

Menesetung Bridge Association Inc  
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Thank you to the Township of Goderich for your financial contribution of \$50,000 to the Menesetung Bridge Rehabilitation 2025 project.

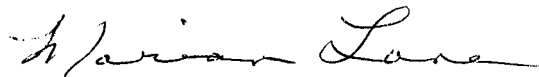
As reported in October 2024, Menesetung Bridge Association secured a commitment of \$200,000 from the Government of Canada federal development (FEDEV) South western Ontario program announced in the fall of 2024 for critical rehabilitation work on the concrete piers of the Menesetung Bridge. Since then, support from the Township of ACW, the Town of Goderich, local citizens, businesses and service clubs has been encouraging.

In addition, as of 2024, the G2G trail, including the Menesetung Bridge, is now part of the G2G section of the Trans Canada Trail. With this new affiliation, trail steward groups are eligible for funding support for projects such as signage, volunteer appreciation and infrastructure repair. Some applications, including the infrastructure repair we are undertaking, require matching funding. The support from ACW and Town of Goderich and has been presented as matching funds in two grant applications to Trans Canada Trails for the Menesetung Bridge project. The first of these, for \$4000 towards engineering study costs was successful. We are awaiting a decision on a \$60,000 application (the maximum request level) towards the repair costs themselves. Trans Canada Trails has been an enthusiastic partner thus far and they look forward to working with trail steward groups along the G2G trail.

Our priority fundraising goal is to rehabilitate the pier tops, the most critical repair according to engineering reports. As we have received monies or pledges that cover our critical work fundraising goal of \$698,000, we have proceeded to accept a bid by Strat-Con construction on the project to go ahead in 2025. Ideally, we would also be able to cost effectively accomplish

other provisional priority work on the abutments indicated on the engineering reports while the contractor has the site secure for the pier work. This adds approximately another \$300,000 to the project goal. We are continuing to fundraise and apply for a Trillium infrastructure grant for this provisional work.

We will update our trail partners and our municipal partners when we have the time frame and the scope of work established. We anticipate it will begin in late spring or early summer of 2025. During the work, the Bridge will be closed to public access.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marian Lane".

Marian Lane,  
Board Chair  
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