Johnson Street Bridge to Close for 3 Hours Sunday

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VICTORIA, BC – On Sunday, March 27, the Johnson Street Road Bridge will close from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in order to complete a routine maintenance inspection. The rail bridge will remain open during this time.

The three hour closure is necessary as the bridge must be in the open position to fully inspect the steel beam structure which supports the counterweight. This routine inspection is conducted every two to three years and, if warranted, will be conducted annually until the new bridge opens.

The City continues to monitor the condition of the current bridge. The bridge is inspected on a weekly basis and maintenance is conducted as required.

Emergency services and BC Transit have been advised of the work and access across the bridge will be maintained for emergency vehicles. Signs will be posted and traffic control people will be on-site to assist with traffic flow. The travelling public will be re-routed during this time.

In 2009, a condition assessment of the now 87 year old bridge noted numerous structural, mechanical, electrical and seismic deficiencies. Construction on the new bridge will begin in early 2012.

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