

July 8, 2026

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Dear Ms. Brooker,

Reference: Notice of Completion – Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study New Rest Area – Marten River Area (GWP 5053-20-00)

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to complete the Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the construction of a new rest area on Highway 11 near Marten River. The project is located in the Municipality of Temagami, District of Nipissing, as shown in the attached key plan. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the Class EA Study Completion and to invite your input.

The Study has examined alternatives for a new rest area facility along Highway 11 which will be open year-round and provide motorists with a place to take a break from highway travel. The Recommended Plan and Technically Preferred Alternative includes:

- Creation of a new climate-controlled building with washrooms, picnic area, pet area, illumination, parking areas for passenger vehicles and commercial trucks, and a commercial vehicle inspection lane;
- The new rest area will include wireless internet, emergency phone, and security cameras;
- 19 passenger vehicle parking spaces plus 2 barrier free spaces, and 21 commercial vehicle/RV parking spaces;
- Separate entrance and exit, a southbound left turn lane, and a northbound right-turn lane on Highway 11 at the entrance to the site; and
- New roadside signage in each direction to provide drivers with advance notice and guidance to the rest area.

Construction is currently scheduled for Fall 2026 pending funding and approvals.

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The Study has followed the approved planning process for a Group 'B' Project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) and has provided Indigenous Peoples and the public with the opportunity to comment throughout the Study. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared to document the existing environmental conditions, potential impacts of the undertaking, required mitigation measures and commitments to future work, as well as consultation activities. The 30-day public review will start on **July 9, 2026**.

The TESR is available at solutions.ca/MartenRiverRestArea or in hard copy is available upon request.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments by **August 7, 2026**. The Project Team will respond to all comments received during the 30-day public review. To obtain additional information or to provide comments please contact the following individuals:

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Individuals may request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) issue a Section 16 Order on the grounds that the order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights. Requests not made on these specific grounds will not be considered. If a Section 16 Order request is submitted, the project cannot proceed until the MECP has made a decision. Requests must include: the requestor's full name and contact information; the project name; the proponent's name; the type of order being requested; detailed reasons explaining how the order may address adverse impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights; information on any efforts made to resolve concerns directly with the proponent; and any other supporting information.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the Ministry of Transportation Project Manager listed above and to:

**Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks**
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and
Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON, M7A 2J3
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If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Except for personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant le (613) 703-6916, auprès de Meghan MacMillan.

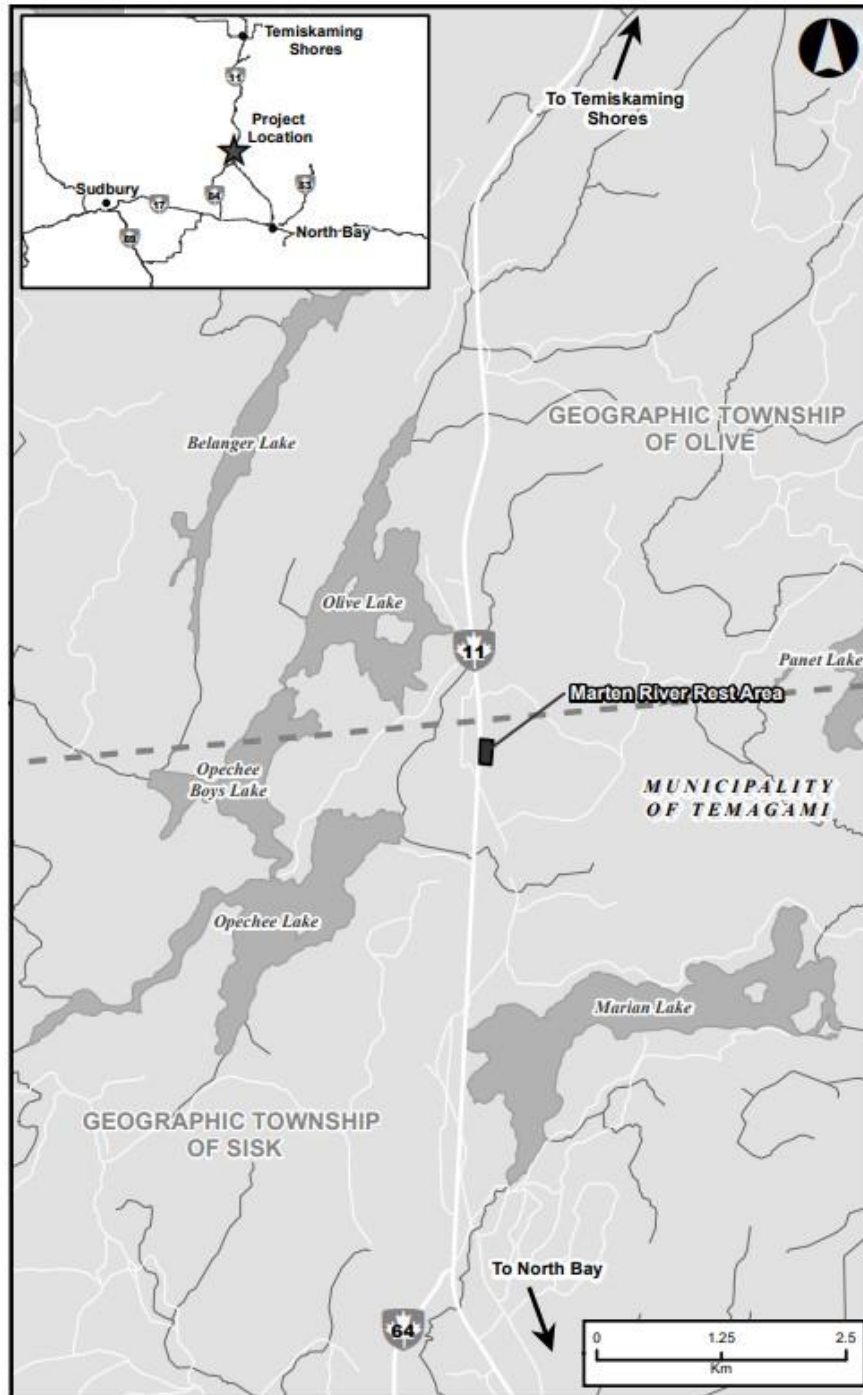
Sincerely,

Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Keith Dustin, P.Eng.
Stantec Project Manager

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Key Plan – Highway 11 New Marten River Rest Area (GWP 5053-20-00)
Municipality of Temagami, District of Nipissing