

Corporation de Gestion du Saint-Laurent

Temporary Closure of Larocque Bridge from January 10 to March 17, 2024 for **Essential Maintenance**

Cornwall (Ontario), December 13, 2023 - The Saint Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) wishes to inform the residents of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield and surrounding communities about the temporary closure of Larocque Bridge, scheduled from January 10 to March 17, 2024. This closure is essential for maintenance that occurs approximately once every 40 years, to ensure the continued safety and reliability of the bridge.

During this period, Larocque Bridge will be closed to all traffic in both directions. Acknowledging that this closure will pose some inconveniences, the SLSMC collaborated closely with the ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable du Québec to develop a detour road plan. The plan aims at lessening the impacts on the community by facilitating existing alternative routes. The SLSMC kindly requests your cooperation in following detour signs and exercising caution during this period.

To address the potential impact on the community, the SLSMC maintains communication with emergency services and various stakeholders, groups, and organizations in the region. This ongoing collaboration enables the design of contingency plans. The Corporation extends its appreciation to the community members for their input and understanding.

It's important to note that the Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague Bridge will remain accessible throughout the Larocque bridge closure. To accommodate equipment storage during the work, access to the Parc des Bâtisseurs parking lot on Larocque Road will not be permitted from December 18, 2023, to March 22, 2024.

For more information regarding the Larocque Bridge closure, please visit the LarocqueBridgeClosure.seaway.ca webpage.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation was established in 1998 as a not-for-profit corporation by the Government of Canada, Seaway users and other key stakeholders. In accordance with provisions of the Canada Marine Act, the Corporation manages and operates the Canadian assets of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Since the St. Lawrence Seaway's inception in 1959, 3 billion tonnes of cargo has been transported via the waterway.

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