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## Kingston Mills Road Closure Extended Due to Road Damage from High Water Flows

Rideau Canal National Historic Site

**Smiths Falls, Ontario, May 12, 2017** - Parks Canada advises that the road closure on Kingston Mills Road in the City of Kingston will remain in place due to road damage caused by high water flows. Parks Canada is actively working to remediate the issue and expects repairs to the embankment and road to be completed by late June 2017.

On Monday, May 8th, 2017, construction personnel working on repairs to the Kingston Mills Swing Bridge noticed significant erosion on the bank and road section of Kingston Mills Road about 80 metres east of the fixed bridge. This erosion was caused by high outflows from the dam due to significant rainfall in April and the first week of May.

Since September 2016, Kingston Mills Road has been closed for Parks Canada's swing and fixed bridges repair project. The project is now nearing completion; however the roadway will continue to be closed due to this unexpected damage. The area around the eroded section of road has also been fenced off to further maintain public safety.

Parks Canada is currently developing a repair design for the roadway and has been in contact with the City of Kingston to coordinate efforts as repair plans move forward. More information on the schedule will be provided as it becomes available.

The closest alternate vehicle route across the Rideau Canal continues to be Highway 401 just south of Kingston Mills Road, which can be accessed from Battersea Road or Highway 15. Sunbury Road also offers vehicle crossing of the Rideau Canal north of the Kingston Mills site.

Parks Canada would like to thank the community for their continued cooperation and understanding as we complete these unexpected repairs. For more information about this project and the Rideau Canal, please visit <a href="www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure">www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure</a>. If you would like to receive community updates on this project, please e-mail <a href="mailto:RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca">RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca</a>.

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