



By-law Number 2024 - 013

A by-law to restrict the weight of vehicles passing over County bridges

Section 123 (2) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch H.8 as amended from time to time provides that the municipal corporation or other authority having jurisdiction over a bridge may by by-law limit the gross vehicle weight of any vehicle or any class thereof passing over the bridge, and the requirements of subsection (1) with respect to the posting up of notice apply thereto.

The Council for the Corporation of the County of Bruce enacts By-law 2024- 013 as follows:

To limit the weight of vehicles passing over the following bridges within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the County of Bruce:

1. Bruce County Bridge No. 000140, 12th of Brant Bridge:

No vehicle or combination of vehicles or any class thereof, whether empty or loaded, shall be operated over the bridge known as the 12th of Brant Bridge crossing the Saugeen River on the Concession 12/13 Road in Lot 11, in the former Township of Brant with a weight in excess of eight (8) tonnes.

2. Bruce County Bridge No. 000200, Watson's Bridge:

No vehicle or combination of vehicles or any class thereof, whether empty or loaded, shall be operated over the bridge known as the Watson's Bridge on the Brockton/Arran Elderslie boundary in Lot 44, Concession A, in the former Township of Greenock where:

- (a) in the case of a single vehicle the gross weight exceeds fifteen (15) tonnes,
- (b) in the case of a combination of two vehicles the gross weight exceeds twenty-five (25) tonnes,
- (c) in the case of a combination of three vehicles the gross weight exceeds thirty-five (35) tonnes.

3. Bruce County Bridge No. 000220, Hay's Bridge:

No vehicle or combination of vehicles or any class thereof, whether empty or loaded, shall be operated over the bridge known as the Hay's Bridge in Concession 22 of the former Township of Greenock on the boundary between the former Bruce and Greenock Townships with a weight in excess of five (5) tonnes.

4. Bruce County Bridge No. 0419550, Durham Street Bridge:

No vehicle or combination of vehicles or any class thereof, whether empty or loaded, shall be operated over the bridge known as the Durham Street Bridge crossing the Saugeen River on Durham Street East (Bruce Road 4), Town of Walkerton, in the former Township of Brant where:

- (a) in the case of a single vehicle the gross weight exceeds fifteen (15) tonnes,

- (b) in the case of a combination of two vehicles the gross weight exceeds twenty-five (25) tonnes,
- (c) in the case of a combination of three vehicles the gross weight exceeds thirty (30) tonnes.
- (d) County and Municipal Maintenance Vehicles, and Emergency EMS/Fire vehicles are exempt from the above noted restrictions.
5. An inspection of the structures shall be undertaken in accordance with Ontario Regulation 104/97 of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act as amended from time to time.
 6. Any person violating the provisions of this By-law shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 125 of the Highway Traffic Act, as amended.
 7. This By-law shall become effective on the date that the notice of the limit of weight permitted in compliance with the Regulations under the Highway Traffic Act has been posted in a conspicuous place at each end of the bridge and at the closest intersection to each bridge.
 8. The Director of the Transportation and Environmental Services Department shall be delegated the authority to add further weight restrictions to County owned bridges where there is an immediate concern to public safety. The Director shall report any weight restriction changes to Council within 60 days of the signage being installed as per Item no. 7 of this By-Law.
 9. By-law Number 2021-040 is hereby repealed.
 10. This by-law shall come into effect on the date it is passed by Council.

Passed this 15th day of February, 2024

Chris Peabody
Warden

Linda White
Clerk