



# Black Rapids Lock 13

**Rideau Canal National Historic Site**

**Investigative Drilling begins October 24th**



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**October 24, 2016** – During the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Parks Canada will have a team at the Black Rapids Dam at Lock 13 in Ottawa, Ontario in order to conduct investigations that will assess the quality, condition, and nature of the existing concrete structures and bedrock foundation under the dam.

In order to conduct this work a small drill rig will be deployed to the Eastern shoreline beside the dam.

The results of these investigations will help to guide us as we rehabilitate the Black Rapids Dam at Lock 13. Parks Canada is making this investment to ensure that the dam 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.

The rehabilitation of the Black Rapids dam is part of Parks Canada's unprecedented \$3 billion dollar investment over 5 years to support infrastructure work to heritage, visitor, waterway and highway assets located within national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas across Canada. These historic investments will mitigate health and safety risks, halt the loss of nationally significant built heritage and stimulate the economy in communities across the country.

**For More Information:**

For up-to-date news on infrastructure work along the Rideau Canal, please visit our website: [www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/rcInfrastructure). If you would like to be added to our community engagement list and receive updates on this project, please e-mail [RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:RideauCanal.info@pc.gc.ca) and include Black Rapids Lock 13 in the subject heading.