

## Rideau Ferry Bridge closure slated for Nov. 15

Rideau Ferry Bridge will be closed to traffic on two occasions this month in order to complete work required before the construction site shuts down for the winter and the north lane reopens.

Dalcon Constructors Limited have been contracted by Lanark County and the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville to rehabilitate the jointly owned bridge. Construction work has been underway since April, with Dalcon currently finishing up the east side of the bridge.

Lanark County Public Works Manager Sean Derouin explains both sides of the bridge were originally scheduled to be completed this year, but due to material and labour shortages, the second stage of the work has been postponed until next year in an effort to prevent conducting concrete work in unfavourable conditions.

“Prior to the winter shutdown and opening of the north bound lane to traffic, Dalcon is required to replace the bearings at each end of the bridge and then install the expansion joints,” Derouin said. “As part of the jacking and bearing replacement, Dalcon will be completing repairs to the girder ends while the bridge is in a raised position. Live loads cannot be supported by the temporary supports during this time; therefore, a full road/bridge closure will be required to accommodate the work.”

Two separate closures are expected to complete the work. The first is scheduled for **Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The second closure is scheduled to take place the following week. Updated information on the second closure will be provided later in the week.

Lanark County Public Works advises that during this closure detour signage will be in place via Hwy. 15 to Smiths Falls to Lanark County Road 43.

“We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience,” Derouin said.

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