

News Release

Chapman Mills Bridge Installation Begins March 6

OTTAWA SOUTH, February 20, 2013 — It will happen as the sun sets, but by the time the sun rises, Chapman Mills Conservation Area should have a new 32-metre, steel frame, wooden tread permanent pedestrian bridge.

Installation will begin after 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6 to reduce impact to local traffic. We apologize for any interruptions that could occur during the overnight construction along Prince of Wales Drive. Road closures are necessary due to the large crane that will be used to install the prefabricated metal span bridge. The operation could take between three to six hours.

“We are very excited about the upcoming installation,” said Kristy Giles, RVCA Conservation Lands Manager. “This new bridge will provide a safe and secure pathway for Ottawa residents to enjoy the conservation area and the Rideau River.”

The new bridge will open a whole new world of active outdoor recreation in South Ottawa. Chapman Mills is part of a 12-kilometre network of forest trails, riverside boardwalk, shoreline marsh, fish and wildlife habitat and wildflower meadow. Although the full length of the pathway is restricted to the north end of the park due to the Strandherd-Armstrong Bridge construction, once completed, the Chapman Mills Conservation Area will be a natural jewel for the burgeoning communities of Riverside South and Chapman Mills.

The bridge project is made possible thanks to a partnership between the City of Ottawa, Cleland Jardine Engineering Ltd., Molson Coors, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation.

For more information on Chapman Mills Conservation Area, visit www.rvca.ca/careas or visit the park at 243 Winding Way.

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