

Notice of Study Commencement



County of Renfrew Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Burnt Bridge Review Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment

The County of Renfrew (County) has initiated a Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to determine the most suitable option in response to the deteriorating state of County Structure C229 (Burnt Bridge).

The existing Burnt Bridge is located in the Township of North Algona Wilberforce, Ontario. The Structure was built in 1970 and is a quadruple-cell timber rigid frame. The Structure, located on Burnt Bridge Road about 0.35 km northeast of County Road 9 (Bulger Road), acts as an equalizer in Shaws Pond, with flow from the north outlet of Lake Dore into the pond. This section of Burnt Bridge Road services local residential traffic and is the sole access to three properties beyond the structure.

The Class EA study is assessing various options in response to the deteriorating state of Burnt Bridge.

These options include:

1. Removing the structure to restore the natural landscape, and constructing a road from the northeast side linking Burnt Bridge Road to Mountain Road;
2. Removing and replacing the existing structure with a twin corrugated steel pipe arch; or
3. Removing and replacing the existing structure with a single lane modular bridge.



At this time, removal of the structure and construction of a new road from the northeast is considered the most beneficial option. A Public Information Centre will be held in the Spring of 2026 to engage and receive comments from the Public. Confirmation of the Schedule for the Municipal Class EA to be undertaken will also be made available at this public information centre. You can contact a member of the study team listed below with any questions, or to provide input on the Class EA study.

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This study is being conducted according to the requirements under the Ontario Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (October 2000, as amended in 2015).

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