

New Funding Partnership for Bridge Project

Sturgeon County and Sil Industrial Minerals (Sil) have partnered to replace the Victoria Trail Bridge providing a safer, stronger crossing that improves transportation for residents and supports local industry. The bridge was built in 1931 and spans the Redwater River, north of Highway 38.

Sil, which operates on the north side of the bridge, will cover 70 per cent of project costs under a cost-sharing agreement. The total project budget is \$3.4 million, with Sturgeon County contributing \$1.02 million.

"This bridge is more than new infrastructure. It's an investment in safety, reliability, and economic opportunity," said Sturgeon County Mayor Alanna Hnatiw. "It reflects Sturgeon County's commitment to keeping people and goods moving while supporting industries that keep our community strong."

Sil says the new bridge will be a great upgrade and benefit for area residents and Sil.

"This shows that when the County and industry work together, it can benefit the community in many ways," said Ron Dorton, Sil Edmonton Branch Manager. "Sil looks forward to working in the County and with the County for years to come."

The current bridge will be replaced with a new structure made up of three connected spans, supported by piers. Construction is scheduled to begin on February 9, 2026, with the new bridge opening to traffic in spring 2026. During construction, traffic along Victoria Trail will be detoured west to Range Road 212.

Sturgeon County's Victoria Trail has historical significance for early transportation and settlement history. It served as a key transportation and trade corridor for early settlers, Métis, and Indigenous peoples. A historical marker will be placed to recognize the significance of the Victoria Trail route.

Photo of a similar bridge, for reference only

