

Hello,

Please include the following correspondence with *Agenda item 2.3 Decision Report City Initiated Official Plan Amendment, Emma to Earl Pedestrian Bridge -2022-198*.

My wife and I live in the Exhibition Park neighbourhood and we would like to voice our support for the Emma to Earl pedestrian bridge.

We are young professionals who prefer modes of active transportation over taking short trips in a car. This bridge would enable us to get safely from home to the FreshCo on Speedvale by bike which would very likely push us over the edge to purchasing an e-cargo-bike for all of our grocery shopping trips.

My in-laws also live just on the other side of the river but with no direct path to get there, what could be a 10 minute walk turns into another car trip. My wife and I would love for our future children to be able to safely walk to their grandparents' house.

We are also frequent users of the trail system in Guelph, and hope the city prioritizes cyclists and pedestrians over car traffic and parking in the future.

Cycling on Speedvale (where I work) from Stevenson to the Hanlon is unsafe, so I avoid it.

It would also be great if there could be better crossings (or under-bridge paths) at Speedvale and Woodlawn along the Royal Recreation / Speed River / Downtown trails. Using the crosswalks is inconvenient for both cyclists/pedestrians and the motorists we are causing to stop.

Best regards,
Christian Wong