

# Centre Wellington Bridge 5-P

(Lot 3, Concession 2, Hitching's Tract)



General Information	Physical Details
Bridge No. CW13	Type: Half-through Girders
Ownership: Township of Centre Wellington Township of Woolwich	Span: Single
Construction Date: 1920	Dimensions: 13.7m x 5.2m (LxW)
Water Crossing: Cox Creek	Materials: Reinforced Concrete



Evaluation Form		Check
<b>Design/Physical Value</b>		
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		
<b>Historic/Associative Value</b>		
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		
<b>Contextual Value</b>		
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 5-P is located on Weisenberg Road, 0.45 km north of Sideroad 12. It was constructed in 1920 and is the earliest in a grouping of half-through girder bridges built in the Township of Centre Wellington during the 1920s. This group includes Centre Wellington bridges 2-WG, 8-WG, 30-P and 5-E. Like this bridge, they each display an early experimentation with concrete, which has resulted in decorative concrete railings with a solid centre portion and balustrades on each side. The thin boards used to set the concrete on site during construction left imprints that are still visible.

This bridge was engineered by the firm of Bowman & Connor who had offices in Toronto and Berlin (Kitchener). The firm became a prolific and well-known bridge engineering company in Wellington County in the early 20th century. This bridge is closed to the public and portions of the decorative balustrades are missing.

Sources: *Township of Centre Wellington 2008 Structure Inventory Data*  
*Benham Bridge, Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, Unterman McPhail Associates, 2010*

