



April 9, 2019

As you may be aware, the County of Peterborough is preparing for the improvements to the James A. Gifford Causeway, with plans to start construction in the fall of 2019.

### **What will be happening?**

The County of Peterborough in partnership with Curve Lake First Nation will be monitoring the status of the walleye in Chemong Lake for the next 5 years. This spring you may see County consultants along with Curve Lake First Nation community members collecting information on walleye that inhabit and spawn in nearshore areas of Chemong Lake along the Causeway and eastern shoreline.

As part of this study, water quality, egg collection and night monitoring will occur during the month of April. Water quality will be captured using data logging equipment placed on the lakebed. The sampling procedures we use are not harmful to the fish.

It is very important for your safety and for the integrity of our programs that the equipment is not disturbed. Signs will be placed at both ends of the Gifford Causeway notifying the public about the fish monitoring in progress.

### **How will this impact you?**

During the evening while we are performing the monitoring you may see monitors traveling by boat and counting the number of walleye observed using spot light style lighting equipment. Generally, workers could be onsite between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m.

We wanted you to be aware in advance, so that you are not concerned if you see workers and lights throughout the night.

As we move forward, please be assured that all information updates will be shared with the public and will also be posted to our website on a webpage dedicated to the James A. Gifford Causeway at [www.ptbocounty.ca/GiffordCauseway](http://www.ptbocounty.ca/GiffordCauseway)

If you have any questions please email us at [GiffordCauseway@ptbocounty.ca](mailto:GiffordCauseway@ptbocounty.ca)

Sincerely,

Peterborough County