



## The Corporation of the Township of King Report to Council

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**From:** Public Works Department – Capital Division

**Report Number:** PW-CAP-2025-012

**Date:** Monday, October 27, 2025

**Title:** **Road Closure – Toll Road (Highway 11 Bridge Rehabilitation Project)**

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### Recommendation

1. That Council receive Report PW-CAP-2025-012 for information.
2. That Council enact By-law 2025-073 to authorize the temporary closure of Toll Road from Bathurst Street to Canal Road during the following periods:
  - November 13, 2025, to December 19, 2025 (*Stage 1*)
  - July 2, 2026, to October 31, 2026 (*Stage 2*)
3. That Council delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to adjust the timing of Stage 1 and Stage 2 due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, and to adjust the timing of Stage 2, as necessary, to accommodate any advancement in Stage 2 construction.

### 1. Report Highlights

- The closure is recommended to ensure public safety and minimize disruption to area residents during York Region's Holland River Bridge rehabilitation.
- Local access will be maintained for residents and emergency services throughout the closure.
- York Region is leading the rehabilitation project. The Township of King is providing support and coordination.
- A comprehensive communications strategy has been implemented to inform residents and stakeholders.

### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the extended closure of Toll Road from Bathurst Street to Canal Road, beyond the current 30-day delegated authority (October 14 to November 12, 2025). This approval is necessary for Public Works to issue a Road Closure Permit in accordance with municipal by-law requirements.

### 3. Background

York Region has commenced urgent structural repairs to the Holland River Bridge, located at the boundary of the Township of King and Bradford West Gwillimbury. The bridge is jointly owned by York Region and Simcoe County and serves as a vital transportation corridor.

Assessments revealed structural deterioration had progressed more rapidly than anticipated, primarily due to leaking expansion joints allowing road salt infiltration. Immediate repairs are required to maintain the bridge's integrity and ensure public safety.

The scope of work includes:

- Full removal and replacement of bridge deck and structural components.
- Lane reductions during key phases.
- Two-stage construction schedule:
  - November 13 to December 19, 2025
  - July 2 to October 31, 2026

*Note: Stage 2 may be advanced.*

### 4. Analysis

The temporary closure of Toll Road is essential to:

- Ensure public safety and minimize disruption to area residents during the Holland River Bridge rehabilitation.
- Prevent bypass traffic from congesting the gravel corridor, which is not designed for high volumes.
- Address safety concerns at the at-grade railway crossing near Bathurst Street.
- Support uninterrupted construction activity and traffic management.

**Construction Coordination:** York Region staff are working closely with the engineering consultant and contractor to explore opportunities to expedite work. This includes:

- Engineering solutions to accelerate complex tasks.
- Alternate sourcing strategies for materials with long lead times.
- Extended workdays (Monday to Saturday and most Sundays), although further extension of hours is not expected to significantly impact the schedule.

**Access & Service Considerations:**

- Local and emergency access will be maintained throughout the closure.
- Nine properties rely solely on Toll Road for access, including agricultural lands and a marina.

- Consideration is being given to access needs for agricultural and Township vehicles.
- No detour route is proposed due to lack of viable alternatives.
- Efforts are underway to minimize disruptions to waste collection, mail delivery and student transportation.

**York Region’s Traffic Management Measures includes:**

- Real-time traffic monitoring via cameras and Bluetooth travel readers.
- Temporary deployment of Pay Duty Officers during peak hours.
- Travel apps updated with closure information.
- Traveller Information Signs displaying live travel times on Highway 11.
- Signal timing adjustments to improve flow and reduce delays.
- Restricted left turns from Highway 11 to Canal Road and from Canal Road to Bridge Street (excluding farm vehicles).
- No stopping zones on Canal Road, Pumphouse Road, and Graham Sideroad.

**York Region’s Communications Strategy**

A combination of completed and upcoming measures are being used to communicate the closure, including:

- Notices distributed to residents, businesses, and emergency services.
- Social media outreach and hand-delivered letters.
- Dedicated project webpage and signage deployed.
- Coordination with school boards, Canada Post, and waste collection services.
- Ongoing engagement with affected property owners and external agencies.

**5. Financial Considerations**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**6. Alignment to Strategic Plan**

The 2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan (CSP) was adopted by Council on June 12, 2023. The CSP reflects the priorities of upmost importance to the community and defines the obligations and commitments of the Township of King to its citizens and to the public. The CSP is aligned with the Townships long-term vision defined in the “Our King” Official Plan. The CSP also aims to ensure that staff initiatives focus on and work towards supporting King’s Vision, Mission and Values.

This report is in alignment with the CSP’s Priority Area(s), and/or associated Objective(s) and/or Key Results(s):

Priority Area: Sustainable Asset Management

Objective: Improve our linear (transportation and environmental) and non-linear (facilities and parks) assets for continued community use and enjoyment.

## **7. Conclusion**

Staff are recommending that Council approve the temporary closure of Toll Road to ensure public safety, minimize disruption to area residents and improve traffic flow.

## **8. Attachments**

Attachment 1 – York Region Notice of Temporary Road Closure

Attachment 2 – Holland River Bridge Rehabilitation Update

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