

= Ontario Highway 74 =

King 's Highway 74 , commonly referred to as Highway 74 , was a provincially maintained highway in the Canadian province of Ontario that travelled north from Highway 3 at New Sarum to Middlesex County Road 29 (Hamilton Road) on the outskirts of London . The 22 @. @ 4 @- @ kilometre @- @ long (13 @. @ 9 mi) was assumed by the province in September 1937 . Aside from paving and the construction of an interchange with Highway 401 , it remained generally unchanged for the next six decades until it was decommissioned in 1997 and transferred to Elgin County and Middlesex County . The road has since been redesignated as Elgin County Road 74 and Middlesex County Road 74 .

= = Route description = =

Highway 74 began at an intersection with Highway 3 in the community of New Sarum , midway between the city of St. Thomas to the west , and the town of Aylmer to the east . It crossed the St. Thomas and Eastern Railway just north of Highway 3 before curving to cross the West Catfish Creek , which it meandered alongside into Mapleton . Immediately north of that community , the route curved to the north and was straight for the remainder of its route . The highway continued , entering the village of Belmont , where it intersected a Canadian Pacific Railway line . North of there it crossed the boundary between Elgin County to the south and Middlesex County to the north . North of the county line , Highway 74 continued into the community of Derwent . Shortly thereafter , it crossed and interchanged with Highway 401 at Exit 195 . The highway ended just north of Highway 401 in Nilestown at an intersection with Middlesex County Road 29 (Hamilton Road) .

= = History = =

Highway 74 was established in mid @- @ 1937 when the New Sarum to Dorchester Road was designated by the Department of Highways (DHO) , the predecessor to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) . The section within Elgin County was assumed by the DHO on August 25 , 1937 , while the section within Middlesex County was assumed one week later on September 1 . Originally an unpaved gravel road , the route was paved between Belmont and its northern terminus by 1938 . The remainder of the route was paved in 1952 . Otherwise , the route remained generally unchanged for six decades until March 31 , 1997 , when it was decommissioned in its entirety and transferred to Elgin County and Middlesex County . It has since been known as Elgin County Road 74 and Middlesex County Road 74 .

= = Major intersections = =

The following table lists the major junctions along Highway 74 , as noted by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario .