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## **Town to proceed with Station Street Bridge and Dam Rehabilitation**

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Ontario's Minister of the Environment & Climate Change today gave formal approval for the Town of Erin to proceed with the restoration of the town's Station Street Bridge and Dam. The green-light to proceed with the project was finally provided after staff from various provincial ministries and agencies reviewed nine separate objections (Part 2 Orders) which ultimately were largely dismissed by the Minister.

The Station Street Bridge was identified as being in need of significant repair as far back as the 1970's. More recently, emergency repair work was required which prompted an attempt at a full replacement. The Town undertook the required Environmental Assessment, leading to the successful result received today. Moving this project forward expeditiously is of crucial importance to the community and the ability to move people and provide essential Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Additionally, the bridge is the most direct route from urban Hillsburgh to the new multi-million library slated to open this spring.

"I am pleased that the Minister agreed with the Town's position on this important issue", said Mayor Allan Aills. "This structure is important to the successful movement of people throughout our community, and will continue to serve as an essential link. The added benefit of the province allowing the pond to stay is that we will continue to maintain an important cultural amenity that is a landmark of our community", he added.

The approval to proceed now allows the Town to begin the competitive process with a view to completing the required works later this year.

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