

Background:

In 2013, the County of Brant reached an agreement with Lafarge Canada to close portions of Governors Road West and Cleaver Road to permit aggregate extraction activities within the road allowances. As a result, the roads have been closed since that time.

When the agreement between the County and Lafarge expires, the County will exchange property with Lafarge to allow the road to be reopened on an alignment that is safer than the original road allowance. In order to open the road on a new alignment, it is necessary to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment to determine the impact of the road realignment on the environment.

Strategy:

The County began the Environmental Assessment process in 2018. Public Information Centres were held to solicit input from the public and concerned agencies on potential action the County may take when the County/Lafarge agreement expires.

The report recommends the following:

- Leave the portion of Governors Road West from Puttawn Road to the Lafarge pit in its present condition, and open to traffic.
- The road through the Lafarge pit connecting Governors Road West to Cleaver Road would be open on an improved road alignment.
- Maintain a gravel road surface on the reopened section of road to reinforce the rural nature of the area and limit the potential for motorists to use this road as a short cut.
- Maintain the speed limit on the western section of Governors Road West at 40 km/h and 60 km/h on the remaining sections of Governors Road West and Cleaver Road.
- Access to all lands would be available.
- The Baker Bridge could be closed in the future when its condition deteriorates to the point it is no longer serviceable. There is also the potential to close access to Governors Road West at Puttawn Road when the Baker Bridge reaches a condition that is not suitable to carry vehicular traffic
- Add additional signage to advise motorists of deer crossing areas and monitor for impacts of other wildlife (turtles) and additional preventative measures if required
- Reopening the road section that is presently closed would not occur until King Edward Street has been improved and roundabouts have been constructed at the Puttawn Road and Bishopsgate Road intersections.

Timeline and Implementation:

Sufficient funding for this project has already been allocated in the County's budget. The cost estimate is \$100,000 and the work will not be completed until at least 2023.

For more information on the Governors Road West and Cleaver Road Environmental Assessment and to review the full report, please visit www.Brant.ca/Plans.