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### **FORKS ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE OPENS UP PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

**Welland ON,** – City of Welland staff welcomed questions and comments at Tuesday’s Public Open House on the condition of Forks Road Bridge and future options. The Forks Road Bridge was closed to the vehicular traffic the morning of Nov. 2, 2018 for public safety on the recommendation of the city’s engineers. The Open House is part of an ongoing commitment to share information with residents and hear directly from them.

Following the Public Open House, Council received a presentation on the bridge from a delegation of residents. Council also received a presentation from city staff that included the current condition of the bridge, recommendations from the city’s Engineering Department, options moving forward, and estimated costs to replace the bridge. Staff will provide updates to Council throughout the course of the project

Welland City Council and city staff are encouraging everyone to visit the city’s public engagement platform YourChannel to learn more about the project, ask staff questions, and share ideas. City staff have kept the public informed through detailed media releases and last evening’s Public Open House; however, to gain a better understanding of the project and voice opinions, staff are suggesting everyone sign into [yourchannel.welland.ca](http://yourchannel.welland.ca) and join the discussion. YourChannel is a transparent mode of communication that gathers information from public input.

“The Forks Road Bridge project is an important conversation,” said Chris Anders, Manager of Engineering Services. “We look forward to hearing ideas generated and encourage public engagement.”

Welland City Council and city staff are recommending that people voice their ideas through the city’s public engagement platform, located at [yourchannel.welland.ca](http://yourchannel.welland.ca). For other City of Welland projects, programs, and services the city’s website at [welland.ca](http://welland.ca).

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