

MCEA Updates

Friday November 18, 2022

8:45 – 9:15

Amendment to MCEA

Roads Cost Thresholds

Annual Monitoring Report

- NEW PIIOR Process

- Selecting Appropriate MCEA Schedule

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Amendment to MCEA

Amendment to MCEA submitted Sept 2019

Approval of Amendment Postponed March 2022

Discussions with MECF – Ongoing

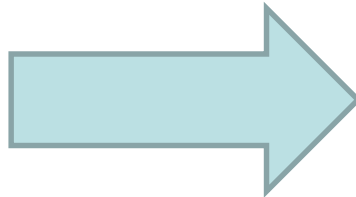
Approval of Amendment ???

Roads Cost Thresholds

2015 Version

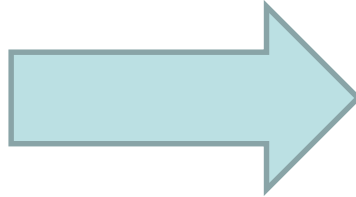
Threshold for 2022

\$2.4m



\$3.0m

\$3.5m



\$4.1m

\$9.5m



\$12.0m

Annual Monitoring Report

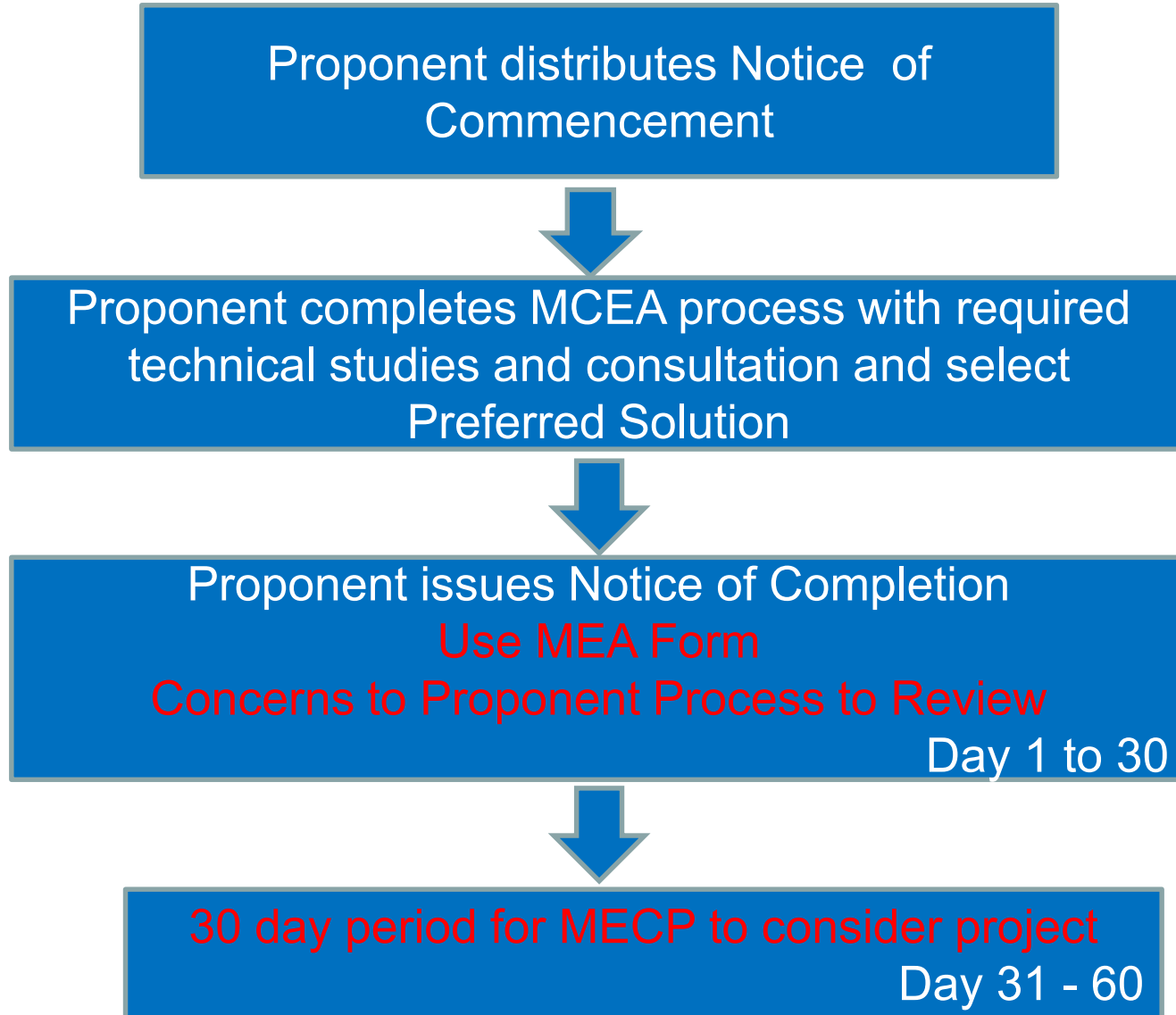
NEW PIIOR Process

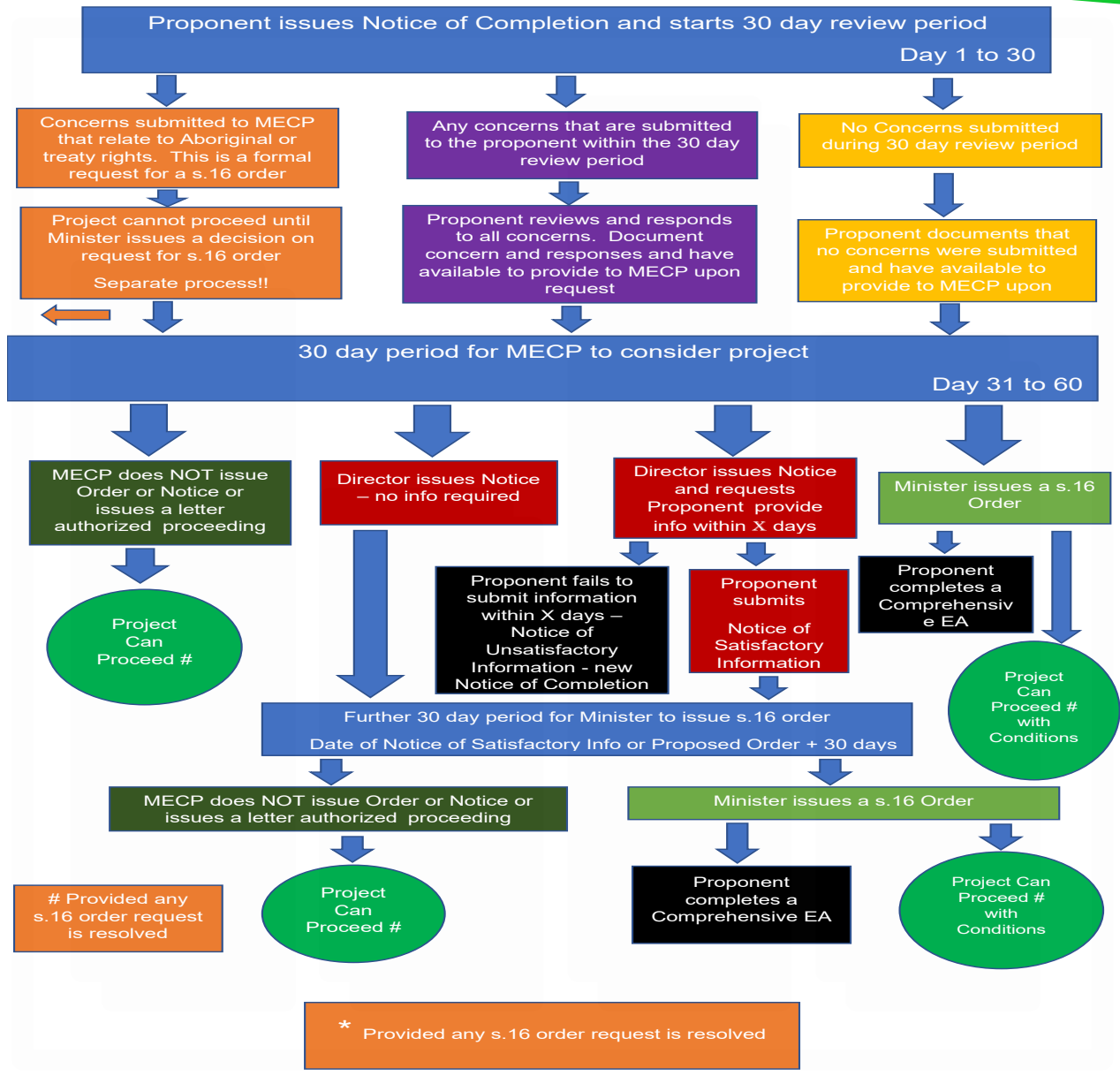
Concerns to Proponent not MECP

Except Concerns related to Indigenous or
Treaty Right

Additional 30 days for MECP to ACT

Resolve Concerns identified after Notice of Completion







Success of New Process

Project Type		Number of Projects 2021	Number of Projects 2022	Number of Notices or Orders
Roads	Schedule A+	8	6	None
	Schedule B	36	33	None
	Schedule C	61	25	None
	Master Plan	18	9	None
Water/Wastewater	Schedule A+	2	2	None
	Schedule B	50	60	None
	Schedule C	6	18	None
	Master Plan	26	26	None
Total		177	179	None

MCEA Schedule Determination

- Self (Proponent) Determines
- Can ask MEA



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“The decision to proceed under one set of schedules rather than another (i.e. road schedules versus water and wastewater schedules), shall not be open to challenge nor be grounds for a request for an order.”

MCEA Schedule Determination

A.1.2.3 MCEA is 'self assessment' process

MECP responsible to ensure compliance but
not to interpret MEA's Manual

If disagree then amend wording

Fulsome discussion

Consistent application

MCEA Schedule Determination

Spreadsheet of Active MCEA Projects

Some 23 Projects Potentially Not
Appropriately Classified

Schedule A or A+ Projects NOT Eligible to
be Elevated to Schedule B or C

MCEA Schedule Determination

(4) An undertaking listed in the following schedules, groups or categories of an approved class environmental assessment, as amended or re-named from time to time before May 1, 2019, and that is carried out by a person authorized to proceed in accordance with that class environmental assessment, is exempt from this Act:

1. Go Transit....
2. Provincial Transportation Facilities...
3. Schedules A and A+ of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on October 4, 2000 under Order in Council 1923/2000.

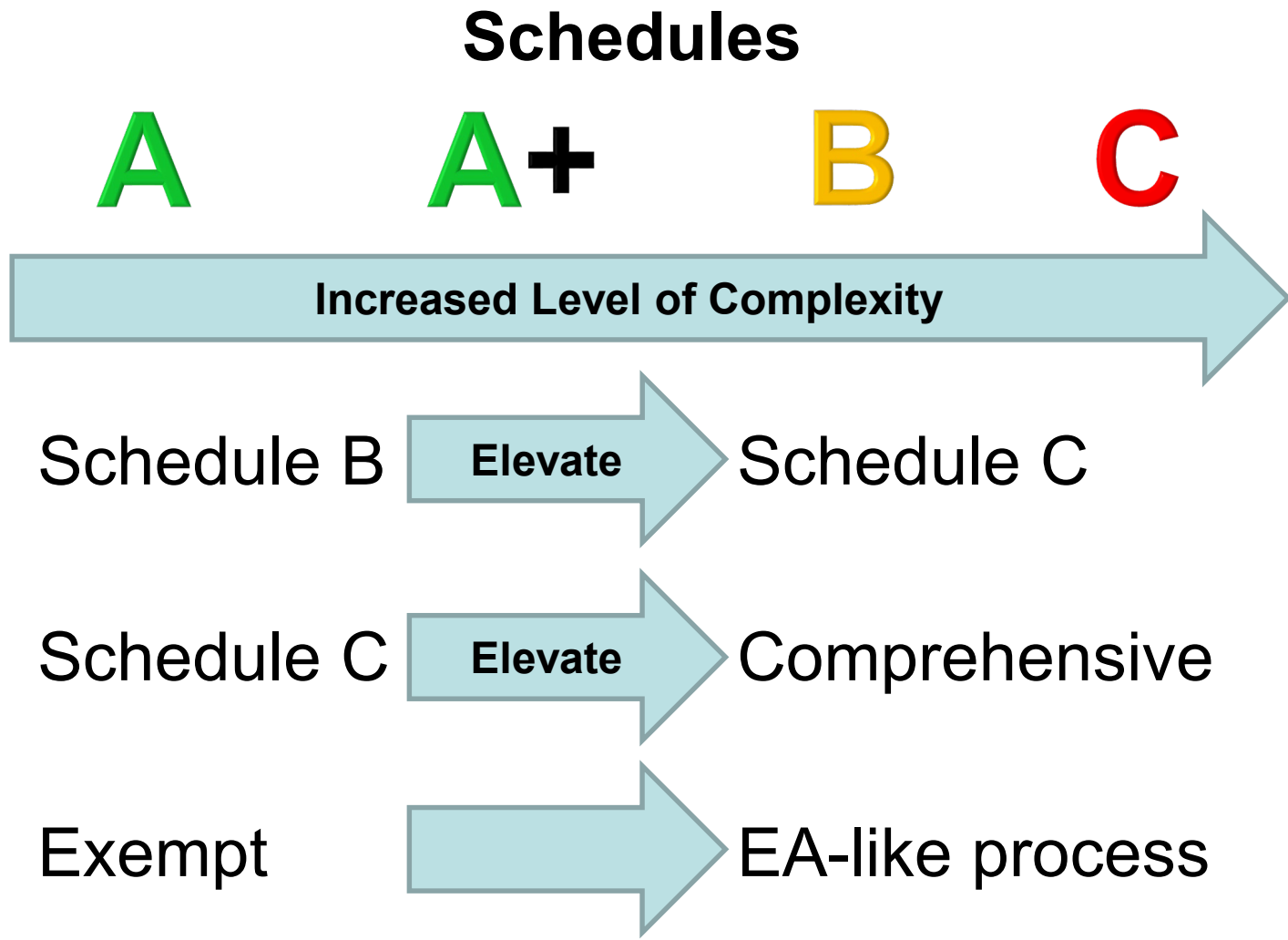
Select Schedule

More Homes, More Choice Act 2019

Schedule A and A+ EXEMPT

*The classification of the various undertakings in the approved class of undertakings is provided in Appendix 1. The types of projects and activities are intended to be categorized based on the magnitude of their anticipated environmental impact. In specific cases, however, a project may have a greater environmental impact than indicated by the Schedule. For Schedule B projects, the proponent may, at its discretion, decide to carry out the process for a Schedule C project. For schedule C projects, the proponent may decide to carry out an individual EA. **Proponents of exempt projects may decide to carry out an EA-like process outside of the EAA regime.***

Types of Projects - Schedules





Select Schedule

MEA understands the importance of engaging with the community and encourages proponents to include appropriate community consultation and consider environmental impacts even if the project is exempt and not captured in Schedule B or C of the MCEA. Potentially, the only difference between the engagement and process for a Schedule B/C and Schedule A+ project would be the wording in the notices. Proponents should follow a process that adds value and matches the complexity of the project. A webinar on this topic is available on our MCEA web site.

<https://municipalengineers.on.ca/news-information.html?id=186>

Exempt Projects

1) Normal or emergency operation and maintenance of linear paved facilities, cycling lanes/facilities & multi-purpose paths, sidewalks, parking lots **and related facilities** located within or outside existing rights-of-way

Companion Guide Note

This clause is intended to be inclusive. Operational and maintenance activities are those activities that keep the infrastructure in good condition and safe for the intended use by the public. Related facilities include bridges and freeways and any other infrastructure located in the road allowance.



Exempt Projects

- 2 Shaping and cleaning existing roadside ditches
- 3 Gravel replacement and reshaping on existing roads
- 4 Plowing and sanding
- 10 Establishment of a roadside park or picnic area

No flexibility or qualifiers

Exempt Projects

14 Construction of new parking lots not associated with a building <\$9.5m

18 Construction of a new culvert or increase culvert size due to change in the drainage area

No flexibility or qualifiers

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Glossary/Definitions

A.1.2.2 – Schedule A & A+ Exempt

A.1.7 – Climate Change

A.2.1.1 – Level of Complexity

A.2.7 & A.2.9 – Planning Act approval for arterial/collector roads

A.2.8 – New PIOR Process

A.3.1 – Consultation

A.3.2 – Municipal Council

A.3.7 – Indigenous Consultation

Appendix 1 – W/WW in Chart Format

Developing Web Base Training

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Questions?

<https://municipalengineers.on.ca/resources/ask-an-expert.html>

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