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## **Third Crossing Update**

**March 27, 2020**

### **Current update related to COVID-19**

We want to assure you that the City of Kingston has been closely monitoring COVID-19 and the recommendations for construction activity from our federal, provincial and local public health agencies. The safety and well-being of our public, City staff and everyone the City works with is our top priority. We will continue to monitor the information released by public health partners and will continue to work with the contractors for all of our construction projects to adjust as appropriate.

Over the last several months Third Crossing construction activity on the east and west shores has been steadily increasing as the project team continues to build a temporary rock causeway and a temporary trestle bridge. These two elements are critical work operations and continue to move ahead at this time.

To safeguard the public, City staff and all contract and subcontract employees, the Third Crossing project team has made some work adjustments to allow people to work from home where possible and to encourage social distancing in our workplace and our work sites. Some further work adjustments have been made and are listed below:

- Increased hand washing and sanitization protocols;
- Limiting inter personnel interactions on site;
- Non-essential deliveries are postponed;
- Meetings are held by teleconference or video conference;
- Any required on site meetings are held outdoors with personal separation;
- Modified work schedules to limit unnecessary personnel interactions.

We will continue to monitor this evolving situation and are ready to implement further initiatives as required.

### **Point St. Mark Neighbourhood (Traffic flow along Point St. Mark Drive)**

We want to take a minute and share some information with you about traffic flow studies conducted in the Point St. Mark neighbourhood. In the summer of 2019, the west entrance to Point St. Mark Dr. at Gore Rd. was closed for vehicle traffic in an effort to safely protect residents from construction activity, the closure is required for the duration of construction.

To understand the effects of the closure, the City conducted traffic monitoring in the Point St. Mark neighbourhood to measure the pre- and post-closure conditions of Point St. Mark Dr. These measurements showed that the average speeds remained relatively the same (41km/h to 43 km/h) and average daily vehicle volume (the number of vehicles using Point St. Mark Drive) increased from 347 to 549 vehicles. This increase in vehicles using the Point St. Mark Dr. is expected as all the neighbourhood traffic must use the southern Grenadier Rd. intersection during the Gore Rd. closure.

The west entrance of Gore Rd. and Point St. Mark Dr. will remain closed for the duration of construction. We would like to remind residents that NO decision has been made at this point regarding the permanent closure of this intersection. We will continue to collect additional traffic data as needed throughout the project that will be useful to help make any decisions on the final design of this intersection along with additional public engagement with residents that will be planned for this coming Spring.

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Aerial footage highlights achievements of work - watch our latest videos

An aerial video of construction work on the east and west shores and in-water work building the temporary rock causeway and the wildlife passages.

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### **About The Third Crossing Bridge**

Once completed, the new 1.2 km bridge will connect the east and west sides of Kingston over the Cataraqui River. The two-lane bridge will improve emergency services, increase active transportation through a multi-use pedestrian and bike pathway, create greater business connectivity and enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kingston. The bridge is jointly funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Kingston.

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Your comments and participation continue to be important to the project team and to the success of the overall project. Please contact us or join our newsletter.

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