



COLBORNE STREET BRIDGE DETAILED DESIGN

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) SUMMARY REPORT	
Purpose of PIC:	The purpose of the PIC was to present the detailed design, current stage and planned schedule of the proposed bridge and gather feedback from the General Public, Indigenous Nations, and other stakeholders.
Venue	
Date:	Tuesday, July 15, 2025
Time:	5:30pm to 7:30pm - 30-minute presentation started at 6pm
Location:	Kawartha Lakes City Hall, Victoria Room 26 Francis St, Lindsay, ON K9V 5R8
Format:	The PIC consisted of an in-person drop-in event. A formal presentation was held at 6:00 PM. Supporting materials were also posted on the project website. Presentation: https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/business-growth/resources/Engineering/Colborne-Bridge--PIC--Presentation-July-15-2025.pdf Display Boards: https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/business-growth/resources/Engineering/Colborne-St-Bridge-PIC-Display-Boards.pdf
Notification	
News Release	PIC Notice published as a news release on June 23, 2025 at https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/news/notice-of-public-information-centre-colborne-street-bridge-in-lindsay.aspx
Mail /Email	- Printed notices were distributed directly to households within the Study Area July 8, 2025. - Agencies, First Nations, interest groups, and the public (those who registered to receive project updates) were notified via email on June 24, 2025.
Project Website	- The Notice was posted on the project website on June 23, 2025. - The PIC presentation was posted on the project website on July 24, 2025.
Meeting Attendees	
City of Kawartha Lakes	- Juan Rojas, Director of Engineering & Corporate Assets - Corby Purdy, Manager, Engineering, Infrastructure Design and Construction

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	• John Innes, Supervisor, Capital projects • Taylor Burke, Senior Engineering Technician
CIMA+	• Akram Khan, Project Manager • Michael Chernis, Civil Design Lead
Media Attendance	
	No media in attendance
Attendance and Comments / Responses	
Attendance	Public – 54 (per sign-in sheet)
Comment Deadline:	August 7, 2025
Summary of Themes of comments submitted during the PIC Comment Period and corresponding response	• Members of the public could submit comments directly to the project team • 6 responses were received via email • 7 written comments were received at the PIC <u>Comments on Active Transportation Considerations</u> The design incorporates several active transportation features: • 2.0 m sidewalks on both sides of the bridge to support pedestrian movement. • Connectivity to existing multi-use trails, particularly at the Colborne Street and Lindsay Street North intersection. • A new access road north of Colborne Street includes pedestrian facilities to maintain access to the waterfront trail. • A proposed multi-use path beneath the bridge with a crossing at Lindsay Street enhances integration with the broader trail network Dedicated cycling lanes and multi-use paths across the bridge are not part of this design. The Colborne Street Bridge includes sidewalks on both sides to align with the previously adopted cross-section on either side of the bridge. This ensures safe, consistent pedestrian access and smooth integration with surrounding infrastructure.

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Comments on Bridge Design

- The project supports the City's strategic priorities as outlined in the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan including a 'Healthy Environment' and 'Exceptional Quality of Life' by promoting minimizing environmental impact through a single-span arch design and enhancing public access to natural spaces along the waterway.
- The single-span bridge design and aesthetic was selected to complement the heritage character of the Trent-Severn Waterway, and more importantly, to reduce the aquatic impact of the project by removing piers from the waterway.
- Any consideration for artistic design of the retaining wall may be considered in future by Council if space permits. The current design includes architectural features (imprints) for enhanced aesthetics.

Safety

- Although specific snow removal protocols for pedestrian pathways were not detailed, the City has a general winter maintenance policy that prioritizes safety and accessibility.
- Snow removal will be undertaken in accordance with standard protocols and Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways (O.Reg. 239/02).
- Street lighting is planned for upgraded intersections, including pedestrian crossings, which enhance visibility and safety.
- Upgrades at intersections will include traffic signals, turning lanes, pedestrian crossing and street lighting; bump-outs were considered, however due to property constraints and road classified as arterial roads, these were not integrated. Leading pedestrian intervals may be considered in the future.
- The bridge design improves road safety on the approaches to the bridge and addresses accidents occurring on the bend, specifically on the east approach (existing bend at Lindsay Street).

Property

- The City has initiated discussions with impacted property owners related to the bridge project. The bridge was designed to minimize the amount of land required. The City will review potential uses for excess road right- of-way.
- A new access road is planned to the north of Colborne Street off William Street. The road will maintain access to the residential properties on the

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north-south portion of Colborne Street.

Pollution

- Air quality and Noise studies were undertaken during the EA stage and the area identified where additional noise mitigation was required was specified. Appropriate mitigation measures were accounted for including consideration for impacts associated with increased traffic in the Detail Design.

Traffic Congestion

- The bridge would provide various benefits to the community through increasing access for fire, ambulance, police, and busses to get across town.
- Intersection improvements (turning lanes) and signalization have been proposed to reduce/eliminate peak traffic impacts to neighbouring driveways.

Budget & Procurement

Why Doesn't the City Hire Local Companies to build the bridge?

- The City of Kawartha Lakes values local businesses. However, for large projects like bridge construction, we must follow a fair and competitive bidding process. This ensures we meet provincial laws and trade agreements, which don't allow us to choose contractors based only on location.

How is the bridge project being funded?

- A multiyear capital project is forecasted for the years 2026 and 2027 to support construction of the bridge, which has a mix of funding sources:
- Development Charges: Fees collected from development to pay for growth-related capital assets, such as roads and bridges, in an effort to ensure growth pays for growth.
- Debenture Financing: For large capital projects, the City often borrows money to be repaid over a period of 10-40 years, helping to manage the City's cash flow needs.
- Grants: The City will pursue any available provincial and federal grant opportunities to help reduce the financial impact of the project to ratepayers and developers.