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## Jones Falls Concrete Bridge Replacement

Rideau Canal National Historic Site

**Smiths Falls, Ontario, November 4, 2016** – During the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Parks Canada will begin the replacement of the concrete bridge at Jones Falls on the Rideau Canal National Historic Site.

The construction contract for this project was recently awarded to Cruickshank Construction Limited. They will be setting up on site during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The current concrete bridge, built in 1932, will be replaced with a new single lane concrete bridge of enhanced load capacity. These improvements will allow full access for service and emergency vehicles. New approach retaining walls and roadway concrete slabs will also be constructed to replace concrete components nearing the end of their lifespan and improve safety at the bridge. This work is scheduled to be complete in May 2017.

Additional work to be completed in 2017 at Jones Falls includes the rehabilitation of the historic Jones Falls Timber Bridge originally constructed in 1883. As well, the locks at Jones Falls are scheduled to undergo historic masonry work in the coming years.

This project is part of Parks Canada's unprecedented \$3 billion dollar investment over 5 years to support infrastructure work to heritage, visitor, waterway and highway assets located within national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas across Canada. These historic investments will mitigate health and safety risks, halt the loss of nationally significant built heritage and stimulate the economy in communities across the country.

For up-to-date news on infrastructure work in this community, please visit our website: [www.pc.gc.ca/RCinfrastructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/RCinfrastructure). If you would like to receive updates about Parks Canada's work at Jones Falls, please e-mail [RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca) and include "Jones Falls" in the subject heading.

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