



PRESS RELEASE

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Beaubassin-est and Cap-Pelé meet with provincial MLA to discuss the closure of the Kouchibouguac River Bridge

Representatives of the Beaubassin-est Rural Community and the Village of Cap-Pelé, as well as business owners in the area, met with Jacques LeBlanc, MLA for the Shediac-Beaubassin-Cap-Pelé riding, to discuss the closure of the Kouchibouguac River Bridge No. 1 on Route 133. "Public safety is important, residents are asked to follow the road signage and respect the traffic directions," said Beaubassin-est Mayor, Ronnie Duguay.

Municipalities want regular updates from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. "We know that this detour is causing inconvenience to our citizens and we want to make sure repairs are done as quickly as possible," said Cap-Pelé Mayor, Serge Leger. Stakeholders even mentioned the possibility of having a temporary bridge if work can't be undertaken within a reasonable time.

Municipalities are also calling for a revision of signaling to notify motorists. "Better signage of the closure must be made on Route 15. Currently, some business owners have told us that trucks from suppliers do not see the existing signs that indicate the detour," said Beaubassin-est Mayor, Ronnie Duguay.

The bridge was closed to traffic on Friday, September 20, for an indefinite period. The closure is required due to the deterioration of the bridge that was discovered after an inspection. Detour signage have been put in place to redirect traffic to Highway 15. The Department reminds motorists to reduce speed, drive safely and to check NB511 for the most up-to-date information. For more information on the bridge closure, contact the regional office of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure at 856-2000.

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