
Lanark County reminds residents Jumping is Prohibited from Trail Bridges

Lanark County is reminding residents that jumping from trail bridges within the County of Lanark is unsafe and strictly prohibited.

The County was advised by the Ontario Provincial Police that they are receiving reports of young people jumping into the Mississippi River from the fenced off and posted "No Trespassing" bridges located along the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail (OVRT) in the Town of Almonte.

Representatives from Enerdu Power Systems Inc. have advised that the turbines which are located on the west side of the bridge where the youth were seen jumping is not currently being operated at full speed. Once the turbines are brought up to full speed, the pull into them will increase, thereby further increasing the risk for catastrophic injury.

Lanark County CAO Kurt Greaves noted that the abandoned CP Rail Corridor, now known as the OVRT, is not slated to be opened until fall of 2018; therefore, members of the public should not be accessing the bridge at all. "The trail is currently closed. We are working on the trail in various locations so please stay away from the construction. Upgrades to the Almonte bridges will start in the next two weeks with completion slated for September."

The County of Lanark is reminding residents that it is extremely unsafe to jump from any bridge located along the OVRT and the potential exists for someone to be seriously hurt or killed.

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