

## **Salmon River Bridge #1 (Route 10 - Chipman)**

### **April 2024 - Update**

The temporary detour bridge originally anticipated to open in October 2023 has been delayed due to the environmental permitting process because of the additional scope of work for the detour bridge installation.

The contractor has been delayed due to Pier #1 activities taking longer to complete than originally anticipated. They are working to improve production rates for the pier components by completing more of the work in the fabrication shop. This change in process, completing more of the work associated to the pier components in the shop rather than in the field, is expected to increase production rates in aims to prevent further delays moving forward.

The detour is currently anticipated to open in June 2024, with the anticipated opening of the new bridge in the Fall of 2025.

Contractor will remain on site for removal of temporary works and site cleanup with anticipated completion in Fall 2026.

#### **Completed Activities in 2024:**

- Driving of piles for the pier supports for the detour bridge resumed in January 2024.
- NB Power finalized the land agreement with Irving Oil Limited and registered the property easement so that the additional pole supports can be installed in March 2024.

#### **Current Status:**

- Contract work is ongoing to prepare for the installation of the temporary detour bridge which includes pile driving and pier installation for the modular bridge detour.
- Assembly and launching of the modular detour bridge is ongoing.
- Ongoing weekly meetings with NB Power and Bell to ensure additional pole support using guy wires is installed by Bell so that Bell can relocate the communication lines to the new pole which are currently installed in ducts of the existing bridge.
- Bell is currently scheduling the relocation and splicing work for the communication lines.

#### **Upcoming Activities & Timelines:**

- Completion of communications utility moves (by Bell & Rogers) – May 2024.
- Open single lane detour bridge to traffic – June 2024.
- Start demolition of the existing bridge – June 2024.
- Start construction of new bridge (this can start during demo of existing) – August 2024.
- Completion of new bridge and open to traffic – Fall 2025.
- Contract completion (ie removal of trestle, detour bridge and reinstatement of area to original conditions) - Fall 2026.