

# Railway bridge closed for two years to be replaced by next January

BRIGHTON INDEPENDENT

JUNE 26/14

By John Campbell

**News - Cramahe Township** - Tenders will be called in September for the replacement of the bridge on Barnes Road, says CN Railway.

Council was given three choices it was prepared to help fund and it elected to go with replacement of kind, the least expensive, at \$920,000 for a four-metre wide, one-lane structure.

The township's share of the costs for the bridge alone will be \$138,000.

Not known at this point are the costs that will be incurred making changes to Barnes Road that have to be done.

"The current bridge configuration does not meet CN minimum clearance requirements," according to a project memo prepared for the national railway by Hatch Mott MacDonald and attached to a staff report submitted by Dan O'Brien, Cramahe's director of operations.

To meet those requirements, "the road profile will need to be raised and the piers offset further from the tracks," wrote Michael Proctor. "With the information available at this time, it is very difficult to determine the amount of road work required."

The other two options were a two-lane bridge (\$1.25 million, with Cramahe responsible for paying for \$468,000) or a two-lane structure with sidewalk (\$1.43 million, with the township's share set at \$648,000). With either option, the municipality would be required to pay 15 per cent of the in-kind replacement "plus the difference in upgrade costs," O'Brien pointed out.

More than one council member expressed concern the total cost to the township could end up being around \$500,000.

Councillor Ed Van Egmond spoke in favour of a single-lane bridge, saying "it's not a busy, busy spot," although "you have

to decide who goes first."

Mayor Marc Coombs noted it "is used a lot" by people heading to Presqu'île Provincial Park, and handles "more traffic than we expect."

Thompson said CN "will more or less dictate to us the grade requirements that they'd like to see" for the bridge.

"The issue we have now is you have to hit the peak before you know [there's another vehicle coming]," Councillor Clinton Breau said. By raising the level of the road "we'll be able to see all the way down Barnes, so I think the single lane will do."

CN closed the bridge in 2012 after it did a structural report internally.

"It's been a terrible inconvenience for people who live on Barnes Road," Coombs said.

Construction of the new bridge is expected to be completed by mid-January, 2015, O'Brien said.

■ **LEGAL:** Rutherford on \$5,000 bail

NORTHUMBERLAND TODAY JUNE 26/14

## Colborne man due in Quebec court today

**CECILIA NASMITH**  
Northumberland Today

**COLBORNE** — Colborne resident Wayne Rutherford is due in Quebec June 26 for a court appearance, as one of 17 suspects involved in an alleged drug trafficking and a conspiracy to import cocaine into the country.

The news broke on June 11 that arrests had been made in connection with an operation known as Crypto, aimed at dismantling a criminal organization in the East-

ern Townships that allegedly had co-ordinated the importation and trafficking of cocaine from California to Canada through a trucking network.

Among those arrested were the the alleged mastermind of the scheme, 60-year-old Denis Simoneau of East Bolton, and his 61-year-old wife Diane Poulin-Perrault. The allegation is that Simoneau orchestrated transactions among truckers and suppliers in the US and Canada, with the drug supposedly concealed

inside refrigerated trailers inside the trucks on its way to various Canadian criminal organizations.

Others arrested at that time included 39-year-old Daniel Decelles of St. Jerome, 52-year-old Juan Carlos Ellis of Brome Lake and 44-year-old Marc Lalonde of Casselman, Ont. These five individuals face various charges, including conspiracy, trafficking, possession for the purpose of trafficking and laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Integrated Proceeds of Crime

investigators seized \$36,000 worth of cash, machinery and goods, including vehicles belonging to Simoneau and Poulin-Perrault. The estimated seized and restrained property is valued at \$1.5-million.

It was stated at the time that police were still looking for the 62-year-old Rutherford and 56-year-old Raymond Demers of Sorel.

Sherbrooke RCMP Sgt. Ken Cooper provided an update on Rutherford who, on June 16,

turned himself in to the RCMP in Bowmanville.

"He was dealt with and brought back to Granby, Que., where he went before a judge June 17. He was released on bail," Cooper added.

Rutherford's next court date is June 26 in Granby, which is where the case is being prosecuted. Nevertheless, the terms of his \$5,000 bail do allow him to return home, where he must keep the peace and be of good behaviour while residing in Colborne.