


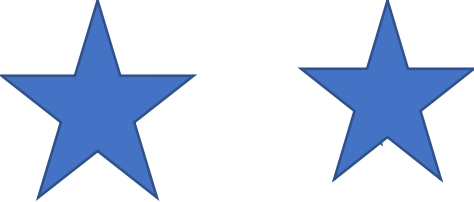

Presentation to City Council
on
OPA 81: Emma to Earl Pedestrian Bridge

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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- Guelph City Council adopted a River System Corridor Plan in 1993 and has not rescinded this adoption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.



RIVER VALLEY
ALLIANCE

STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

Creating connections to your river valley



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES SHORT-TERM 2021-2022

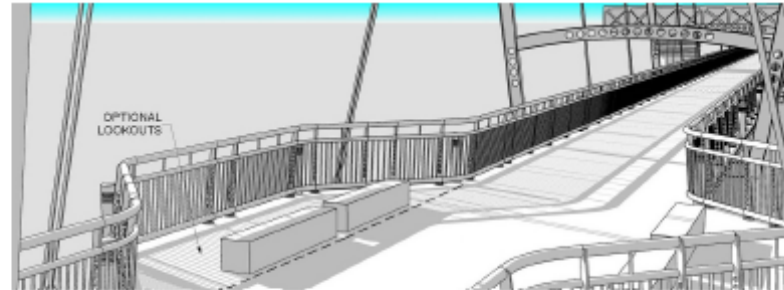
INFRASTRUCTURE

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.

Edmonton Official Plan on River Valleys

- 5.1 Edmonton protects, expands and improves access to its natural systems and open spaces in support of biodiversity and the health and enjoyment of Edmontonians.
 - 5.1.1 Ensure protection, enhancement and opportunities for access to open space and the **River Valley and Ravine System**.
 - 5.1.1.1 Provide opportunities for people to access, enjoy and connect to open space and the **River Valley and Ravine System**.
 - 5.1.1.2 Facilitate the recreational use of the **North Saskatchewan River** as a regional water corridor.
 - 5.1.1.5 Maintain the **North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravines System's** key role as an environmental protection area and for open space, cultural and recreational uses.
 - 5.1.1.6 Acquire lands within the **North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravines System** for natural areas protection, open space connectivity and use.
 - **River Valley and Ravine System** is the biggest and most important feature of our city.

FUTURE ACTIONS REQUIRED

- PROVISION OF BICYCLE FACILITY ON SPEEDVALE VICTORIA-ELMIRA RD
- REVISION OF OFFICIAL PLAN TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDED ACCESS TO RIVER CORRIDOR FOR OPEN SPACE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL USES