



Council chooses Rolling Bascule Bridge

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VICTORIA, BC — Following weeks of extensive public consultation, Victoria City Council has selected the single-leaf rolling bascule bridge as the style of bridge that will take Victoria into the next century. Council will undertake further discussion on October 8, on exactly how to proceed in light of the lack of federal and provincial infrastructure funding.

“This bridge reflects the unique character of Victoria and will be a landmark for the next century,” noted Mayor Fortin. “It is also the design favoured unanimously by the Citizens Advisory Committee, the consultants and Council.”

The cable-stayed concept and the rolling bascule were separated by 700 votes. Of the three designs presented to the public, the reverse bascule bridge finished a distant third.

In April, after receiving a comprehensive engineering assessment on the condition of the current Johnson Street Bridge, City Council voted to replace the 85-year old bridge instead of repairing and substantially altering its appearance and heritage values.

The construction of the new rolling bascule bridge is expected to create 800 jobs and will be conducted in an environmentally-sensitive manner.

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