



Staff Report to Council - for Information

Title: Flooding in Pinkerton - Bruce Road 15

From: Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services

Date: April 23, 2026

Report Number: TES-2026-009

Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

Report Summary:

Since March 13, 2026, the hamlet of Pinkerton in the Municipality of Brockton has experienced significant flooding following the breach of a privately owned flood control structure along the Teeswater River, approximately 300 metres upstream (south) of Bruce Road 15. The breach occurred during an intense rainfall event coinciding with the spring freshet, recorded as a 1:100-year event. Initial impacts included flooding of several residential properties on the west side of the hamlet and washout of a section of Bruce Road 15, which was promptly closed to through-traffic by county staff in the early hours of March 13, 2026.

A temporary watertight cofferdam was constructed using large sandbags on March 19-20, 2026 to protect downstream properties and the affected roadway section, while county staff continue on-site monitoring and reporting. Based on consultation with BM Ross, it is recommended that the affected section of Bruce Road 15 remain closed until repairs to the private flood control structure are completed and water levels contained by the cofferdam have subsided.

Background/Analysis:

Since March 13th, 2026, the hamlet of Pinkerton, located within the Municipality of Brockton has been faced with significant flooding following the breach of a privately owned flood control structure along the Teeswater River. The breach occurred after an intense rainfall event coincided with the spring freshet, which has been recorded as a 1:100 year frequency event. This structure is located approximately 300m upstream (south) of the Bruce Road 15 road allowance.

The initial flooding impacted several residential properties located on the west side of the hamlet as well as washed out a small section of roadway along Bruce Road 15. County staff immediately closed the impacted section of Bruce Road 15 after our patroller noted the flooding, in the early morning hours of March 13th.

The Municipality of Brockton (Brockton) has been leading the efforts to mitigate the impacts of the flooding on the nearby residential properties. They have engaged with various agencies including the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre Deputy Commander, Victim Services Grey-Bruce and Canadian Red Cross. Brockton continues to consult with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the County.

A temporary watertight cofferdam, made from large sandbags, was constructed on March 19th and 20th by Brockton with the use of local contractors, Hydro One, and municipal staff. The cofferdam helps to protect 3 residential properties downstream of the breach.

County staff have been providing in-kind operational support to Brockton through consultation with their emergency operations personnel. The County is helping to provide on-site condition monitoring and reporting to Brockton, MNR and SVCA.

The section of Bruce Road 15 from Banting Line to Greenock Sideroad 5 remains closed to through traffic, however, local traffic is allowed to access their properties. County staff have placed concrete barricades on the smaller section of Bruce Road 15 in the immediate area of concern to ensure vehicles do not cross the impacted section of roadway.

In Consultation with BM Ross, it is recommended that this section of roadway remain closed to traffic until such time that repairs to the privately owned flood control structure are complete and the large body of water being contained by the temporary cofferdam has subsided.

Their recommendation letter dated March 27th, 2026 is attached to this report.

PHOTOS OF FLOODING IN PINKERTON - MARCH 15 - 21, 2026



An Aerial Overview of the Privately Owned Flood Control Structure Breach - March 15, 2026



Barricades Installed Across Bruce Road 15 - March 15, 2026



Flooding Observed Across Bruce Road 15 - March 16, 2026



Temporary Cofferdam Installed - March 20, 2026



Damage to Bruce Road 15 - March 21, 2026

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

At this point in time, all financial costs have been incurred through the Transportation and Environmental Services Department’s operational roadway maintenance budget. The completion of the roadway repair for Bruce Road 15 is expected to be minor in nature at this time. It is anticipated that there are sufficient contingencies within the roadways maintenance budget to cover the future repair costs. A full assessment will occur prior to the completion of the roadway repair. Should it be found that the costs are significant, a staff report will be brought to Council at a future meeting date.

There are no legal, staffing or IT considerations at this time.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Staff from Paramedic Services were consulted.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

Environment and Climate Change - Build capacity to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

None

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Approved for Submission:

Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development

Attachments:

BM Ross Letter - Bruce Road 15, Pinkerton