

HORSE LAKE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FAQ's – April 10th, 2025

Why is the bridge being replaced?

The Sawmill Creek bridge, now known as the Horse Lake Road Bridge, was constructed in 1949 and was originally an asset under the Ministry of Transportation's jurisdiction. In 1991 the roadway changed classification, and Horse Lake Road and the bridge were transferred to the care of the District.

A formal condition assessment of the bridge structure was completed in 2014 and identified that the condition of the timber substructure was in less than satisfactory condition. It was recommended that for long term serviceability, the existing timber bridge structure be replaced with a modern steel and concrete structure. Load restrictions were put into place to extend the life of the existing structure until it could be replaced.

How is the District paying for the bridge replacement?

The District received a grant from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Rural and Northern Communities Program for \$1,748,000. The remainder will be funded through a combination of development cost charge reserves and community forest reserves.

What is the total project budget?

The total project budget is \$6M.

What is the expected service life of the new bridge?

100+ years

Which contractor has been awarded the replacement?

Coquitlam Ridge Constructors will be the Prime Contractor for the bridge replacement project.

When will the construction take place?

The construction is set to begin immediately. Archeologists will be on site conducting a site impact assessment and monitoring the removal of a utility pole and trees in preparation for the first phase of construction; the temporary bridge crossing.

The bridge project is expected to be completed and fully operational in 2026.

Will the road be closed during construction?

No. A temporary two-lane bridge will be installed to provide traffic flow along Horse Lake Road during the removal and construction phases. There will be brief closures from time to time to accommodate construction.

The contractor has a traffic control plan in place to minimize disruption and ensure that traffic travelling Horse Lake Road is accommodated.

What kind of delays can be expected?

Minor delays are to be expected. Prior to commencement, information will be circulated and distributed to businesses and residents in the vicinity of the project area. Updates and information will also be posted to the District of 100 Mile House website.

What are the weight restrictions on the temporary bridge?

The temporary bridge will be a BCL-625 with a GVW rating of 63,500kg



What will the new bridge deck be made of?

The bridge deck will be constructed of concrete.

What is the total scope of work for the project?

Detour Construction

Sanitary Force Main

Bridge Demolition

Substructure

South Abutment

North Abutment

Main Bridge Structure

Roadworks

Detour Removal

Final Paving Works

Landscaping

Archaeology – Ongoing throughout the project

Will there be new sidewalks to the bridge?

No. There will be an asphalt path from the existing sidewalk at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Horse Lake Road to the bridge, and then proceeding from the bridge to Blackstock Road.

There will be a separated walkway along the bridge deck for pedestrians.

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