



# Narrows Lock 35

## Rideau Canal National Historic Site Heritage Masonry Work Now Complete



*Cofferdam removal - Narrows Lock 35*

**May 18, 2017** – Since October 2016, Parks Canada has been working on heritage masonry repairs at Narrows Lock 35 located on the Rideau Canal National Historic Site. This work is now coming to a close in preparation for the upcoming 2017 navigation season.

With the warmer temperatures, the contractor has been able to remove the scaffolding and hoarding around the lock. Masonry work has been completed, the cofferdams have been removed and the lock has been rewatered. This phase of the project will finish with site restoration and landscaping. Additional work on the south lock wall and upstream gate recesses will be completed this coming fall and winter.

By completing this historic masonry work at Narrows Locks, Parks Canada is ensuring the public may enjoy them for years to come. These historic investments will mitigate health and safety risks, halt the loss of nationally significant built heritage and stimulate the economy in communities across the country. We look

forward to welcoming boaters at the opening of our 2017 navigation season, in celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary.

### **About Narrows Lock 35**

In 1830, Colonel By developed a plan to build a dam and lock across the Upper Narrows forming a new lake – Upper Rideau Lake. The lock was built on a solid rock foundation with gate sluices on both the upper and lower gates. The gates were created with oak sills bolted to rock. A dam was built on either side of the lock, and a waste weir included on the south side of the lock. In the early 1830s a blockhouse was built at the site.

### **For More Information:**

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