



## Town of The Blue Mountains

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**Date:** March 29, 2022

**Re:** Bridge 2 and 3 Replacement – Public Information Centre (PIC) #1

This memo is intended to provide a summary of the questions, comments and answers that were received prior to, or asked during, the PIC held on March 3, 2022. The PIC was held virtually on Microsoft Teams from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A total of 14 individuals attended the meeting.

Included below is a summary of the primary concerns heard in the lead up to and throughout the PIC, as well as a detailed breakdown of the specific questions and comments.

### 1. Project Timing and Detour Route

A concern was voiced regarding the project being completed prior to 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad becoming un navigable by snow, and also about increased traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad.

*Town Response – The primary detour for this project has been identified as Grey Road 119 which does receive winter maintenance.*

### 2. Emergency Services Awareness

A comment was received regarding Emergency Services being made aware of the road closure.

*Town Response – EMS will be notified of the planned closure dates in advance of construction.*

### 3. Pedestrian and Cyclist Access

A comment was received regarding the possibility of a pedestrian and cyclist crossing being maintained during construction

*Town Response – The project site is not capable of accommodating a pedestrian or cyclist crossing route during construction*

**The following questions were received prior to the PIC, and addressed again during the PIC**

Can residents be assured that this project will be completed by the time 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad becomes un navigable by snow? – Kevin Walsh, via email

The primary detour for this project has been identified as Grey Road 119 which is maintained during the winter. There will be a stipulated completion date in the construction contract of either mid to late November or early December, but weather conditions may leave the alternate detour routes of 12<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad un navigable by the time construction is completed.

Given the increased traffic expected on the 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, are any mitigation measures planned for that road? It is narrow and has some blind corners. – Kevin Walsh, via email

The primary detour route will be Grey Road 119, and therefore there are no improvements planned for 9<sup>th</sup> Sideroad through this project.

How are local fire and ambulance services being updated about these closures? – Kevin Walsh, via email



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EMS are being notified of the planned closure dates. Once those dates are confirmed they will be able to plan accordingly to make use of the alternate routes.

During the bridge replacement, while the bridge is closed to motor vehicles, will it be possible for pedestrians and cyclists to still cross? – Kevin Walsh, via email

No, the structures being replaced are only a single lane wide and there is not enough room to stage the construction area to accommodate a pedestrian or cyclist crossing route.

**The following question was received following the PIC**

What is the construction timeline, and are both bridges being replaced? – Al Stuart

Construction is planned to occur May to November. Both bridges are being replaced with new single-lane bridges with a clear width of 4.9 m. The new bridges will not have a load posting.

Follow-up comment: Al and his brother own the farmland around the bridge sites, and noted that access to their farmland would be a challenge.

It was explained that the geometry of the bridges makes it not possible to maintain a lane of traffic during construction.