

Niagara Parks to Undertake Ussher's Creek Bridge Replacement Project

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Niagara Falls, ON – As part of its ongoing commitment to providing exceptional experiences for all guests along the entire 56-kilometre Niagara River corridor, The Niagara Parks Commission will soon be undertaking construction activity to replace its Ussher's Creek Bridge along the south Niagara Parkway in Chippawa.

Originally called "Street's Creek", the waterway below the Ussher's Creek bridge was the historic encampment site of close to four thousand American troops prior the Battle of Chippawa on July 5, 1814. Niagara Parks undertook the construction of the first formal bridge structure over Ussher's Creek in 1911, which was the first bridge built by the Commission along the south Niagara Parkway.

Work to replace the aging bridge structure will commence on October 15, 2018. Following a competitive RFP process, the \$1.4 million design-construction contract was awarded to Niagara-based Rankin Construction. The project has been designed to ensure the Ussher's Creek bridge maintains its heritage look and feel, with new bike lanes incorporated on both sides, providing connection with the Niagara River Recreation Trail.

This work will require a full road closure of the Niagara Parkway from Edgeworth Road, just north of the Ussher's Creek bridge, to the first residential driveway, located south of the bridge structure (8787 Niagara Parkway). The proposed detour will be via Weaver Rd, Willoughby Rd and Main St. It is expected that the road closure will be in effect until April 1, 2019. A further update on the progress of this construction project will be provided in early 2019.

Beginning on October 4, 2018, Niagara Parks staff and subcontractors from Rankin Construction will be visiting residents in the area to inform them of the pending project and to survey properties. As well, information on the closures and a detour map will be provided through Niagara Parks' Fall Parkway Newsletter and posted on the [Niagara Parks Engagement Centre](#) for public review and comment. All local police, fire and emergency services, schoolboard transportation services, bordering municipalities and other potentially impacted stakeholders will be notified of this closure.

About Niagara Parks

Since its establishment in 1885, Niagara Parks has remained a self-financed agency of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport, entrusted to preserve and protect the land surrounding Niagara Falls and the Niagara River. Today, Niagara Parks boasts gardens, a horticulture school, recreation, golf courses, restaurants, heritage and historic sites, gift shops and, of course, Niagara Falls. In short, natural landscapes, history, family fun, hiking, culinary delights, attractions and adventure.

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