



Seaway to Rebuild Ship Tie-Up Walls at Locks 1, 2 and 3 in the Welland Canal

St. Catharines, Ontario (June 3, 2013) – The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) announced today that approximately \$100 million will be spent over the course of next four years (2013-2017) to rebuild a series of ship tie-up walls along the banks of the Welland Canal. The original walls, built in the 1960's with timber piles, are due for replacement.

The replacement structures, located at Locks 1, 2 and 3 in the Welland Canal, will be constructed using steel and concrete. To facilitate construction of the tie-up walls, the SLSMC will also widen the dykes/berms that adjoin the locks.

Key milestones of the four year program, including preparatory activities necessary for the major construction activity, will occur as follows:

Location	Vicinity	Approximate Start/Finish Dates	Description of Work
Lock 2 Upper	Welland Canal Parkway/ Carlton to Cushman	Summer 2013 April 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree cutting• Dyke widening• Access road construction• SLSMC utility relocation• Wall demolition• Wall reconstruction
Lock 1 Upper	Bunting Road/Welland Canal Parkway to Parnell	Summer 2014 April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree cutting• Access road construction• Wall demolition• Wall reconstruction
Lock 3 Upper	South of Lock 3 St. Catharines Museum	Summer 2015 April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree cutting• Access road construction• Wall demolition• Wall reconstruction
Lock 3 Lower	North of Lock 3 St. Catharines Museum	Summer 2016 April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree cutting• Access road construction• Wall demolition• Wall reconstruction

Tree removal on dyke banks, removal of existing tie up walls, driving of piles to support the new walls, and various other heavy construction activities will occur. To permit contractors to safely complete these activities, a series of full and partial road closures will be required over the course of this four year project. As well, the Welland Canal Trail pathway will be closed at various intervals.

To minimize the impact upon the community, the SLSMC will be working closely with municipal leaders to schedule the road closures and detours. The public will be advised by way of signage and/or media releases as these closures draw near. Under the current outlook, the project will not impact the flow of traffic crossing any of the bridges that span the Welland Canal.

The SLSMC has conducted a series of environmental reviews to ensure that work can be carried out with minimal impact to the surrounding environment. Trees will be planted along the canal banks once construction work is complete, to restore wind breaks that assist ships in continuing to navigate the Welland Canal during adverse weather conditions.

The reconstruction of the Welland Canal tie-up walls is one part of a five year asset renewal plan that contains over \$250 million in investments focused on the Welland Canal. These investments will ensure that the Welland Canal remains a highly reliable and environmentally sustainable means of transporting cargo for years to come.

The Welland Canal is an essential transportation artery within the St. Lawrence Seaway. The Seaway serves as a critical linchpin, connecting the lower St. Lawrence River to the Great Lakes. Cargo moving over the combined Great Lakes / Seaway System supports 227,000 jobs and \$35 billion of economic activity on an annual basis.

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