

# UPDATE on Gorrie Conservation Area



April 2021

In 2020, Maitland Conservation Members approved a conceptual decommissioning plan for the Gorrie Dam. Since then, Maitland Conservation staff and GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd. have been working to complete several steps in the decommissioning process.

Over recent months:

- Initial meetings were held with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to identify any early concerns and to review the requirements for obtaining regulatory approvals for the decommissioning.
- GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd. developed detailed decommissioning and site remediation plans. These plans have been submitted to regulatory agencies for approvals and provided for public and agency consultation.
- A Public Information Centre (PIC) was completed to review plans with the community and obtain comments. Results of the PIC were presented to Maitland Conservation Members in March 2021 and sent to regulatory agencies as part of the permit application process.
- A Request for Tenders was issued to complete the decommissioning and remediation work. This document is posted on Biddingo.com and bids&tenders.ca as well as Maitland Conservation's website. The removal of the dam is proposed to begin about July 1, 2021 with a project completion date of October 31, 2021.
- The proposed project start date of July 1, 2021 is dependent on the Conservation Authority receiving all regulatory approvals. Maitland Conservation is continuing to work with all regulatory agencies to meet this timeline.



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## Using the Conservation Area

The north side of Gorrie Conservation Area and the south parking lot will remain open for public use while the decommissioning process continues. Further closures of the park may be required once work begins. Any areas impacted by the construction or remediation work will be signed and fenced.

**Please Note:** ATV and unauthorized vehicle use is prohibited on all Conservation Area lands to help protect sensitive habitats. ATV use along watercourses also spreads invasive species including Phragmites and Himalayan Balsam. Please report any illegal activity including trespassing to the Ontario Provincial Police.

## Looking for More Information?

Project updates will be posted on our website at: <http://www.mvca.on.ca/gorrie-conservation-area/>  
Background information relating to the dam decommissioning is also posted here including:

- Board Reports
- Technical Reports
- Past Newsletters

## Questions?

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