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City of Dryden Honours Local Businessman

City Council announced last night the naming of their new suspension bridge after local businessman Roy Wilson.

Mr. Wilson is the current President/Owner of Alex Wilson Coldstream Ltd., a local printing and publishing firm that produces the weekly Dryden Observer newspaper. He was for years the driving force behind Wilson's Business Solutions, an office supply and equipment business headquartered in Dryden with outlets in Fort Frances, Kenora, Sioux Lookout, Red Lake, Thunder Bay and Thompson.

Over the years Mr. Wilson has been active in numerous community building projects including upgrades to the regional hospital. Most recently he has contributed over \$600,000 to various downtown and community revitalization projects. The suspension bridge over the Wabigoon River is the latest revitalization project and one that Mr. Wilson has taken a keen interest in.

"The City of Dryden is so fortunate to have successful entrepreneurs like Roy Wilson who give back so generously to the community they call home" said Mayor Anne Krassilowsky.

Mardi Plomp, Chair of the Revitalization Committee noted "The naming of the Roy Wilson Suspension Bridge is a fitting tribute to a man with vision and passion. It will be a lasting tourism legacy."

The Bridge and related area trail improvement were constructed with 50% funding support from the NOHFC. The City and Mr. Wilson shared the balance of the costs. The Bridge is located over the Wabigoon River not far from the intersection of Hwy 17 and King Street. Visitors are encouraged to park at Johnson Park, walk the trail and marvel at Dryden's newest tourist attraction.

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