding issues. At every meeting a review of the document is conducted to ensure that input from the Committee is followed up on and a response is received. A copy of the tracking document is submitted by CN to the regulatory body – the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) – as part of their evidence of compliance with respect to community consultation.

Current Tracker Items	Status
Consider reuse options for heritage buildings on project site.	Cultural Heritage Subcommittee established July 2022; ten meetings held to-date; move feasibility study and costs estimate completed. One site is progressing with conversations on salvage opportunities with a local company. The second property is focused on ongoing discussions ongoing with interested parties for re-use in situ. Working with a local group to explore opportunities to use the house for a non-profit purpose.
Install signage to inform new residents of project along with more general communication in the community by CN.	Under review by CN and an update to be given in December meeting.
"Greening" of the Administration building and parking lot.	A number of suggestions and examples of techniques have been shared with CN through the committee and are under consideration in the design process.
Sharing of the Landscape Plan	CN has committed to sharing the site Landscape Plan when it is available. The environmental mitigation plans have been shared and site visits have focused on those components such as the eco-passage, stormwater management areas and replanting efforts.
Transparency and Readability of Environmental Results	Current construction deviations from plan are discussed in the CCC meetings. In addition, the CCC has asked to review formatting of operational reporting of air and soil quality monitoring efforts to ensure readability by the layperson.
Transparency of environmental performance	MCCC requested that the Independent Environmental Monitors as well as the monitors from the First Nations speak at a future MCCC meeting. CN has agreed.
Information sharing with other groups	Where appropriate, CN representatives have met with groups such as the Federation of Agriculture and the Halton Chamber of Commerce. The co-facilitators are available to speak with groups that want to learn more about the MCCC and its mandate and work.
Parking-Operational Issue	Interest in rest areas, access to facilities, and overflow parking for drivers to be incorporated into the terminal design. CN meeting with groups most impacted and knowledgeable on this topic.
Soil Quality and Testing	A presentation was given to the MCCC in April. Additional data can be found here: Soil Chemical Analysis (Appendix E.13) https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/104605
Provide further insight about the native plants that have medicinal purposes for animals.	CN has reached out to the Indigenous communities to see if there is a plant list they would like to suggest be considered for planting at the site. Waiting for feedback.

CONSTRUCTION STATUS:

CN has advised the MCCC that they expect to be able to maintain the current Construction Schedule.

The Construction Schedule can be found here: <CN-MLH-Schedule-15-2-Update-20230331.pdf>

The Committee understands that CN is undertaking the project in three phases, with Phase 1 having wrapped up. Work completed in this phase included:

- Site preparation including vegetation removal;
- Building of selective berms and storm water management areas;
- Habitat enhancements, new channel creation and diversion into new channels for two areas;
- Temporary track installation for existing mainline; and
- An existing pipeline relocation.

In the four site visits to site since the project began, the Committee observed primarily environmental work including the tree removal and replanting/habitat enhancement work and culvert creation. In addition, a number of site visits pertaining to the reuse of the existing houses have taken place both by the Heritage sub-committee as well as interested parties.

The Committee has been advised that Phase 2 work began early in 2024 and work includes:

- Additional vegetation removal;
- Additional work to support the storm water management areas (culverts, ditches and grading);
- Lower Base Line grade separation work;
- Truck access road and overpass;
- Installation of mainline tracks between Britannia and Derry roads;
- Construction of administration building and maintenance garage;
- Installation of service tracks and pad tracks; and
- Installation of mainline turnouts and connecting to new mainline tracks.

The final phase of work, Phase 3, is scheduled to begin mid 2026 and includes items such as connection of tracks, paving, installation of gates and signage and the activation of storm water management ponds.

Statement on future meeting topic-global drivers for intermodal and vulnerabilities?

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Photo 2: Pre-tour Safety Briefing October 2024



Photo 3: October 2024-Looking south along main line track.



Photo 4: June 2024 Progress of mainline over Lower Base Line Road



Photo 5: June 2024 Lower Base Line

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

The Committee is made up of a broad spectrum of groups and individuals that ask questions of CN and make suggestions for the time during construction and into the operations of the MLH.

The Committee discussions are facilitated by independent facilitators (Terry Flynn and Edie Thome) who coordinate all meetings and tours, ensure a free flow of information, ensure conversations are documented and that suggestions are responded to in a timely manner.

The MCCC is made up of committee members who work through their networks and associations to bring questions, concerns and comments back to the Committee for consideration and response from CN.

Should you or your group wish to have Terry and Edie speak about the Committee and its workings, please contact us to make arrangements. Attendance can be virtual or in person.

Input through committee members and/or the facilitators can be given via email and should you wish, can remain completely anonymous.

Committee Information:

Reach out to any committee member through their association.

Reach out to the committee via email: contactmiltonccc@gmail.com

Reach out to the independent facilitators via email:

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- terryflynnmccc@gmail.com

Committee Website: <http://www.miltonccc.com/>

Committee Documents:

Found at: [Engaging With the Community | Milton| cn.ca](http://Engaging%20With%20the%20Community%20%7C%20Milton%20cn.ca)

1. Terms of Reference
2. CN appoints independent facilitations to lead community feedback forum
3. Community consultation committee established to further two-communication on the CN Milton Logistics Hub
4. Community Liaison Communication Process
5. 2021 Community Engagement Summary

Project Documents:

[Decision Statement \(Issued under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012\)](http://Decision%20Statement%20(Issued%20under%20the%20Canadian%20Environmental%20Assessment%20Act,%202012).pdf)

[Construction Fact Sheet](http://Construction%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf)

[Construction Schedule 15.2](http://Construction%20Schedule%2015.2.pdf)

Annual and Quarterly Reports: including (new) 2023 Annual Report, 2023 Q3 & Q4 Reports:

[Milton News, Documents and Resources | cn.ca](http://Milton%20News,%20Documents%20and%20Resources%20cn.ca)

Information:

Project website: cnmilton.ca

Project-specific enquiries: cnmilton@cn.ca or 1-800-216-9466

CN Information:

CN Public Inquiry Line: 1-888-888-5909

To report signal malfunctions or other safety concerns: 1-800-465-9239.