

Information for Property Owners and Tenants

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is proceeding in accordance with the provisions of the *Expropriations Act* to acquire all property required for the full construction of The Windsor-Essex Parkway.

MTO is working with property owners to reach amicable agreements during the expropriation process. If you are one of the hundreds of property owners with whom we are currently negotiating, or if you already have a signed agreement that has not yet closed, the start of the expropriation process does not change the negotiations. We will continue working with you to finalize our negotiations and the agreement. If we haven't yet started to negotiate, now is the perfect time to get that conversation going.

If you are a tenant of one of the properties we require, we encourage you to speak with the property owner of the location you rent or lease to discuss next steps. Lease arrangements between property owners and tenants can vary significantly and each situation is dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

The package you received includes the following material:

Registered Letter

Under the *Expropriations Act*, the ministry is required to serve either in person or by registered mail a copy of the Order-in-Council to all registered interests affected by the expropriation process. This letter serves to inform you that MTO intends to move forward with the expropriation process.

Order-in-Council

An order signed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council has waived the Hearings of Necessity step in the expropriation process for properties required for construction of The Windsor-Essex Parkway. MTO extensively studied the need for, benefits of, and best location for the access road to a new border crossing. In doing so, MTO demonstrated the need for properties in the Parkway corridor and has undertaken significant outreach to inform property owners of this need. The waiver of Hearings of Necessity does not in any way interfere with your rights to compensation as provided for in the *Expropriations Act*.

Schedule

Attached to the Order-in-Council is a Schedule outlining the legal descriptions of properties required for The Windsor-Essex Parkway. For the purpose of the Order-in-Council, the ministry has identified the properties through survey plans which were deposited in the Land Registry Office. Enclosed is the survey relevant to your property as outlined in the Schedule.

Invitation

You are invited to attend a workshop on Thursday, December 3, 2009, where MTO representatives will discuss with you the package you have received and walk you through the expropriation process, timelines, and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and meet with an MTO Real Estate Officer responsible for the acquisition of the required properties. We hope that you will join us for one of the three sessions.

RSVP by November 27, 2009, to 519-973-7367.