

Media Release
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Koshlong Lake Road closure on February 16, 2023 for installation of temporary bridge

On Thursday, February 16, 2023, the Municipality of Dysart et al will temporarily close Koshlong Lake Road to facilitate the installation of a temporary bridge.

This closure of Koshlong Lake Road will begin immediately at 7 a.m. and is expected to last until 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, or until the installation work is complete.

Users of Koshlong Lake Road should plan accordingly as they will not be able to access Koshlong Lake properties or Gelert Road during this road closure.

Why is Koshlong Lake Road being closed on February 16, 2023 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m?

In the fall of 2022, during a routine inspection of the Koshlong Lake Bridge, engineers observed a broken timber girder.

The Koshlong Lake Bridge spans the Burnt River and is located approximately 0.15 km north of Tippy's Trail. The bridge was originally built in 1960.

A subsequent load evaluation by the engineers determined the new safe load limit on the Koshlong Lake Bridge to be 16/29/42 tonnes, which limits the size of vehicles and equipment able to use the bridge.

As a result, on January 24, 2023, Dysart et al Council approved the purchase and installation of a temporary bridge system.

On February 16, 2023, an oversized crane will install the new temporary bridge system, weighing 29 tonnes, overtop of the existing bridge. Along with the safety requirements of the crane lifting large sections of the bridge over the river, and time to connect the sections together, there will be numerous support vehicles and personnel on site, requiring Koshlong Lake Road to be completely closed throughout February 16, 2023.

Again, users of Koshlong Lake Road should plan accordingly as they will not be able to access Koshlong Lake properties or Gelert Road on Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

It is anticipated the temporary bridge system on Koshlong Lake Bridge will remain in place until engineering is completed on a permanent replacement structure. The temporary bridge system will become part of Dysart's assets, and could be deployed in other locations, should the need arise.

The Municipality of Dysart et al apologizes for any inconveniences this important work may cause, and thanks users of Koshlong Lake Road for their patience and understanding during the complete road closure on February 16, 2023 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.