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**County of Renfrew awards contract for Petawawa
River Bridge rehabilitation project,**

Pembroke: The County of Renfrew has awarded the contract for the extensive rehabilitation of the Petawawa River Bridge to extend the service life of the structure.

The County of Renfrew has retained the firm Bonnechere Excavating Incorporated (BEI) of Renfrew to complete the work. The contract, in the amount of \$1.8 million plus HST, was awarded by County Council at its April meeting.

The work on the bridge, which spans the Petawawa River along County Road 51 in the Town of Petawawa, is slated to begin the week of May 19 and continue until November. Because of the complexity of the project, the bridge will be reduced to a single lane of traffic for the duration. Signals will be in place for alternating traffic and pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained throughout the project.

Although the Petawawa River Bridge is in generally good condition overall, the works included in the project are necessary to ensure further deterioration does not occur. Additionally, several emergency repairs have been undertaken on the expansion joints, and to the wearing surface in the past to allow for the safe use of the bridge until more extensive works are undertaken this year.

Councillor Tom Peckett, chairman of the Operations Committee, noted the Petawawa River Bridge is a key piece of County infrastructure and this summer's rehabilitation will ensure its viability for many years to come.

"The bridge serves as a vital link not only for the travelling public but also numerous utilities to Garrison Petawawa, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and the Town of Petawawa," he said.

Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering for the County of Renfrew, acknowledged that this project will cause delays for drivers along Petawawa

Boulevard, but indicated efforts have been made to mitigate the impacts to area residents.

“The rehabilitation of Petawawa River Bridge has been thoroughly planned in cooperation with the Town of Petawawa and the Garrison,” Perkins said. “The County and the entire team working on the project will continue to make every effort to ensure this project runs as smoothly as possible. This coordinated undertaking will ensure more substantial works, with greater impact on the travelling public, are not needed in the near future.”

Electronic signs have been placed at both ends of the bridge to ensure everyone crossing the structure is aware of the upcoming work.

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