



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Members of Council

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Position: Interim Director of Public Works
Title / Subject: MacLeod Bridge Update
Date of Meeting: November 10, 2025
Report No: 2025-OP-033

1.0 Issue / Origin

During routine inspections conducted under the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM), Township engineers determined that the McLeod Bridge in Cannington needed to be closed due to deterioration of the footings.

2.0 Background

The MacLeod Park pedestrian bridge is utilized to connect the North and South part of MacLeod Park for pedestrians. The OSIM inspection revealed that the bridge footings had deteriorated to the point where the structure was no longer considered safe for pedestrian use.

3.0 Analysis

Discussions with the engineer confirmed that the primary issue was the condition of the footings. A cost-effective solution to reopen the bridge is to rebuild the footings; a full bridge replacement is not required.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

Asset Management policy

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

Funds allocated in the 2025 Parks budget for the MacLeod Park pedestrian bridge were utilized for the design of the new footings. This design work has been completed. The engineer is now prepared to secure permits and finalize the tender documents.

The estimated cost to repair the McLeod Bridge, including inspection and testing, is \$95,000.

The 2026 budget includes funding of \$200,000 for the McLeod Pedestrian Bridge, funded by the Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Gas Tax). Staff recommend that the budget remain as is at \$200,000 to allow for any issues that may arise and that any underfunding at year-end 2026 remain within the reserve for use in 2027.

5.1 Asset Management

This project aligns with the municipality's Asset Management strategy.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

N/A

7.0 Communications

N/A

8.0 Conclusion

Council requested that a report be brought to Council on the estimated cost of the repair prior to proceeding with the repair. It is staff's opinion that the minimum estimate is \$95,000, however, the exact cost will be unknown until the tender process is complete.

Recommendation

Be It Resolved That Report No. 2025-OP-033 entitled "MacLeod Bridge Update," be received; and

That Council direct staff to continue with the tender development and tender the repair project subject to approval of the 2026 budget.