

Community Advisory Group

WHAT IS IT?

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Niagara to GTA Corridor
Planning and EA Study

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)?

- ❖ The CAG will assist the Study Team by providing information and input relative to community interests and study issues
- ❖ Purpose/role:
 - Working group to test ideas and findings
 - Advice, critiques, suggestions
 - Broader community perspectives
 - Direct, face-to-face communications between stakeholders and Study Team
 - Identify issues, challenges, opportunities
- ❖ The CAG is comprised of a minimum of 21 members evenly distributed from each of the regions (Hamilton/Halton/Niagara)
- ❖ A preliminary CAG was formed prior to PIC 1
 - **The opportunity to join the CAG is still open!**
 - **Fill out an application form today!**

CAG MANDATE & OPERATING PROCEDURES

- ❖ In establishing the membership of the CAG, a key consideration will be to attain the following:
 - Geographic interests
 - Sectoral interests and community perspectives (occupation, interests)
 - Demographics (age, gender)
- ❖ Members of the CAG are expected to meet the following criteria:
 - Ability to organize and analyze information, including technical information;
 - Commitment to the public interest and to a high standard of ethics;
 - Good interpersonal skills, open-mindedness (no biases with respect to the outcome of the EA process), sound judgment, and tact; and,
 - The ability to work under time pressures
- ❖ Meetings will be held on weekday evenings (6:30 p.m.) for a duration of 2-3 hours
- ❖ The location of the meetings will rotate throughout the Preliminary Study Area (Niagara/Hamilton/Halton)

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE CAG

- ❖ **CAG membership is for the duration of the study (April 2007 – Spring 2009)**
- ❖ There will be a minimum of 5 meetings to coincide with PICs and milestones
- ❖ If you live in the Niagara to GTA corridor, and would like to be considered for membership on the CAG, there are several options for completing the form:
 1. Fax: **905-882-4399** (Attention: NGTA Project Team)
 2. Mail: URS Canada Inc., 75 Commerce Valley Drive East, Markham, Ontario, L3T 7N9 (Attention: NGTA Project Team)
 3. Website: Provide the information from the CAG application via the comment form on the “Contact Us” page (Subject: CAG Membership)
www.niagara-gta.com
 4. Email: Email the information from the CAG application
project_team@niagara-gta.com
 5. Toll free: Call the toll free number describing your interest in joining the CAG
1-866-890-6441
- ❖ Applications may be screened to select members of the CAG