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SUBJECT: Road Closures & Conditions Update

Due to an engineer review, settlements and erosion of the **Bobcaygeon Road "Sunnybrook" Main Street Bridge**, the structure will continue to remain **CLOSED** to vehicular traffic, but has been reopened for **pedestrian use only**.

The Township will be seeking further reviews of the structure, which will be reopened, at the earliest opportunity, as public safety and the protection of infrastructure permits.

Roads that have been RE-OPENED:

- **St. Germain Street** at the intersections of Prince Street and Water Street. (*Water Street remains closed from St. Germain to Canadian Tire, see below***)
- **Milne Street** at the intersections of Water Street and Newcastle Street.
- **Pritchard Lane** at the intersections of Milne Street and St. Germain Street.
- **Bobcaygeon Road** at the intersections of Newcastle Street and onto Water Street only.
- **Booth Street**
- **Prince Street**
- **Reynolds Road**
- **Shuylers Island Road**

Due to the anticipated increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the Victoria Day Long Weekend; caution, consideration and patience is requested in the downtown area, until the Bobcaygeon Road "Sunnybrook" Main Street Bridge has been fully re-opened.

****Water Street** will remain open to local traffic only, and **CLOSED** to non-residential pedestrian and vehicular use (those who do not live in the Water Street area), from the intersection of St. Germain Street to Canadian Tire, due to a watermain break. The depth of the existing watermain is approximately 12' deep. Water levels will need to significantly decrease in order for repairs to take place, so the full re-opening of this street remains unknown at this time.

Deep Bay Road and **Scotchline Road** remain open.

When travelling into the downtown from Deep Bay Road, access to the Main Street is closed. To get to downtown from Deep Bay Road:

- turn left on Bobcaygeon Road North,
- turn right on Scotchline Road East,
- turn right on Highway 35
- follow Highway 35 to Newcastle Street or Bobcaygeon Road
- turn right on either Newcastle Street or Bobcaygeon Road

As water levels recede, Roads and Bridges will remain closed until they have been inspected, assessed and deemed safe for vehicular traffic and pedestrian use, by an Engineer.

Your patience, understanding and cooperation is appreciated as we work to reopen roads and bridges as safety permits.

Hospital Detour Routes:

Due to the Bridge closure, access to the Minden Hospital is as follows, **please refer to the detour signs:**

- Hwy 35 to Deep Bay Road (19 km distance in total)
- Hwy 35 to Scotchline Road, left onto Bobcaygeon Road and right onto Deep Bay Road (5.5 km distance in total)

Roads & Bridges that remain CLOSED:

McKnight Street: Closed at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road. Closed to all traffic.

Peck Street: Closed at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road. Closed to all traffic.

Invergordon Street: Closed at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road. Residents are advised to use the Stouffer Street extension at the rear entrance of the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena as an alternate route.

Orde Street: Closed at the intersection of Deep Bay Road. Open to local traffic only.

Anson Street: Closed at the intersection of Peck Street. Closed to all traffic.

Spring Valley Road: Closed at #1268. Closed to all traffic.

Signs and Barricades have been placed at the intersections of each road closure. **DO NOT** drive on these roads unless you are a resident of the road. Roadways that are underwater may create unstable and dangerous conditions. **It is illegal to remove barricades and signs.**

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