Presentation to City Council Planning Meeting

on

OPA 81: Emma to Earl Pedestrian Bridge

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Who Should Decide on Council Composition?

 Council composition is best decided by the electorate whose best interests are protected and advanced by the actions of City Council.

 The principle of following the direction of the electorate in deciding on the composition of City Council is well established in Guelph and has been followed for 194 years.

Evaluation of function of bridge

• Provides contemplation viewpoint



• Encourages recreational walking, cycling



Provides route for school commuting



Replaces Speedvale for work commuting

NO!

Correct Official Plan Policy on Trails

4.1.2.1 General Permitted Uses

ii) Experiencing natural surroundings for personal recreation

4.1.2.2

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.2.1 an *EIS* may be required for the construction of trails, walkways, and associated boardwalks and bridges,.....where the proposed work has the potential to result in *negative impacts to the Natural Heritage System*

Advantages of Retaining a River Corridor Master Plan

- Guelph City Council adopted a River System Corridor Plan in 1993 and has not rescinded this adoption
- The Cities of London Ontario and Edmonton Alberta have adopted and permanently retain a River Corridor Master Plan as a core element in their landuse planning for a Sustainable Community
- In London Ontario the River System Corridor Plan has become the essential centre of a program of reconciliation with First Nations.
- In Edmonton the River System Corridor Plan has resulted in the formation of a regional trail system worth over \$110 million.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES SHORT-TERM 2021-2022

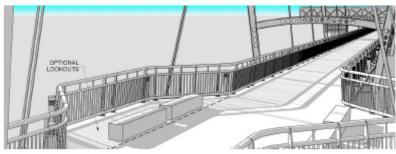
INFRASTRUCTURE

With its remaining funds from the Phase I Capital program, the RVA has two infrastructure projects underway through 2021-22



Edmonton to Strathcona County Footbridge

Connecting Edmonton to Strathcona County, this important piece of infrastructure will connect over 70 km of trails from east Fort Saskatchewan to west Edmonton. The RVA will be working closely with the City of Edmonton and Strathcona County to complete the conceptual design and public consultation phase in 2021.



Highway 15 Underslung Pedestrian bridge

Scheduled to open in 2022, this bridge will connect Lamoureux in Sturgeon County to Fort Saskatchewan and beyond.