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**CANAL BANK STREET ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OF TRAIN BRIDGE**

**Welland, ON** - The City of Welland initiated a temporary road closure this morning on Canal Bank Street, between Sixth and Seventh Streets. The closure was due to a vehicular accident which left the Canal Bank Rail Bridge with structural damage. Welland Fire and Emergency Services are happy to report that the accident did not cause any human injuries; however, damage to the Canal Bank Rail Bridge is awaiting a review from CN Rail.

City staff are currently working with CN Rail to assess the situation, estimate the damage, and address any safety issues.

“We’re meeting with the appropriate people to discuss a plan of action this afternoon,” said Deputy Fire Chief Adam Eckhart. “Public safety is first and foremost to the department and city staff.”

CN Rail is aware of the incident and has made adjustments to any schedules that include the Canal Bank Rail Bridge. The bridge is now out of service, and absolutely no trains will cross over the Canal Bank Rail Bridge until it is safe to do so. The City of Welland is creating road detours that will redirect traffic to the quickest and easiest alternate route. More information will be made available on the city’s website after CN Rail, Welland Fire and Emergency Services, and the City’s Engineering Department review the damage and create a plan of action.

For more information on City of Welland road closures, visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca).

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