

Appendix B Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism’s Decision



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Kindest regards,

A blue ink signature of Michael Ford, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael Ford
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

November 2, 2022

Hon. Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON, M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Mulroney,

Re: Consent to Remove and Replace the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, District of Manitoulin, Ontario, pursuant to Section F.5 of the Standards & Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties

Thank you for the materials provided by the Ministry of Transportation on October 27, 2022 requesting my consent for removal of Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge, in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, District of Manitoulin.

I understand that replacing this structure is key to meeting transportation needs of the local and regional community.

I recognize that MTO has undertaken due diligence related to heritage and has determined that removal of the bridge and replacement with a new bridge in a similar and sympathetic design is the preferred alternative. I also understand that in the next Detail Design phase, MTO will develop a salvage plan to consider the technical feasibility of relocating the existing bridge, in whole or in part. In consultation with the municipality(s), Indigenous communities, as appropriate and other community stakeholders, MTO will work toward establishing a site for the commemoration of the Little Current Swing Bridge and interpretation of the bridge as an important part of the rail and vehicle history of the area.

Acting under section F.5 of the Standards & Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties, prepared pursuant to section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, I hereby consent, with conditions, to the removal of Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge. The consent document, signed by me, is attached.

I look forward to continued collaboration with MTO to implement the Standards and Guidelines. If your staff have any questions or require additional information, please contact Laura Hatcher, A/Heritage Advisor at 437-239-3404 or via email: laura.e.hatcher@ontario.ca.

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- David Wai, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Michelle Gittens, Assistant Deputy Minister
- Gavin Downing, A/Director, Heritage Branch
- James Hamilton, Manager, Heritage Planning Unit
- Laura Hatcher, A/Heritage Advisor, Heritage Planning Unit

Encl.

November 2, 2022

TO: Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation

Consent pursuant to Section F.5 of the Standards & Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties dated April 28, 2010, prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Background

The Ministry of Transportation is the owner of the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands as more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto (the "Property").

The Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge was evaluated by the Ministry of Transportation and has been identified as a provincial heritage property of provincial significance.

The Ministry of Transportation has requested consent for the removal of the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge and its replacement with a similar sympathetically designed bridge, to meet the transportation needs of the local and regional communities.

Consent

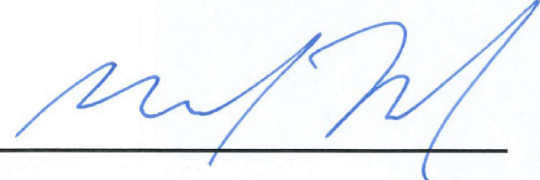
For the purposes of section F.5 of the Standards & Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties dated April 28, 2010, prepared pursuant to section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, I hereby consent to the removal of the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge, subject to the following conditions:

1. Sympathetic Design of Replacement Bridge – MTO must ensure that:
 - a) The existing Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge will be replaced with a sympathetically designed new two-lane structure that is a movable swing bridge design with through-truss components.
 - b) The new design will respect the design principles of the original bridge and its setting and integrate the original bridge type with allowances for use of modern materials and where feasible may incorporate salvaged components from the heritage bridge.
 - c) MTO will consult with the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, and key stakeholders to design a new landmark structure appropriate to the character of the area.
2. Property Documentation - Prior to the completion of detail design and in advance of decommissioning the existing bridge, MTO must:
 - d) Retain a qualified person(s) to fully document the existing historic bridge. At a minimum, this must include:
 - Measured drawings, photographic documentation and/or 3D modeling to fully document the existing Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge, its existing materials, components, and original location. Documentation is to meet the standards of the National Parks Services' Historic American Engineering Record in its approach.

- Reality capture including LiDAR scanning or photogrammetry to create a point cloud model of the bridge.
 - Video/digital recording of the swing bridge in operation.
- e) Upon completion, the document record shall be deposited with appropriate institutions, including but not limited to the MTO Regional Office and the appropriate local archive or library or the Archives of Ontario. When sending the documentation to institutions, MTO shall copy MCM on the cover letter.
3. Salvage and Relocation Plan - Prior to the completion of Detail Design and in advance of decommissioning the existing bridge, MTO must:
 - f) Complete a salvage plan for the Little Current Swing Bridge that will investigate the feasibility of relocating the existing bridge in whole or in part.
 - g) Document the bridge components following MTO's Environmental Guide for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes – Section 6.3.2 Heritage Bridges, which states:

"For incorporation of heritage bridges elements, specific details, such as the following, should be included in the contract documentation:

 - A requirement for expertise in cultural resource removal with a specialized knowledge in bridge construction.
 - Specifications with instructions for the labelling, storage, and reassembly of elements; and
 - A requirement to have photographic documentation of the re-assembly and have it filed with the construction record."
 4. Interpretation and Commemoration Plan – During Detail Design MTO must:
 - h) Develop an Interpretation and Commemoration Plan for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge, in consultation with MCM, the municipality(s), and as appropriate, with Indigenous communities and other parties.
 - i) The Plan must:
 - Commemorate the bridge at an appropriate location that is associated with the bridge (preferably close by the crossing) and be publicly accessible.
 - Record the history of the bridge and its impact on the area.
 - Include interpretive materials such as display panels and
 - If feasible, incorporate the bridge, as a whole, or significant components of it such as the gears and the control booth.
 5. Annual Updates - Until all these conditions have been fully met, MTO will:
 - j) provide an annual report to the Director, Heritage Branch, MCM, an update on the status of the project and progress on implementing these conditions.



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Schedule “A”

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

The Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge (MTO Site Number 49-02) crosses the Little Current Channel (North Channel) between Manitoulin Island and Goat Island in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. (See Figure 1 below)

Figure1: Location of Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge circled in red



LEGAL DESCRIPTION – Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge (MTO Site Number 49-02)

Part of the Shore Road Allowance aka Part of Water Street, Town Plot of Shaftesbury, now town of Little Current, being part of PIN 47122-0890 (LT) and
Part of Water Lot being part of Little Current Channel between Goat Island & Manitoulin Island and
Part of Water Lot K.G.37 Adjoining Goat Island
District of Manitoulin,
As shown outlined in red on the attached sketch (See Figure 2 below)

The property in the area around the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge and which forms part of the overall Project is approximately 973 sq. m.

Figure 2: Approximate property limits of Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge

