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Beaubassin-est wants to minimize the impacts on the population during the construction of the Kouchibouguac River Bridge

The Beaubassin-est Rural Community Council is pleased with the announcement of the reconstruction of the Kouchibouguac River Bridge No. 1. "Even if the option proposed by the local stakeholders was not chosen, we will work with the Department of Transportation to minimize the impacts on the population," says the Beaubassin-est Mayor, Louise Landry.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure announced that it has chosen to build a new bridge in the same location as the previous bridge. Stakeholders in the area had expressed a preference for construction that would deviate from the current location, allowing the temporary bridge to be retained during construction.

"We met the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Jill Green, to share our concerns with her and try to mitigate the impact of this choice on our citizens and our entrepreneurs", adds Mayor Landry, specifying that the aspect of public security was also discussed with the Minister. Council is also very pleased that the extension of the Shoreline Trail was taken into account in the design of the bridge.

Work on the new 95-metre bridge is anticipated to start in early 2022 and be complete by the end of 2023, weather permitting. The temporary bridge will remain open until the construction of the new bridge begins.

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