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## Hidden Beauty in North Kawartha

By Doug Field



Here is a picture of the old Haultain bridge (crossing Heels Creek on Highway 28), which I understand is one of the two remaining wooden bridges in Ontario supporting a major highway. I am unsure of its age, but I believe it may be replaced in the near future. This work, no doubt, will interfere with traffic between Peterborough and the North Kawartha area.

You do not realize that you are on a wooden structure while driving on Highway 28 even when you are zipping

across it at 80 KPH. Indeed, I have driven that road for more than 40 years and never knew there was a wooden bridge there until quite recently. Knowing that it is to be replaced, we stopped there and took some pictures last week while returning from Peterborough.

**Editor's Notes:** This bridge was built in 1952 and it is scheduled for rehabilitation projects of \$50,000 in 2019 and \$500,000 in 2022. Replacement is not in the County's ten year plan. For more information, see: [thekingshighway.ca](http://thekingshighway.ca) and [ptbocounty.ca](http://ptbocounty.ca).



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