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The Northwood Economic Development Committee Supports Bow Lake Road Work

The Northwood Economic Development Committee (NEDC) wholeheartedly supports the rebuilding of Bow Lake road and the associated bridge over Sherburne Brook. If the road were to become impassible or if the bridge were to fail and thus shut down traffic on this road completely, there would be a serious negative impact to Northwood businesses.

There are many small businesses in Northwood that must travel to generate their revenue. For example, there are many companies that are in the construction, trades and crafts businesses. These companies make up approximately half of all the businesses listed in our business directory. They generally use Bow Lake Road when traveling to the north and east part of the state for their work. When EDC members of the EDC went to confirm measurements on the proposed road work, there was a steady stream of commercial vehicles traveling the road. Being unable to travel on Bow Lake road would 1. Add a considerable amount of travel time to their already long days, thus adding significant expenses, or 2. It would make some work unfeasible and thus reduce potential revenue.

In addition, there are also many businesses in Northwood that depend on people from out of town for a good portion of their business. This would include the antique shops, the local hardware store, the eateries, the banks, the grocery stores and other local markets. There is always a line of vehicles coming from Bow Lake road trying to enter Route 4. If Bow Lake Road were closed or difficult to traverse, much of this business would instead go to businesses in Rochester or Farmington. If this were to happen, it would severely impact our merchants.

Based on the above considerations, the NEDC would support any efforts and any funding that would help ensure Bow Lake Road and the associated bridge remain a reliable travel route.

Signed:


The Northwood Economic Development Committee