

Public Services and Procurement Canada
11 rue Laurier, Gatineau, Québec
J8X 4A6

April 30, 2024

Re: **Project start Des Joachims Bridge**

Dear Madam/Sir,

You are receiving this letter from Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) because your organization has been identified as one of our key stakeholders for the Des Joachims Bridge, an interprovincial crossing over the Ottawa River between Rolphton, Ontario and Rapides-des-Joachims, Quebec on Renfrew County Road 635.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the construction project for various components on the bridge approaches and substructures will start on May 27th and is expected to end on July 19th. To perform the work we will need to close the bridge.

The bridge closure restrictions are:

7am to 7pm : 15min closure following a 5min opening

7pm to 7am: 55min closure following a 5min opening

The emergency services will be able to cross without delay.

The contractor will work 9 days in a row following 5 days off, you can expect closure during the weekend.

PSPC realizes the bridge is a vital link for area residents, businesses and tourists as it is the only connection between the two communities with approximately 500 vehicles crossing each day. However, due to the nature of the work, closures will be unavoidable. We will strive to minimize traffic impacts during construction by using innovative construction and rapid installation techniques.

The health and safety of travellers on the Des Joachim Bridge is important to the Government of Canada. PSPC maintains a rigorous inspection and assessment program to ensure the continued safe condition of the bridge. Based on the findings of this program, repair and maintenance projects are then planned and completed. Following recent inspections of the bridge, it was recommended that repairs be completed to address deterioration of several components to extend their service life.

PSPC will keep you informed of the exact date when to closure will start.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Yan Coulombe, ing.
873-455-3671

Projet Manager – Bridges

CC: communications@aecl.ca
yves.martineau@surete.qc.ca
rapides-des-joachims@mrcpontiac.qc.ca
dto@mtq.gouv.qc.ca
info@countyofrenfrew.on.ca
gmcræ@deepriver.ca
assistance@drdh.org
zecrapidesdesjoachims@outlook.com
direction@zecdumoine.ca
zecstpatrice@hotmail.com
corey.squires@opg.com
emily.salvalaggio@opg.com
amy.joyce@drdh.org
tabitha.kearney@drdh.org
mgrenier@countyofrenfrew.on.ca
fire_lh@laurentianhills.ca
scierie-rdj@cpcl.ca