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RE: **Class EA for the Durham Street Bridge County of Bruce (Walkerton)**

The County of Bruce initiated a Class Environmental Assessment process in 2021 to address deficiencies present at the Durham Street Bridge which spans the Saugeen River along Bruce Road 4 in the community of Walkerton, Ontario (as shown on the accompanying key plan). Recent evaluations of the structure have clarified the extent of deterioration present within the structure. Based upon this new information, the County is considering reinforcement/rehabilitation of the crossing to address the deficiencies, rather than replacement. The work would be undertaken in 2024/25 with signalized lane restrictions that would allow a single lane of traffic to cross the bridge during completion of the repairs.

The planning for this project is following the environmental planning and design process set out for Schedule 'C' activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process, which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. The purpose of the Class EA process is to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed works and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any identified impacts. This process includes consultation with the general public, government review agencies, indigenous communities and affected property owners.

Your organization was previously contacted about this project and we are soliciting your input prior to finalizing the Class EA process. Please forward your response to our office by June 7, 2024. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the undersigned at kvader@bmross.net or by phone at 1-888-524-2641.

Yours very truly

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