Centre Wellington Bridge 9-WG


Photograph by Melissa Davies, 2012

General Information	Physical Details
Bridge No. CW5	**Type**: Concrete Arch
Ownership: Township of Centre Wellington	**Span**: Single
Construction Date: 1925	**Dimensions**: 11.9m x 5m (LxW)
Water Crossing: Irvine Creek	**Materials**: Reinforced Concrete

Evaluation Form	Check
Design/Physical Value	
I. Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method	✓
II. Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	
III. Demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement	
Historic/Associative Value	
I. Has direct association with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to the community	
II. Yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of the community or culture	
III. Demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, engineer, builder, designer or theorist who is significant to a community	
Contextual Value	
I. Is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area	✓
II. Is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	
III. Is a landmark	

General Description

Centre Wellington Bridge 9-WG is located on Seventh Line, 1 km north of Sideroad 20. It was constructed in 1925 and belongs to a small grouping of early concrete arch bridges built in the Township of Centre Wellington in the first quarter of the 1900s. This group includes Centre Wellington bridges 16-WG, 12-N and Old Fourth Line Bridge. This bridge has a concrete cast-in-place deck, and a comparatively tall arch. The thin boards used to set the concrete on site during construction are still visible. Arthur Tedqurck (spelling unconfirmed) is believed to have been the engineer responsible for this bridge.

Many of these early 20th century concrete arches have been removed from the Province's roads because they are too narrow to meet modern traffic needs. As a result, solid spandrel concrete arch bridges in active use, such as Centre Wellington Bridge 9-WG, are now considered rare survivors.

Source: Township of Centre Wellington 2008 Structure Inventory Data