

Milton Logistics Hub: 2024 Q4 Report

For the period October 1 to December 31, 2024

1.0 Project Overview

The Milton Logistics Hub (the “Project”) was the subject of a multi-year federal environmental assessment process, which culminated in a federal Decision Statement on January 21, 2021, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Authorization on July 23, 2021, and a Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) Approval on November 22, 2021. It is subject to over 300 conditions designed to protect the community and the environment, including a requirement to produce reports on a quarterly basis that describe how CN has addressed feedback on the Project.

2.0 Summary of Construction Activities

Project construction commenced on January 17, 2022. Phase One activities, as identified in Construction [Schedule 15.2](#), were completed at the end of December 2023. Phase Two activities, as identified in Construction Schedule 15.2, commenced in January 2024, with a predominant focus on the construction of the Lower Base Line underpass, the truck entrance access road off Britannia Road, overpass at over the CN mainline tracks, and the mainline rail extension north of Britannia Road to Derry Road.

During the 2024 Q4 period, site activities included:

- Completion of the bridge (underpass) structure at Lower Base Line
- Continued construction of the Britannia Access Road, currently at approximately 60%
- Continued construction of the bridge to complement the Britannia Access Road, drove piles, completed the centre pier and now working on the abutments. This is approximately at the 30% completion state.
- Continued subgrade construction between Britannia and Derry Road as part of the mainline corridor extension. This is approximately at the 30% completion status.

No noise complaints were received during the 2024 Q4 period.

All activities are being carried out in accordance with the conditions outlined in the federal [Decision Statement](#).

2.1 Construction Site Photos

The following are images of various construction activities that have occurred during this reporting period.



2.1.1 Utility Work – Mainline Conduit Installation

Trenching and installation of conduit systems alongside the realigned mainline deck



Figure 1 – October and November, 2024

2.1.2 Lower Base Line Bridge Work

Installing rebar chair supports to reinforce the concrete bridge deck



Figure 2 – October 28, 2024

2.1.3 Hydroseeding Progress on Truck Access Road

Application of hydroseed mixture to stabilize soil and promote vegetation growth around new construction



Figure 3 – November 19, 2024

2.1.4 Britannia Access Road Reinforced Soil Slope Wall Progress

Preparation of approaches to truck overpass



Figure 4 – November 19, 2024

2.1.5 Lower Base Line Bridge Work

Bridge construction with visible framework



Figure 5 – November 19, 2024

2.1.6 Lower Base Line Bridge Work

Concrete pouring

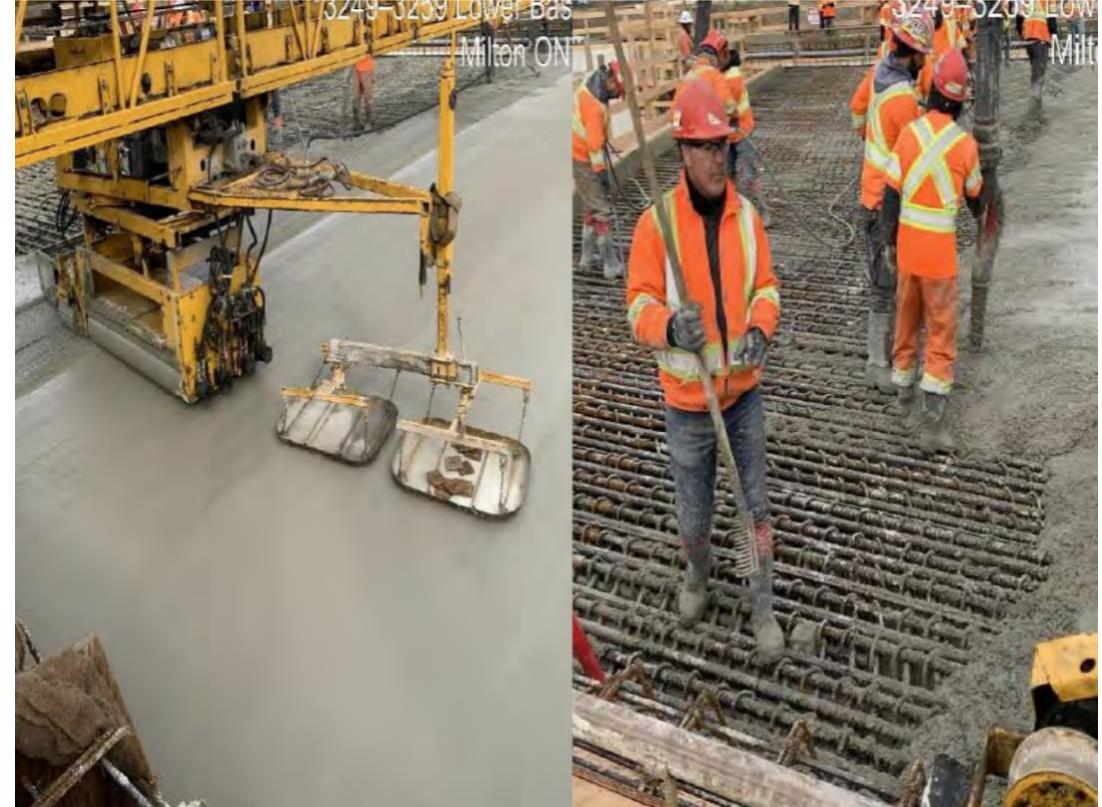


Figure 6 – November 21, 2024

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Bridge construction with visible framework



Figure 7 – December 17, 2024

2.1.7 Britannia Access Road

Bridge Construction and Reinforced Soil Slope Wall (RSS) Progress



Figure 8 – December 17, 2024

2.2 Meetings with Regulatory Agencies

CN regularly meets in person or virtually with representatives from the relevant regulatory agencies: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), Health Canada, Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

Meetings with regulatory agencies during the 2024 Q4 period occurred on:

- October 1, 2024 (virtual)
- November 5, 2024 (virtual)
- December 18, 2024 (in-person)

When not meeting on-site, participating agencies were provided with a virtual tour or photo log of the site. No areas of non-compliance or violations were identified by the agencies during these meetings. Information requests from IAAC during their visits were responded to by CN.

2.3 Follow-up on Heavy Rain Incident (July 15, 2024)

As noted in the 2024 Q3 Report, repair works to address spillway erosion caused by the heavy rain event were completed on August 20, 2024.

In accordance with Condition 14.5.5, CN submitted the 90-Day Incident Report to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) on October 12, 2024. The report detailed changes implemented to prevent a similar incident and confirmed that no residual effects were anticipated for water quality, fish, or fish habitat. Additionally, since no substantial sediment buildup was observed within Indian Creek or its backwater channel, no further cleanup was required.

Following the submission of the 90-Day Report, IAAC confirmed that CN met all reporting requirements related to the incident. The full 90-Day Incident Report is available at cnmilton.ca.

3.0 Community Engagement

In 2021, CN announced the establishment of the Community Consultation Committee (the “Committee”) for the Milton Logistics Hub as part of its ongoing community communication and engagement related to the Project. CN elected to form the Committee as a component of the federally mandated [Community Liaison Communication Process](#) (see Project Documents). The Committee is led by independent third-party co-facilitators, and its membership represents environmental, business, community, post-secondary education, and other interests in Milton and across Halton. The Community Consultation Committee functions as a forum for receiving feedback from Indigenous groups and local stakeholders. It operates during the pre-construction phase, throughout the construction process, and continues into the operational phase of the CN Project.

3.1 Community Consultation Committee Meetings

The Community Consultation Committee met on:

- October 10, 2024 (in-person)
- December 5, 2024 (virtual)

Topics discussed at the October 10, 2024 meeting included: community impact of the project and suggestions for including younger voices in the Committee; Cultural Heritage Sub-Committee's collaboration with Milton Transitional Housing for facilities aiding men at risk of homelessness; enhancements and new content on the Committee's website to boost engagement; updates on environmental and landscape planning, including a delayed Indigenous relations tour; and an overview of the sea lamprey control program's effectiveness.

Topics discussed at the December 5, 2024 meeting included: an update on CN's communications outreach strategy to enhance public awareness of the project's compliance, environmental efforts, and economic benefits; a discussion on CN's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan and its implementation to foster relationships with local Indigenous communities; deliberations on preserving historic structures at the CN-owned property on Tremaine Road, with input from local historians and cultural groups; presentations on the health challenges associated with truck driving and CN's initiatives to support driver wellness; and reviews of proposed updates to the committee's website to improve navigation and community engagement.

3.2 Night Construction Notification

To inform the nearby community of scheduled night construction work between Britannia Road and Derry Road from November 26-30, 2024, notification was posted on the [Construction Updates](#) section of cnmilton.ca and emailed to the CN Milton Logistics Hub Project Distribution List.

See *Appendix A* for Night Construction Notification.

4.0 Indigenous Consultation

CN continues to meet regularly with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) through a working group that was established to share project information, provide opportunities for members to participate in field programs, and identify ongoing economic opportunities on the Project and within CN's operating area.

CN continues to engage with Six Nations of the Grand River (Six Nations) on the Project and provides opportunities for members to participate in field programs.

CN meets regularly with the Huron-Wendat Nation (HWN) to share updates on the Project and provide opportunities for members to participate in field programs.

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, and the Huron-Wendat Nation have standing invitations to participate in the Community Consultation Committee, such as becoming regular members of the Committee, attending Committee meetings, or presenting to the Committee. Since the commencement of construction activities, environmental monitors representing these groups have been present on the Project site.

5.0 CN Milton Website Postings

The following new document was posted to the CN website during this reporting quarter:

- [2024 Q3 Quarterly Report](#)
- [CN Milton Logistics Hub July 15th Incident 90-Day Report](#)
- [Notice of Night Construction \(November 26-30, 2024\)](#)

6.0 Feedback and Consideration of Input

Per the Community Liaison Communication Plan, 2.2.2., the following methods were available to potentially affected parties and the wider community for providing feedback to CN:

- a) CN Public Inquiry Line (PIL)
- b) Community Consultation Committee
- c) CNMilton.ca
- d) Emergency Line
- e) Project Information Centre
- f) Local Government Engagement
- g) Social Media
- h) Noise Complaints Protocol

In addition to these methods, feedback can also be submitted through other means, such as via email to individual CN employees, contractors, or other divisions within CN, particularly as part of direct correspondence on specific matters.

Below is a summary of input received in 2024 Q4 (October 1 to December 31, 2024). The table below summarizes feedback from Potentially Affected Parties into key themes, citing the various sources of that feedback, and describes how CN has considered and addressed the feedback. Per Condition 4.9.3, this includes noise complaints received (if any) and any corrective action taken during the reporting quarter relating to noise complaints.

6.1 CN's consideration of input from community and stakeholder engagement

TOPIC		
Summary of Topic	Source of Input	CN Consideration/Response
<p>1. Environmental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in managing soil movement and water runoff to prevent contamination. Interest in maintaining the natural flow of Indian Creek and supporting local wildlife through habitat restoration. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN conducts regular environmental monitoring, including soil and water testing, to prevent contamination and ensure compliance with environmental standards. Specific measures include slope stabilization and drainage controls. CN is prioritizing habitat restoration and regulatory compliance in the Indian Creek realignment. Efforts include continuous monitoring and engagement with environmental consultants to maintain ecological balance and wildlife support.
<p>2. Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in addressing health challenges faced by drivers, including cardiovascular diseases and respiratory issues due to idling. Interest in the high prevalence of cardiovascular issues among truck drivers and associated lifestyle risks. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN has implemented comprehensive wellness initiatives such as fitness classes, mental health support, and confidential helplines. Anti-idling policies are enforced at all CN facilities, with exceptions only under extreme weather conditions to ensure driver safety. Specific health programs targeting drivers include promoting physical activity through organized fitness classes and providing resources for managing stress and fatigue, integral to improving driver health and safety.
<p>3. Traffic and Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in the planned reopening of Lower Baseline to alleviate traffic congestion and improve area connectivity. Interest in the construction of Britannia access road to support increased traffic while minimizing infrastructure impact. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN's traffic management plan includes detailed schedules and communication strategies to minimize disruptions during the reopening phase. Ongoing dialogue with local authorities ensures alignment with community traffic flow needs. The construction plan for Britannia access road includes extensive grading and the installation of advanced drainage systems to handle increased traffic and prevent long-term wear and tear on local roads.
<p>4. Community Engagement</p>	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN has committed to improving the website interface to allow for easier navigation and more direct feedback pathways, including a prominently placed feedback form and simplified access to project updates and reports.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in upgrading feedback mechanisms on the project website to enhance user accessibility and engagement. Interest in expanding the communications outreach strategy to increase transparency and public awareness of CN's efforts. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN plans to utilize a mix of traditional and digital media channels to disseminate information widely. This includes physical signage at strategic locations, targeted social media campaigns, and local media engagement to ensure comprehensive community outreach.
<p>5. Indigenous Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in implementing CN's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan, which includes educational and employment initiatives. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN's ongoing commitment to building meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities is evidenced by their focused efforts on education, skill-building, and supporting Indigenous participation in RFPs. The plan includes actionable and measurable goals to track progress in these areas.
<p>6. Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in discussing the reuse or preservation of historic structures potentially impacted by the logistics hub project. Interest in subcommittee activities related to assessing and documenting historic structures for potential preservation. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN is working closely with local historians and cultural groups to identify structures of historical significance at the project site. Options for preservation include integration into the new development or documentation through various media if physical preservation is not feasible. The Heritage Subcommittee has identified several structures with potential heritage value. CN supports efforts to evaluate these structures for possible preservation or integration into the logistics hub, contingent upon regulatory approvals and available funding.

Appendix A – Night Construction Notification

Notice of Night Construction was posted on the Construction Updates section of cnmilton.ca and the Milton Public Notices and Tenders [section](#) on *Milton Today*, and emailed to the CN Milton Logistics Hub Project Distribution List.



Milton Logistics Hub | November 7, 2024

Notice of Night Construction

November 26 – November 30, 2024

Construction Activity
To improve drainage and support track stability, CN will be installing three new culverts along the existing CN mainline between Britannia Road and Derry Road. This work will involve site preparation, excavation, culvert installation, and track reinstatement.

Please see the map to the right for location details.

Night work is scheduled to minimize disruption to mainline operations.

What to Expect
During this period, nearby residents may experience the following impacts:

- Noise from construction equipment and machinery
- Backup alarms on construction equipment and vehicles
- Lighting in the work area (positioned away from residential areas)

Efforts will be made to complete night construction as quickly as possible.

Hours of Night Work
Construction will occur from 8:00 p.m. to 8 a.m. from Tuesday, November 26 to Saturday, November 30, 2024.



For more information about this project:
Visit: cnmilton.ca
Email: milton@cn.ca
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