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Brass Point Bridges Project

Public Information Meeting 2 – May 2026



Agenda

- Review the project scope
- Review the schedule and key milestones
- Review emergency services response
- Review the detour route options
- Additional items
- Questions

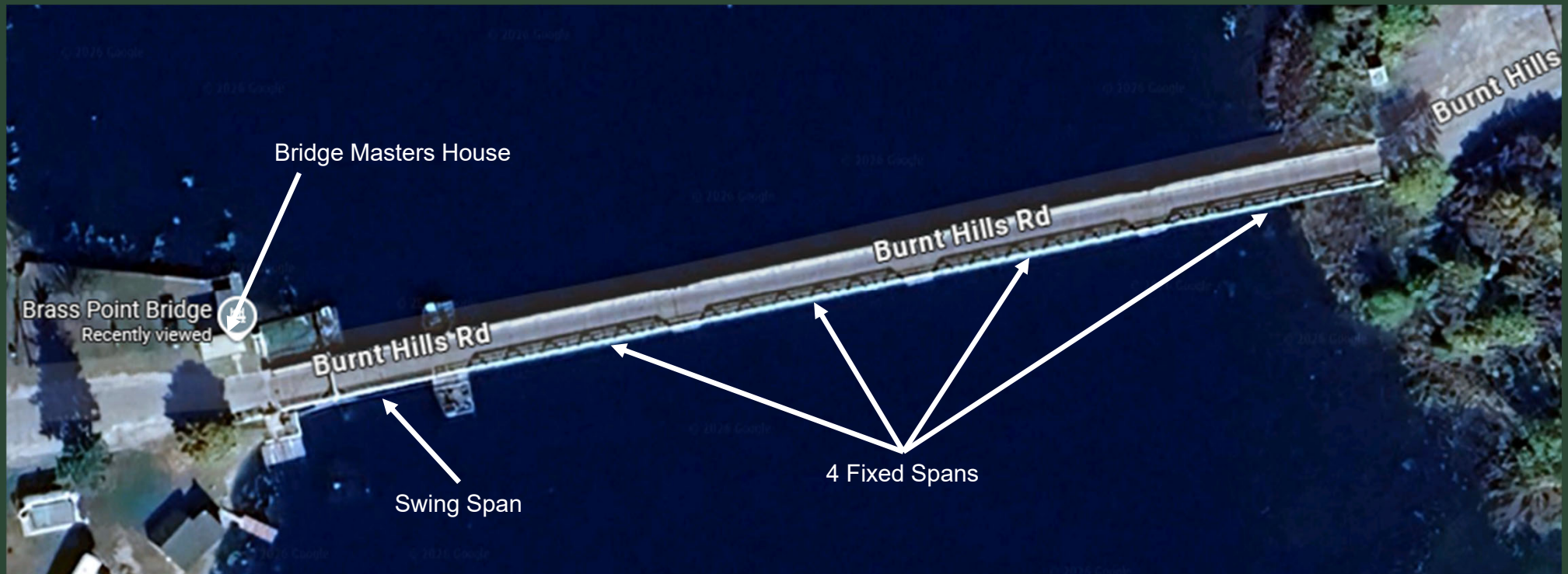


Project Scope Review

- **Swing Bridge**
 - The timber swing structure will be demolished and completely replaced.
 - Concrete substructures will be rehabilitated.
 - Key improvements:
 - Improved mechanical system.
 - Elevated structure.
 - Reestablished 15-tonne load capacity.
- **Fixed Bridge**
 - Sandblast and recoat the steel structures.
 - Replacement of the wood deck and addition of running boards.
 - Realignment to match the swing bridge elevation.
- **Bridge Masters' House**
 - Renovation of the structure.



Project Scope Review





Schedule at a Glance

- Contracting Stage 1: Invitation to Qualify
 - Completed; September 2025
- Contracting Stage 2: Invitation to Tender
 - Completed; Contract Awarded January 2026
 - R.W. Tomlinson was the successful bidder
 - Contract was awarded for \$11.9 M, taxes extra
- Closure of the Crossing
 - Tomlinson will be mobilizing mid to end of May to prepare the site for construction
 - The closure will start at the end of June 2026
- Reopening the Bridge
 - December 2027



Schedule – Key Milestones 2026

- May (mid) - Contractor mobilization.
- June (late) - Crossing closed to vehicular traffic.
- July (early) - Swing Bridge demolition will begin.
- September (early) - Fixed Bridge deck timber removals.
- September (late) - Fixed Bridge spans will be removed.
- September (late) - Navigation will be diverted through the fixed span next to the swing bridge.
- October (late) - Swing Bridge reconstruction will begin.
- November (early) - Reconstruction of the Bridge Masters' House.
- December (late) - Swing Bridge Superstructure installation will be nearing completion.



Schedule – Key Milestones 2027

- January – February - Work during this time will shift off-site and be focused on the restoration of the steel fixed bridge trusses.
- March (early) - Fixed Bridge spans will start being reinstalled.
- April (late) - Swing Bridge resume work on the swing bridge mechanical, electrical, balancing and commissioning.
- July (late) - Swing bridge should be fully operational and running through the commissioning phases.
- Late 2027 - Fixed bridge span decking will be completed.
- Late 2027 - Final concrete and road work will be completed.
- December 2027 - Crossing open to vehicular traffic.



Schedule – Key Milestones 2028

- May – October 2028
 - Swing Bridge will be operating for the navigation season.
- After September
 - Painting of swing bridge, 3-week closure.

- Troubleshooting the new system and optimizing its performance.
 - Wood will shrink.
 - The structure will settle into place.
 - The operator and maintenance team will take time to familiarize themselves with the system.
 - Minor adjustments may be needed for the first few years until this bridge is running smoothly.



Emergency Response

Ontario Provincial Police

- Response to all calls on the east side of the bridge comes from stations in Frontenac County.
- Response from Leeds and Grenville is very rare.
- The City of Kingston Police respond to calls on the west side of the bridge.
- Emergency response times will remain in line with current service levels.





Emergency Response

Fire Services

- Fire trucks are too heavy to cross the bridge.
- All fire response to the west side of the bridge is from Frontenac County.
- Response on the East Side is from the City of Kingston.
- Emergency response times will remain in line with current service levels.





Emergency Response

Paramedics Service

- Response is slightly different than other services. Dispatch is centralized.
- The system automatically calculates the nearest responder by travel distance for dispatch.
- Typically, the response is from the same county of residence, but responders are limited. During busy times, central dispatch sends vehicles from further and further away.
- When the Brass Point Bridge is closed, the centralized system will be updated, and the closest responder by travel time/distance will be sent.





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Emergency Response

For more information, please reach out to:

Frontenac O.P.P Detachment Board, 613-376-3027

South Frontenac Fire and Rescue, 613-376-3027

Frontenac Paramedic, 613-548-0839

City of Kingston Police, 613-549-4660

Kingston Fire and Rescue, 613-548-4001 x5123

Frontenac Paramedic Service responds to the City of Kingston





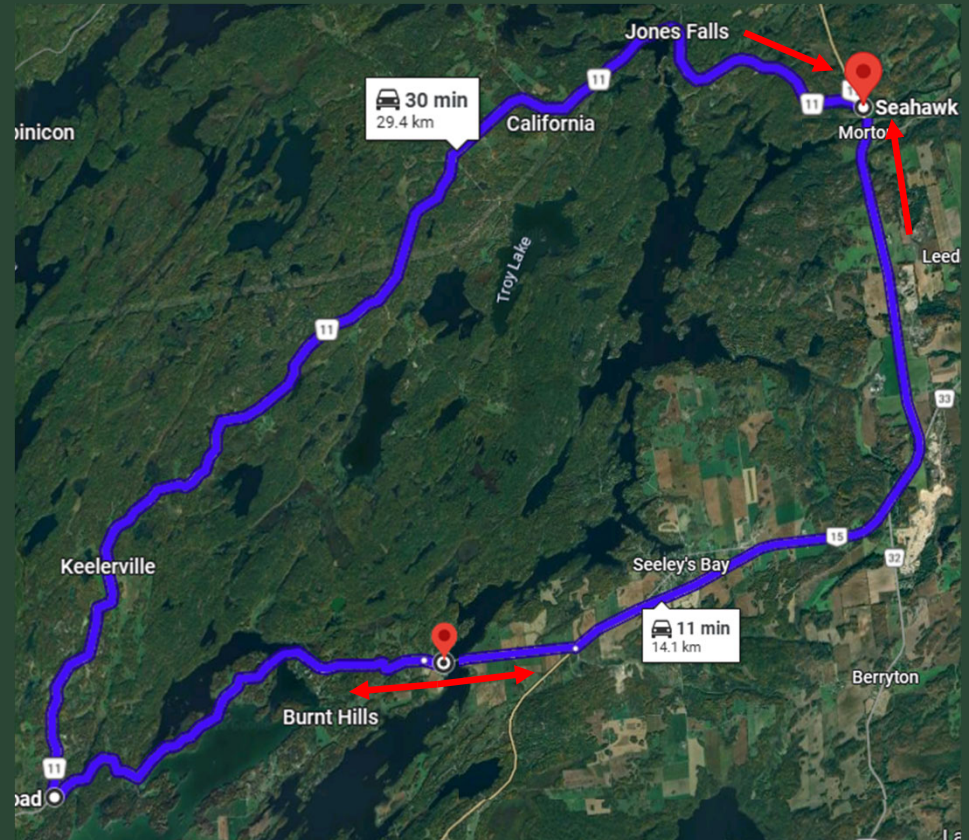
Other Community Services

- Canada Post - routes will be adjusted. Residents who are affected should receive a letter notifying them of the route change.
 - Hydro One
 - Waste collection
 - Recycling
- } These trucks are too heavy to cross the bridge. No change in service.
- Road and Winter Maintenance – Burnt Hills Road is a Class IV roadway, and the bridge closure will not affect its classification. Inspections and winter maintenance, including plowing, will continue at current service levels.



Posted Detour Route to the North

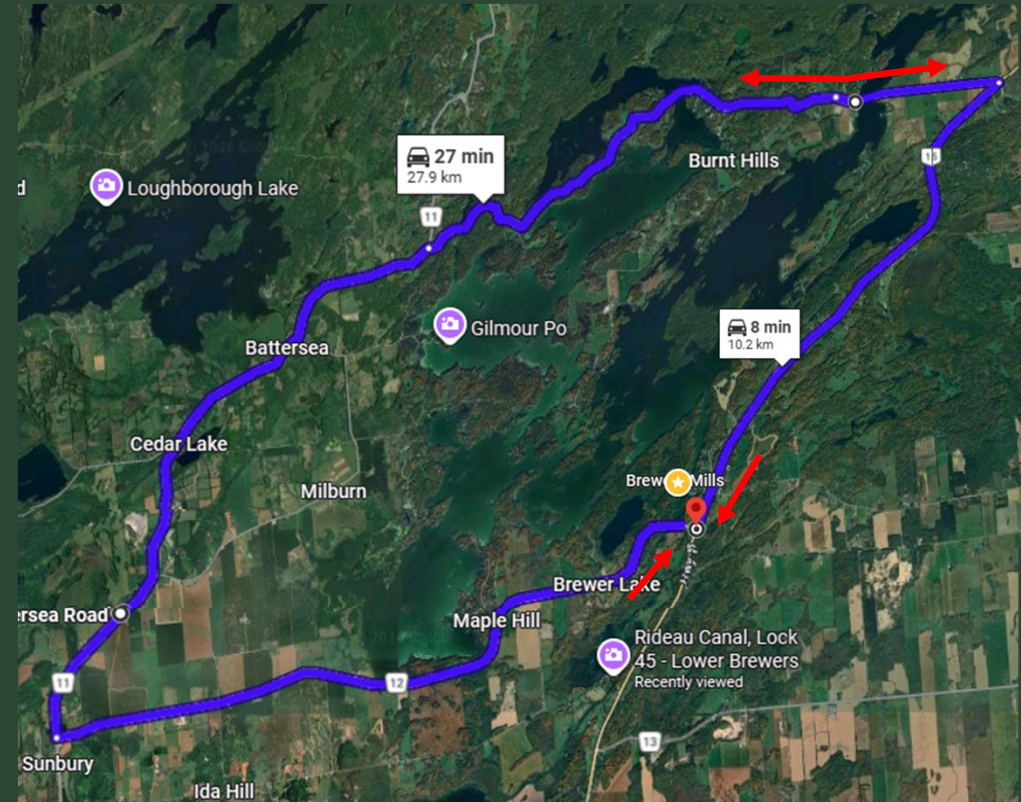
- The posted detour route will be to the north as previously communicated.
- This will reconnect with Hwy 15 in Morton, about 30 min travel time from the west bridge abutment.
- This would be an 11 min drive when the Brass Point Bridge crossing is open.





Alternate Detour Route to the South

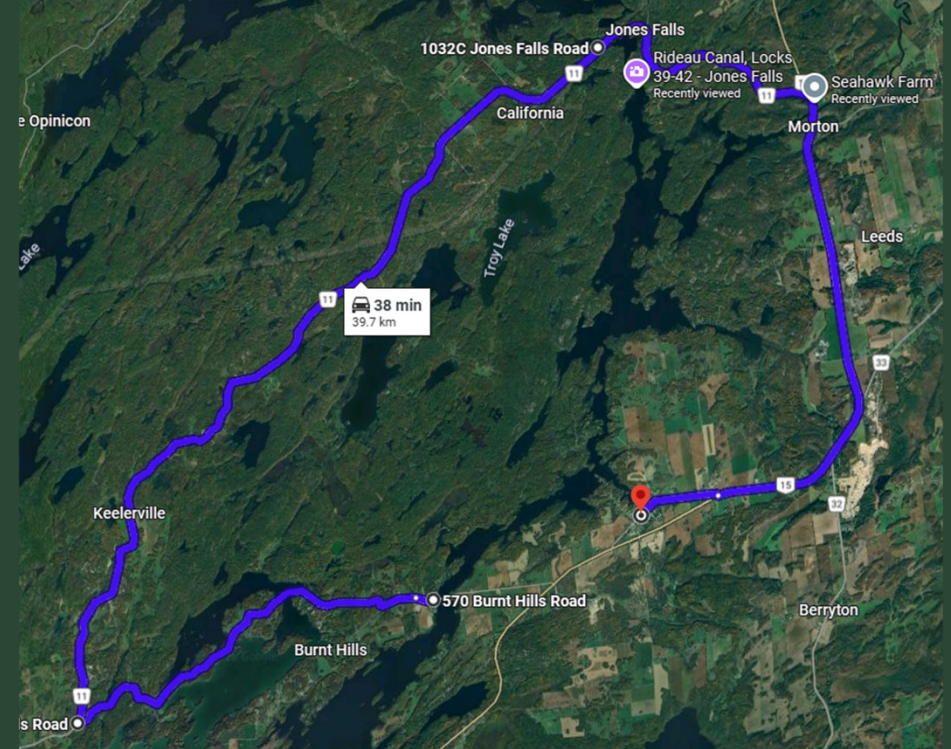
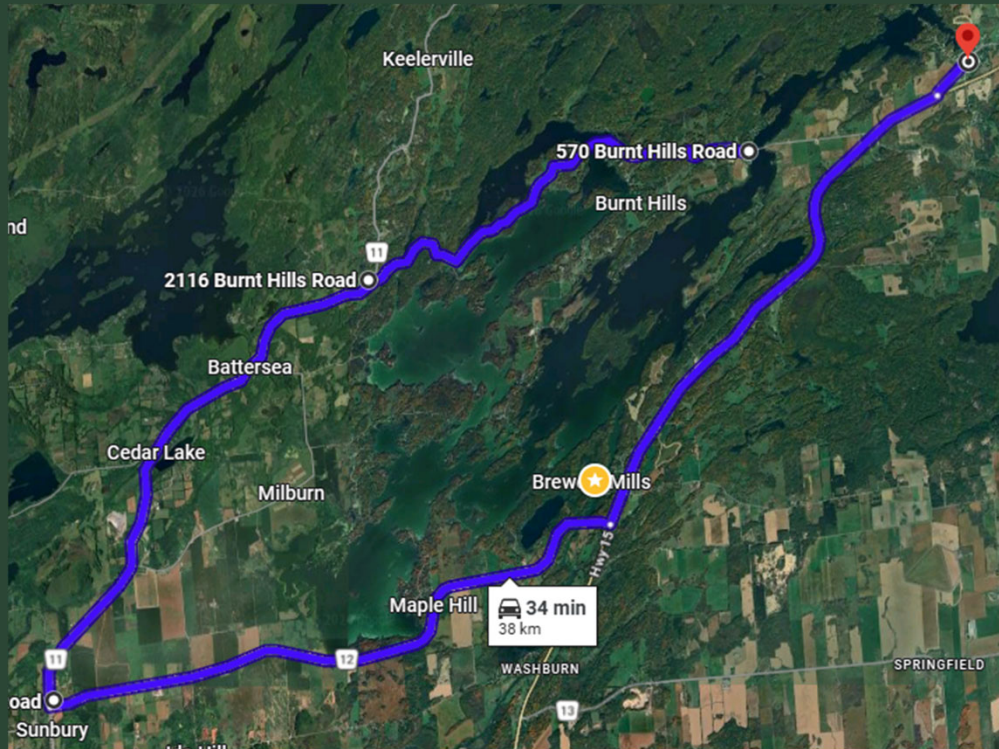
- There is an unposted detour route to the south through Sunbury.
- This will reconnect with Hwy 15 at Brewers Mills, about 27 min travel time from the west bridge abutment.
- This would be an 8 min drive when the Brass Point Bridge crossing is open.





Travel Times to Seeley's Bay

Travel time from the west bridge abutment to the post office in Seeley's Bay:
Southern Route is 34 min.
Northern Route is 38 min.





Road Parking

- Parks Canada will not be providing public parking along the roadway. There are no parking restrictions along these roads, but any vehicles on the side of the road may be impacted by winter road operations.
- The City of Kingston and the Township of South Frontenac are discouraging overnight parking along Burnt Hills Road, especially during the winter months.
- Security for cars parked along the roadway will not be provided.



Navigation Hours

- The pedestrian crossing will only be operated for boats during posted operational hours.
- In the past, some small vessels may have passed under the bridge outside these hours, but this will not be possible for the duration of the project because the pedestrian crossing will block passage.
- Hours of operation can be found at the following website:
<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/rideau/visit/heures-hours>
or search: “Rideau Canal hours of operation”.
- A portage crossing point will be available at all times for paddlers.



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