

# Milton Logistics Hub: 2025 Q1 Report

For the period January 1 to March 31, 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 Q1 period, site activities included:

- Completion of the bridge (underpass) structure at Lower Base Line. The bridge is scheduled for completion by July 2025.
- Ongoing construction of the Britannia Access Road, currently approximately 65% complete. Work continues on the reinforced soil slope wall and utility installations.
- Ongoing construction of the bridge supporting the Britannia Access Road: piles have been driven, the centre pier and both abutments have been completed, and girders are now being erected. This work is approximately 65% complete.
- Continued subgrade construction between Britannia and Derry Road as part of the mainline corridor extension. This work is approximately 30% complete.

No noise complaints were received during the 2025 Q1 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 Lower Base Line Grade Separation Progress**

Daylight becomes visible as the shoring wall on the east side of the Lower Base Line underpass is removed, signalling major excavation progress.



Figure 1 – March 14, 2025

**2.1.2 Lower Base Line Grade Separation Progress**

Excavation of material and removal of lagging timbers and H piles from the shoring wall east of the mainline at Lower Base Line.



Figure 2 – March 14, 2025

### 2.1.3 Lower Base Line Grade Separation Progress

Active CN mainline now spans the Lower Base Line grade separation as excavation continues beneath the overpass.



Figure 3 – March 18, 2025

### 2.1.4 Lower Base Line Grade Separation Progress

Despite winter conditions, underpass construction continues on schedule at Lower Base Line.



Figure 4 – February 18, 2025



### 2.1.5 Track Work Progress

Addition and spreading of ballast along the new mainline tracks south of Lower Base Line during track realignment works.



Figure 5 – February 14, 2025

### 2.1.6 Track Work Progress

Track installation and alignment continue despite snow.



Figure 6 – February 18, 2025

### 2.1.7 Britannia Access Road Bridge Progress

Work advances on the eastern bridge abutment for the Britannia Access Road.



Figure 7 – March 18, 2025

### 2.1.8 Britannia Access Road Bridge Progress

Grading and shaping of the truck access road east of the mainline, viewed westward from the work zone.



Figure 8 – March 18, 2025



### 2.1.9 Britannia Access Road Bridge Progress

Shaping of the future road connection to Britannia Road, adjacent to Tributary A, as part of truck route finalization.



Figure 9 – March 18, 2025

### 2.1.10 Chain Link Fence Installation

Ongoing chain link fence installation north of Britannia Road, part of site security measures.



Figure 10 – March 12, 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 Q1 period occurred on:

- February 4, 2025 (virtual)
- March 4, 2025 (virtual)

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.

## **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:

- February 6, 2025 (virtual)

Topics discussed at the meeting included: enhancements to public signage and digital outreach to better communicate project milestones and benefits; updates on CN's economic outlook and the timeline for the Milton Logistics Hub; a heritage housing project in partnership with Milton Transitional Housing; feedback on website improvements and storytelling opportunities; and a construction progress update highlighting environmental compliance and wildlife monitoring.

### **3.2 Night Construction Notification**

Scheduled night construction work south of Derry Road and on both sides of Lower Base Line was originally planned for February 21-26, 2025, but due to weather conditions, it was rescheduled to March 6-12, 2025. To inform the nearby community, notification was posted on the [Construction Updates](#) section of [cnmilton.ca](https://cnmilton.ca), emailed to the CN Milton Logistics Hub Project Distribution List, and posted on the Milton Public Notice and Tenders [section](#) on *Milton Today*. These notifications were updated and reissued following the schedule change. In addition, a number of local residents were informed directly through our door-to-door outreach efforts, which were carried out by CN, in consideration of feedback received from the Committee.

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:

- [2024 Q4 Quarterly Report](#)
- [UPDATED – Notice of Night construction \(March 6-12, 2025\)](#)

#### **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 Q1 (January 1 to March 31, 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Communications &amp; Outreach</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest in clearer, more accessible project signage to reduce confusion.</li> <li>Suggestions to adjust language and design on signs and ads for public clarity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CN will revise signage to incorporate clearer terminology and enhance design elements such as maps and directional cues. Materials will be installed in Spring 2025.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Economic Outlook &amp; Project Timeline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions about CN’s long-term plans given evolving market conditions and U.S. trade uncertainty.</li> <li>Interest in how economic changes affect Milton project timelines and employment expectations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CN provided a detailed economic forecast and confirmed that the Milton Logistics Hub’s opening is now planned for mid-2027.</li> <li>CN reaffirmed local job opportunities will still grow, though gradually, and investments remain aligned with broader North American network priorities.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Environmental Compliance &amp; Wildlife</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest in ongoing environmental monitoring and the use of wildlife habitat features like the enhanced wetlands.</li> <li>Questions about regulatory adherence and environmental reporting timelines.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CN confirmed environmental monitoring is ongoing and recent site visits raised no concerns.</li> <li>Wildlife fencing and monitoring (e.g., coyote and deer tracks) remain active.</li> <li>Results from the 2024 Follow-up Programs demonstrated positive outcomes in general. The 2024 Annual Report will be publicly available by March 2025.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Heritage &amp; Community Benefits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates requested on the potential use of a heritage home for transitional housing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CN is funding a feasibility study to assess the conversion of a historic home at 5381 Tremaine Road into transitional housing for men at risk of homelessness. A lease agreement will follow if viable. Another location is also being considered for architectural salvage.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Indigenous Relations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest in implementing CN's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan, which includes educational and employment initiatives.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 Request for Proposals (RFPs). The plan includes actionable and measurable goals to track progress in these areas.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Construction Progress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest in project status, especially Lower Baseline, Britannia Overpass, and wildlife measures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Community Consultation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CN shared detailed construction updates, noting progress on bridges, grading, and fencing. The Lower Baseline underpass remains on track for Q2 2025.</li> </ul>

# Appendix A – Night Construction Notification

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



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### UPDATED: Notice of Night Construction

March 6-12, 2025

**This notice of work has been reissued with new dates due to weather conditions. The previous work schedule (February 21-26, 2025) has been updated.**

**Construction Activity**  
CN will be performing track realignment and culvert installation work at two locations along the existing CN mainline:

- Culvert installation south of Derry Road (Area 1)
- Track realignment work on both sides of Lower Base Line (Area 2)

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

Night work is required to minimize the disruption to mainline rail operations.

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

- White noise backup alarms from construction equipment and machinery
- Lighting in the work area (positioned away from residential areas)

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

**UPDATED: Hours of Night Work**

- **March 6-9, 2025:** Track realignment on both sides of Lower Base Line (overnight, 9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.).
- **March 10-12, 2025:** Culvert installation south of Derry Road (overnight, 9:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.).



**For more information about this project:**

Visit: [cnmilton.ca](#)  
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#### Notice of Night Construction February 21-26, 2025

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- Culvert installation south of Derry Road
- Track realignment work on both sides of Lower Base Line

Please see the map below 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:

- White noise backup alarms from construction equipment and machinery
- Lighting in the work area

Efforts will be made to complete night construction as quickly as possible. Track realignment work on both sides of Lower Base Line is scheduled from February 21 to 24, 2025, followed by culvert installation south of Derry Road from February 25 to 26, 2025. Both activities will take place overnight between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

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