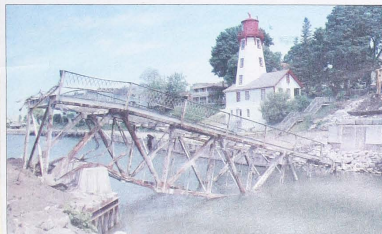




End of the road

This is your last chance to use the Huron Terrace bridge in Kincardine. The old structure closes to traffic May 1. Kincardine and the county of Bruce are replacing the bridge with a new span. This photo was taken from north-west corner of the bridge. (Eric Howald photo)

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The Huron Terrace bridge was knocked down last Tuesday by Owen King Contracting, and drew a big crowd on the pedestrian foot bridge as it was dismantled and removed from the water. (Katy Stewart photo)



Troy Patterson photo

Between last Monday and Wednesday the 73-year-old Huron Terrace Bridge was pulled off of its foundations and into the Penetangore River, before being cut into pieces for scrap by contractor Owen King Ltd. of Walkerton. The bridge is close to being on schedule, with completion still projected for Oct. 31.



Huron Terrace Bridge sees last days across the Penetangore

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The old Huron Terrace Bridge is history after it was pulled into the water last Monday and cut apart for scrap the next day.

Workers estimated about 90 tons in total, 60 in the centre and 15 on either end, were removed from the 73-year-old bridge.

But in its place will stand a modern, concrete structure with a four-metre viewing platform for sunsets and the Phantom Piper, and a wider road surface for vehicles and bicycles. The project is close to being on schedule, with

slight delays in the demolition last week.

Public Works manager Jim O'Rourke said contractor Owen King Ltd. will continue driving sheet piles for the bridge's retaining wall by the marina next week. Workers will also be redirecting the sanitary sewer force main by the fish hatchery and Rotary Park.

Andrew Ross, of engineer B. M. Ross, said the bridge's remaining pier foundation will be built around for the new structure.

The new bridge will also be

slightly longer at 60.4 metres and similar in design to the Queen Street Bridge, only larger. It will also feature a slight grade heading north, he said, with the bridge to be built slightly lower.

Ross said the project is designed to be "environmentally benign" with no work to be done in the water other than the addition of a bit of rip rap gravel to be added to the north pier during construction.

The contractor still plans to complete the \$3.6 million Bruce County-Kincardine joint project by Oct. 31.

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