



Vital connection restored on Pictou's scenic Jitney Trail with Algonquin's R800 Modular Panel Bridge

This trail bridge solution uses the made-in-Canada Algonquin R800 Modular Panel Bridge System to create a 40 m by 3.15 m river crossing with vertical picket safety rails and epoxy-aggregate coated steel decking panels. The trail bridge, locally known as the Gut Bridge, is a vital part of the trail system that ties Pictou to the larger regional and national networks, including the Trans-Canada Trail, Nova Scotia's Blue Route cycling network and the International Appalachian Trail.



Vertical picket safety rails and anti-slip decking on R800 Modular Panel Bridge

Project at a glance:

Project Name: Jitney Trail Bridge

Location: Pictou, NS

Contractor: Partners Construction Ltd. .

Application: Recreational Trail Bridge

Product: R800 Modular Panel Bridge

Dimensions: Span 40 m, Width 3.15 m

Following a devastating fire in July 2022 that destroyed the original bridge, efforts had been underway to restore this critical connector. The federal government partnered with the local municipalities as well as the province to help fund its replacement. Algonquin has developed a specialty in recreational trail and pedestrian bridges, making the R800 Modular Panel Bridge a strong fit for the project.

Algonquin R800 Modular Panel Bridge Systems are innovative and economical bridging solutions for a wide array of permanent or temporary applications. They can be reconfigured for various uses, including vehicular, pedestrian, trail or utility pipe support. As well, they can often be installed in just a few days using local crews and on-hand equipment, saving you time and money in the process.

Installed by Partners Construction, the free-span design of the Jitney bridge eliminates any piers or obstructions in the waterway below, enhancing navigation for small watercraft and improving the overall environmental sustainability of the site.

“The Jitney bridge replacement serves to strengthen the region’s important trail infrastructure and provide renewed opportunities for active living”, said Town of Pictou Mayor Jim Ryan. “We look forward to increased visitation to the area that will benefit the community and local businesses.”



MP Sean Fraser is among celebrants walking across the Jitney Trail Bridge at its grand opening



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