



CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE GUELPH HIKING TRAIL CLUB (GHTC)

DATE : JUNE 8TH 2022

AGENDA ITEM : 2.3 EMMA TO EARL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AMENDMENT JUNE 13TH COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Mayor, Councilors, City and City staff , my name is John Fisher and I am the President of the Guelph Hiking Trail Club. The club has over 450 members and 2500 Facebook followers. We are an active partner of the Guelph Trail Users Coalition and contribute regularly to city plans and policies affecting parks, trails, active transportation and their impact on the economic and general health of the city and its citizens.

This correspondence is to advise that that WE SUPPORT the City Initiated Official Plan Amendment #81 for the Emma to Earl Pedestrian Bridge.

In 2020 GHTC secured a licence agreement with Armtec for installation and maintenance of a recreational trail along the west side of the Speed River which runs north and south of the proposed bridge-The Rapids Side Trail. This recreational trail extends south beyond Armtec owned property to Herb Markle Park through a Third Party agreement with the city. With the pending sale of the Armtec property we believe that the implementation of the Emma to Earl Pedestrian Bridge will help secure the trailway for the continued enjoyment of Guelph citizens and visitors to the city.

Sincerely

John Fisher

President Guelph Hiking Trail Club