



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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## **Harvie Road crossing project to be fully complete in 2021**

(Barrie, ON) The Harvie Rd./Big Bay Point Rd./Highway 400 crossing currently under construction will fully open next summer.

All roadwork on the east side of the bridge, including Big Bay Point Rd., Bayview Dr. and Fairview Rd., will be complete and open to traffic by late October. All roadwork west of the Harvie Rd. reservoir is wrapping up as well, and Harvie Rd. will reopen by the end of this month.

The project is near completion and had an anticipated completion date of early November. Construction has progressed well, but the nature of remaining work, combined with uncertain weather conditions, makes the opening of the bridge by the end of October unlikely.

The east side of the bridge will be complete by late October, but the west side of the bridge requires further work, including bringing in fill to build up the embankment to meet the bridge, water main installation and asphalt work. The project contractor has made the decision to shut down operations for the winter at the end of October. While working into November and December may be possible, dependent on weather, there is work that can't be completed in low temperatures or under wet conditions. Work will be shut down over the winter months and will restart in spring 2021.

It's estimated that the entire project will be complete by late June 2021. This major \$76M project has been carefully designed and constructed over the last four years to help reduce traffic congestion in Barrie's south end. This final work will ensure that the project is completely ready for public use, including active transportation options, by next year.

Over the last ten months, the following work has taken place on this project:

- construction of the centre pier, and the east and west abutments
- formwork and reinforcing steel for the bridge
- delivery and placement of fill material for the east and west embankments
- installation of storm sewers and watermain
- installation of 26 bridge girders and concrete pouring for the bridge deck
- paving of the new road surfaces and pouring of concrete sidewalks

This project will support growth in Barrie's south end by connecting Harvie Rd. to Big Bay Point Rd. across Highway 400. When complete, the bridge will have five lanes for vehicle traffic, two separate lanes for bicycles and two sidewalks for pedestrians.

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