

= Ontario Highway 73 =

King 's Highway 73 , commonly referred to as Highway 73 , was a provincially maintained highway in the Canadian province of Ontario . The route began in Port Bruce and progressed north through Aylmer , encountering Highway 401 immediately before terminating east of Dorchester . The route was established in mid @-@ 1937 , remaining unchanged for nearly six decades before being transferred to Elgin County and Middlesex County in 1997 and 1998 . Today the route is known as Elgin County Road 73 and Middlesex County Road 73 .

= = Route description = =

Highway 73 began near the Lake Erie shoreline in Port Bruce , at Colin Street . From there it crossed Catfish Creek and veered east to Copenhagen , where it turned northward . The route progressed north through Elgin County , serving the communities of Candyville and Dunboyne en route to the town of Aylmer , where it intersected Highway 3 . From there it continued north through Little Aylmer and Lyons before crossing into Middlesex County .

Within Middlesex County , the highway served the communities of Harrietsville and Mossley , crossing a Canadian Pacific rail line immediately south of the latter . It encountered an interchange with Highway 401 (Exit 203) southwest of Dorchester , ending soon thereafter at an intersection with Middlesex County Road 29 .

= = History = =

The Port Bruce to Dorchester Road was assumed by the Department of Highways on August 25 , 1937 . Initially only the portion of the route within Aylmer was paved . However , by 1942 the highway had been paved north to the Springfield cutoff (now Ron McNeil Line) . Between 1949 and 1952 , the section south of Aylmer to Port Bruce was paved . The remainder was paved by 1953 .

The routing of the highway remained unchanged for nearly sixty years . However , it was decommissioned entirely during the 1997 and 1998 highway transfers . On April 1 , 1997 , the highway south of Aylmer was transferred to the jurisdiction of Elgin County , and the highway north of the Highway 401 interchange was transferred to Middlesex County . Eight months later , on January 1 , 1998 , the remainder of the highway was transferred to the two counties .

= = Major intersections = =

The following table lists the major junctions along Highway 73 , as noted by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario .