



September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Re: Infrastructure rehabilitation work at Black Rapids Lock 13

Dear Resident,

I am writing to you today in order to introduce myself and provide you a bit of information about Parks Canada's upcoming work at Black Rapids Lock 13.

My name is Darryl Whitehead and I am the external relations manager for the Ontario Waterways Unit of Parks Canada, covering the Rideau Canal and Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Sites. Our external relations team has been assisting the engineers and project managers in liaising with municipalities, communities, residents, visitors, and other stakeholders as we complete an historic reinvestment into the vital infrastructure along both canals systems.

Last year you may have noticed that we began work rehabilitating and repairing Lock 13. This project will resume once our navigation season concludes in early October. By the conclusion of the project we will have repaired the masonry and concrete in the lock chamber, replaced the lock gates, and upgraded the hydraulic operating system for the lock. It is anticipated that this project will conclude next Spring.

Additionally, we have announced that the dam at Lock 13 will be rehabilitated in order to ensure that it remains reliable, functional, meets current codes and standards, and that water management capabilities are optimized. This work will involve repairs to the concrete structure as well as improvements to the shoreline concrete wall adjoining the dam.

While we do not anticipate construction at the dam site until at least the Fall of 2017, there will be increased activity at the site over the course of the coming year and as such we wanted to make sure you were made aware. This activity will be part of the important preparatory work for the dam repairs including investigations and studies of the structure and surrounding area.

For each of our projects we are preparing community engagement lists that we will use when we provide email updates as they are available. I would encourage you to email me at the address below should you or anyone you know wish to be added to our engagement list for this project. These updates will also be posted at project specific web pages. Once available, the links to these pages will be found at [pc.gc.ca/rcOttawa](http://pc.gc.ca/rcOttawa)

For more information about the historic reinvestment into the Rideau Canal or any of the more than \$100 million of announced projects please visit [www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure). Should you have any further questions or concerns about any aspect of the work, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Darryl.whitehead@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Darryl.whitehead@pc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

Darryl Whitehead  
External Relations Manager, Ontario Waterways  
Parks Canada