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Second Modular Panel Bridge expedited to relieve state of emergency at isolated Ginoogaming First Nation

An Algonquin Modular Panel Bridge provided a fast, temporary replacement for the Ginoogaming First Nation's old bridge across the Making Ground River.



Project at a glance:

Project Name: Making Ground Bridge

Location: Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lac, ON

Owner: Ginoogaming First Nation

Contractor: LHNorth

Product: Modular Panel Bridge

Sector: Transportation

Bridge Span: 45.72m (150 ft)

Installation Time: 22 days

The previous 70-year-old bridge had provided the First Nation with its connection to essential services in the neighbouring municipality of Greenstone, but an engineering inspection had recommended that the bridge be closed to traffic as it was at risk of immediate failure. That left a poorly maintained bush road as the only alternative in and out of the community. As a result, the community declared a state of emergency.

Ready to ship for emergency or detour bridge requirements

These “Bailey Bridge” style solutions are ideally suited for emergency replacement bridges. They’re perfect for remote locations and their components are ready to ship across Canada and are easily assembled and installed with local crews and equipment. They can be cantilever launched from one side or they can be crane-lifted into place.

The contractor, LHNNorth, demolished the old bridge and cantilever launched the replacement bridge over the pilings, using the existing bridge abutments. The new bridge also has an external walkway for the added safety of pedestrians.

“The new modular bridge has brought a sense of relief, especially during emergency situations,” said Chief Shari Taylor. “We are grateful that the contractor held true to their construction schedule. Vehicles (including school buses) and pedestrian traffic can now safely pass,” she said.

This is the second Modular Panel Bridge that Algonquin supplied for the Ginoogaming First Nation. The first bridge, an R800 Modular Panel Bridge was installed as a permanent replacement bridge at KM 132 on the same road.

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