



# Notice of Study Commencement

## Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for Confederation Drive River Crossing

### The Project

The Town of Smiths Falls is conducting a review of a bridge to address its advanced state of deterioration. The Confederation Drive River Crossing is located within the Town of Smiths Falls and is illustrated on the key plan below. Confederation Drive River Crossing is located on Confederation Drive over the Rideau Canal and can be accessed from Confederation Drive, that leads to Centennial Park or Canal Street off Highway 15 (Beckwith Street South), at Veterans' Memorial Park (Cenotaph) and the Smiths Falls Combined Lockstation Lock 29a.



Key Plan

Confederation Drive River Crossing is a single lane, twin span Warren type pony truss with a pedestrian pathway on the upstream side over the Rideau Canal that was constructed circa 1904. At this time, due to poor condition, Confederation Drive River Crossing is closed for public use.

### The Study Process

The study is being conducted in accordance with Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (October 2000, as amended) process. This notice signals the commencement of the Class EA. The study will confirm and document the existing structural deficiencies and identify alternative solutions, including rehabilitation or replacement of the structure. The environmental impacts of each alternative will be evaluated and in consultation with the public and external agencies, a technically preferred alternative will be selected.

### **How to Participate**

A key component of this study is public and agency consultation. An Online Public Information Centre is planned for early spring of 2022 and will be held to present the study findings and obtain public input. Details of the Online Public Information Centre will be advertised in The Smiths Falls Record News, the Town of Smiths Falls Facebook page, and on [www.smithsfalls.ca](http://www.smithsfalls.ca) closer to the date under a separate notice.

### **We Want to Hear from You!**

Public input and comments will be considered in developing the preferred design alternative. If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, or would like to be included on the mailing list to receive future notices and study updates, please contact one of the Project Team members below:

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*Comments submitted to the Town of Smiths Falls for the purpose of providing feedback regarding this Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Questions relating to the collection, use and disclosure of this information may be addressed to Paul McMunn, Director of Public Work and Utilities, at 613-283-4124 x1152 or [pmcmunn@smithsfalls.ca](mailto:pmcmunn@smithsfalls.ca)*

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