

To Brocton Council.

Riversdale Bridge Issue

Poor condition of the bridge has been known for many years since prior to the deck replacement which was designed to extend the life expectancy by twelve years.

Discussion was held between myself and the road superintendant about options and the possible solutions at the eight year mark of the life extension.

Discussion was held between myself and the former mayor about the bridge condition and possible solutions.

No plan to maintain the bridge means it would fail inspection in the near future. This has now happened.

This is the second bridge in my vicinity to be closed in recent years leaving my home on a dead end road.

I have yet to see a proposed 10 or 5 or 2 year plan which strategically addresses these types of major municipal issues.

Lack of communication to and the method used by council to address the bridge issue has the appearance of being rushed, secretive and has left affected residents uninformed except for info that came down the grapevine after the fact.

I would suggest that common courtesy by council would be notification of all affected parties happen prior to major events such as this one. I am an affected parties as indicated by the sign at the entrance to concession 2 and county road 20. I use the riversdale bridge whenever I want to head west into Riversdale or other towns and cities southwest of my location.

This action by council shows a complete lack of respect for residents in my area.

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