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City Councillors c/o City Clerk Guelph City Hall 1 Carden Street Guelph N1H 3A1

Dear City Councillors:

On January 29 I received your *Notice of Public Meeting* February 8 about the planned bridge for Emma Street to Earl Street. Thank you. This is is my submission about the bridge proposal.

I am a long-time pedestrian and nature lover and support such pedestrian infrastructure.

The bridge proposal is clearly an asset and would indicate the city's concern to deal with climate change. It would help reduce noxious fumes from motor vehicles, allowing walkers, bicyclists, and others safe and easy access to downtown and other destinations.

I understand that this steel bridge is included in the Guelph Trail Master Plan 2005, and was recommended by Engineering.

Direction signs would encourage use and should be well marked so that walkers, neighbours, runners, and others know the location of the bridge.

I hope the Council will follow the recommendations in the Guelph Trail Master Plan and hasten the construction of this bridge - much needed for recreation, transportation, and for fitness.

Hoping that the bridge will be built with haste – in time for good weather this spring, 2021.

Yours truly Welen Thansen

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