

Milton Logistics Hub: 2025 Q2 Report

For the period April 1 to June 30, 2025

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 2025 Q2 period, site activities included:

- Continued grading and structural works at Lower Base Line. Work included excavation and roadworks on both sides of the underpass, installation and backfilling of sidewalk retaining walls, placement of geotextile and road base, and slope stabilization with rock check dams. The bridge is scheduled for 100% completion by July 14, 2025.
- Ongoing construction of the bridge supporting the Britannia Access Road. Activities included installation of rebar, formwork, and braces for the bridge deck, as well as continued work on the reinforced soil slope (RSS) walls and approach grading. This work is approximately 75% complete.
- Start of intersection modifications at Britannia Road to create a new truck entrance. Work includes new turning lanes, traffic signal adjustments, hydro pole relocations, and realignment of the multi-use path and bicycle lanes. Construction began in April and is expected to take four to six months. This work is approximately 5% complete.
- Continued subgrade construction between Britannia and Derry Road as part of the mainline corridor extension. This work is approximately 65% complete.
- Night construction along the CN mainline between Louis St. Laurent Avenue and Derry Road. This work, completed between June 18 and 21, involved culvert installation to improve drainage and support track stability. This work is 100% complete.

No noise complaints were received during the 2025 Q2 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 on-site construction activities that have occurred during this reporting period.

2.1.1 Lower Base Line Progress

Crews install rebar and formwork for sidewalk retaining walls on the south-east side of the Lower Base Line underpass, part of ongoing structural works.



Figure 2.1.1 – May 9, 2025

2.1.2 Lower Base Line Progress

Installation of geotextile and geogrids on the road subgrade, followed by placement of road base and grading west of the Lower Base Line bridge.



Figure 2.1.2 – May 9, 2025

2.1.3 Lower Base Line Progress

Crews backfill sidewalk retaining walls on the north side of the Lower Base Line underpass as part of continued structural and grading progress.



Figure 2.1.3 – May 20, 2025

2.1.4 Lower Base Line Progress

Water truck in operation at Lower Base Line to control dust during active grading and earthworks.



Figure 2.1.4 – May 20, 2025

2.1.5 Lower Base Line Progress

Backhoe and loader haul and place granular material for drainage installation beneath the Lower Base Line bridge as part of ongoing subgrade works.



Figure 2.1.5 – May 20, 2025

2.1.6 Lower Base Line Progress

Aerial view of the Lower Base Line underpass and surrounding corridor showing active grading, road base preparation, and site layout progress.



Figure 2.1.6 – May 21, 2025

2.1.7 Britannia Access Road Bridge Progress

Installation of concrete panels continues on the RSS wall for the Britannia Access Road bridge, with crews aligning and securing each segment.

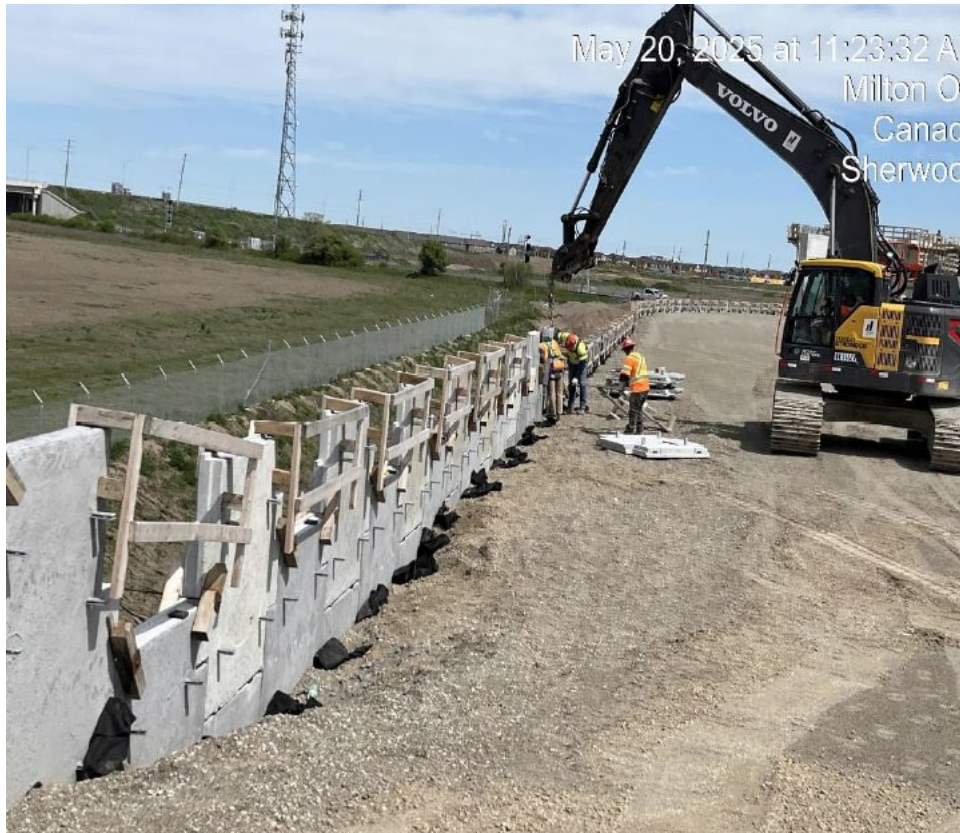


Figure 2.1.7 – May 20, 2025

2.1.8 Britannia Access Road Bridge Progress

Backfilling and grading activities are underway to support the future truck access road approaches at the Britannia bridge site.



Figure 2.1.8 – May 23, 2025

2.1.9 Britannia Access Road Bridge Progress

Aerial view of the Britannia Access Road bridge and RSS wall showing full length of the truck overpass alignment under construction, with significant progress on wall panel installation and grading.



Figure 2.1.9 – May 21, 2025

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 2025 Q2 period occurred on:

- April 1, 2025
- May 13, 2025
- June 3, 2025

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 Sea Lamprey Control Program Update

As part of ongoing environmental management activities, CN supported the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) in implementing control measures for Sea Lamprey in Indian Creek. Sea Lampreys are a non-native, parasitic fish considered a threat to commercial fish populations in Ontario's lakes and waterways. Although common in north shore tributaries, the species had not previously been recorded in Indian Creek.

In 2023, Stantec ecologists captured nine juvenile Sea Lamprey during fish rescue operations in Indian Creek. The fish were euthanized using clove oil diluted with water, a humane and standard method. CN notified the DFO's Sea Lamprey Control Centre. As part of the 2024 Fish and Fish Habitat Follow-up Program, additional Sea Lamprey was observed in Indian Creek. In response, the DFO applied lampricide to Indian Creek on May 27, 2025. The treatment targets Sea Lamprey larvae, which remain in the creek and decompose naturally.

Prior to the lampricide application, Stantec conducted spring electrofishing on May 26, 2025, as part of the Fish Habitat Follow-up Program. No Sea Lampreys were observed during this survey.

More information on the Sea Lamprey Control Program is available through the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission at www.glfc.int.

2.4 Sea Lamprey Control Works Photos

2.4.1 Parasitic Sea Lamprey

A juvenile Sea Lamprey specimen captured by Stantec ecologists during fish rescue activities in Indian Creek. This invasive, parasitic species poses a commercial threat to native fish populations.



Figure 2.4.1 - 2023

2.4.2 Lampricide Application in Indian Creek

DFO equipment used during the lampricide application in Indian Creek to control Sea Lamprey larvae as part of an ongoing aquatic management program.



Figure 2.4.2 – March 27, 2025

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:

- April 3, 2025 (Virtual)
- June 5, 2025 (On-site)

April 3, 2025: Topics discussed at the meeting included: cyclist safety tips for spring; Indigenous inclusion efforts and potential Kayanase engagement; updates on heritage house feasibility and site security; committee feedback on meeting format and frequency; communications plans for the Britannia Road Overpass; construction progress on underpasses and access roads; 2024 Follow-up Program results; and updated project timelines reflecting economic conditions and a shift toward quarterly CCC meetings.

June 5, 2025: Topics discussed at the meeting included: the introduction of a new committee representative from Sustainable Milton; updates on heritage house restoration and barn reuse; feedback from the recent site tour and ongoing community outreach challenges; interest in broader engagement with planners, youth, and local organizations; an update on the communications plan, including a planned myth-busting campaign; ideas for underpass opening celebrations and educational site visits; restoration progress and invasive species management; potential for net-zero features in facility buildings; and confirmation of a shift to quarterly meetings held on Wednesdays.

3.2 Community Consultation Committee June 5, 2025 Site Visit Photo

3.2.1 Site Visit

Tour participants looking into Tributary A discussing the restoration success and invasive species treatment planned for this year.



Figure 3.2.1 – June 5, 2025

3.3 Community Consultation Committee June 5, 2025 Restoration Update Photos

3.3.1 Tributary A - 2022

Initial conditions of the Tributary A off-line restoration area prior to significant vegetation establishment.



Figure 3.3.1 – November 2022

3.3.2 Tributary A - 2025

Tributary A restoration area showing substantial vegetation growth and habitat development over two years.



Figure 3.3.2 – May 2025

3.3.3 Tributary A Pond Naturalization - 2022

Early view of pond naturalization efforts along Tributary A, looking downstream, with minimal vegetative cover.



Figure 3.3.3 – September 28, 2022

3.3.4 Tributary A Pond Naturalization - 2025

Updated view of the pond naturalization area, showing enhanced vegetative growth and improved ecosystem structure.



Figure 3.3.4 – May 29, 2025

3.3.5 Indian Creek - 2022

Aerial overview of the Indian Creek off-line channel restoration area at the initial stage of work.



Figure 3.3.5 – November 2022

3.3.6 Indian Creek - 2025

Aerial comparison highlighting progress in vegetation cover and structural stability within the Indian Creek restoration zone.



Figure 3.3.6 – May 2025

3.3.7 Indian Creek Restoration - 2022

Construction of a reinforced channel to safely guide water flow along Indian Creek. Rock protection is being installed at the base of the bank to prevent erosion and stabilize the stream.



Figure 3.3.7 – December 2022

3.3.8 Indian Creek Restoration - 2025

Updated view of the stabilized water channel along Indian Creek, showing how the structure now directs flow while blending into the surrounding landscape.



Figure 3.3.8 – May 2025

3.4 Construction Notification

Two construction notices were issued during Q2 2025:

- On April 7, 2025, CN issued a notice regarding the start of construction at the Britannia Road intersection. This work involves building a new truck entrance to the Milton Logistics Hub, including turning lane construction, utility relocations, traffic signal adjustments, and realignment of the bicycle lane and multi-use path. The work began in spring 2025 and is expected to take four to six months to complete. To inform the nearby community, the notice was posted on the Construction Updates section of cnmilton.ca, hand-delivered to nearby residents, emailed to the CN Milton Logistics Hub Project Distribution List, and posted on the Public Notice and Tenders sections on [Milton Today](#) and [Inside Halton](#).
- On May 27, 2025, CN released an updated notice for night construction to install a culvert along the CN mainline between Louis St. Laurent Avenue and Derry Road. Originally scheduled for June 8–11, the work was rescheduled to take place overnight from June 18–21 to minimize disruption to rail operations. Activities included site preparation, excavation, culvert installation, and track reinstatement. To inform the nearby community, the notice was posted on the Construction Updates section of cnmilton.ca, emailed to the CN Milton Logistics Hub Project Distribution List, and posted on the Public Notice and Tenders sections on [Milton Today](#).

See **Appendix A** for Night Construction Notifications.

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:

- [Notice of Britannia Road Intersection Construction \(April 7, 2025\)](#)
- [UPDATED – Notice of Night Construction \(June 18-21, 2025\)](#)

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) Local Government Engagement
- f) Social Media
- g) 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 2025 Q2 (April 1 to June 30, 2025). 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
Communications & Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">Suggestions to improve communication clarity and transparency with the public, including interest in project display boards at community events.	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CN is launching a “mythbuster” campaign using social media, online publications, and print to address misinformation and confusion. Signage updates were implemented with input from the committee. CN confirmed interest in participating in community events (e.g., Canada Day, Fall Fair) with display boards.
Project Timeline & Economic Context <ul style="list-style-type: none">Questions on the revised project timeline and the impact of broader economic and trade factors.	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CN confirmed the timeline has shifted, with the project now targeting mid-2027 for operations due to economic conditions and investment balancing. The updated schedule is reflected in the 2024 Annual Report.

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Heritage & Community Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for converting the red brick heritage house into transitional housing. Questions about salvaging materials from a second structure. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN coordinated with Milton Transitional Housing and Stantec to develop an expanded feasibility scope. Salvage from the second house will require an IAAC condition amendment, which CN anticipates will be issued within 4–6 months. CN is committed to fencing and securing the properties to prevent deterioration or vandalism.
Environmental Monitoring & Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest in the results of the environmental programs and concerns about invasive species and function of the stormwater systems. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN reported that habitat and wildlife monitoring are yielding positive results, with native species continuing to thrive. Updates are detailed in the Annual Report and will be featured in the committee newsletter. Invasive species like Phragmites and Canadian Thistles are targeted for treatment this year. CN also outlined the site's stormwater system, explaining how runoff is collected and treated through oil grit separators to manage potential contaminants.
Site Tours & Educational Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desire to expand site visits to planners, youth, and schools for education and awareness. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN supports expanded invitations for future tours and will explore hosting students and professional associations (e.g., OPPI). The committee discussed holding demos of the site check-in app closer to operations.
Stakeholder Engagement & Perceptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about public misconceptions, political opposition, and false perceptions of committee endorsement. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN emphasized that the CCC is advisory, not an endorsement body. CN acknowledged the importance of maintaining relationships with Halton Region, First Nations, and public agencies. Efforts to increase transparency and community understanding are ongoing.
Construction Noise & Vandalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipation of increased construction noise during operations and suggestions to deter graffiti through landscaping or murals. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN is planning for operational noise and air quality reporting. The committee supported mural art as a deterrent for vandalism. These ideas will be added to the committee's action tracker for further exploration.
Youth & Indigenous Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals to include youth voices and increase Indigenous presence at events or on the committee. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN reaffirmed its partnerships with the three impacted First Nations, all of whom have archaeological monitors on site. Opportunities for participation in ceremonies or committee events remain open. Committee members showed support for adding a youth representative.

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Traffic & Long-Term Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing concerns about truck traffic, use of air brakes, and how future regional growth will be accounted for. 	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CN noted that truck conduct on-site is managed directly, but coordination with Halton Region is needed for public road issues like air brake restrictions. Future traffic study needs are recognized, and CN is open to revisiting with Halton departments as the project advances.

Appendix A – Night Construction Notifications

Notice of Britannia Road Intersection Construction (April 7, 2025)



Milton Logistics Hub | April 7, 2025

Notice of Britannia Road Intersection Construction

April 7, 2025

Construction Activity
CN will be constructing a truck entrance off Britannia Road to provide access to the CN Milton Logistics Hub. This work involves modifications to an existing intersection that has been constructed but not yet put into use, located approximately 250 metres west of First Line.

Please refer to the map on the right for location details.


Construction is anticipated to start this spring, and will take approximately four to six months to complete.

Construction Scope

- Building eastbound right turn and westbound left turn lanes
- Hydro pole relocations
- Alterations to the south-side bicycle lane and multi-use path to align with lane changes
- Traffic signal modifications to align with lane changes
- Minor road surface adjustments within the intersection

What to Expect
Anticipated changes in the vicinity of the project site while work is being performed may include:

- Lane closures will occur, but the road will remain open in both directions
- The south-side multi-use path will have temporary closures, but bicycle lanes will be maintained in both directions
- Night and weekend work may also be undertaken to reduce traffic disruption



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Notice of Night Construction (June 18-21, 2025)



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UPDATED: Notice of Night Construction

June 18 - 21, 2025

This notice of work has been reissued with new dates. The previous work schedule (June 8-11, 2025) has been updated.

Construction Activity
To improve drainage and support track stability, CN will be installing a new culvert along the existing CN mainline between Louis St. Laurent Avenue 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.

UPDATED: Hours of Night Work
Construction will occur from 8:00 p.m. to 8 a.m. from Wednesday, June 18 to Saturday, June 21, 2025.



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