



## **Agenda for Council for the Town of Parry Sound**

### **Regular Meeting of Parry Sound Council**

**September 3, 2024**

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7:00 PM, Parry Sound Council Chambers 52 Seguin St. Parry Sound, 6:20 PM Closed

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### **Closed Meeting Resolution**

Prior to the Regular Meeting, Council will adjourn to a meeting closed to the public per the following resolution.

#### **Resolution 2024 -**

That pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound move to a meeting closed to the public in order to address a matter(s) pertaining to:

d) labour relations or employee negotiations, (**Non-Union Employees Compensation & Benefits**);

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, (**Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport**)

## **1. Agenda and Minutes Review, Pecuniary Interest**

**1.1 Land Acknowledgement**

**1.2 Presentations/Announcements**

**1.3 Additions to Agenda**

**1.4 Prioritization of Agenda**

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**1.5 Adoption of Agenda**

That the Council agenda for September 3, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**1.6 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

**1.7 Adoption of Minutes**

That the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting held August 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

**2. Public Meeting**

**3. Questions of Staff**

**4. Correspondence**

**4.1** PS Area Founders Circle Notice of Founders Choice Awards Application is Open

**4.2** Downtown Business Association appreciation for council decisions regarding operations of the Town Dock and Big Sound Marina.

**4.3** Dr. TJ Henderson advocating Active Transportation and Safe Street

**4.4** Mary Jane Zisoff appreciation for Yvonne Williams Park plaque dedication

**4.5a** Letters of opposition to removal of Fitness Trail Bridge (50 + 190)

**4.5b** Public Feedback received in response to Town's invitation through its website to comment on future of Fitness Trail Bridge (147)

**5. Deputations**

**5.1 Krista Holmes RE: Welcome in 3 Languages on Town Signage**

**6. Mayor & Councillors' Reports**

**7. Ratification of Matters From Closed Agenda**

**8. Consent Agenda**

**9. Resolutions and Direction To Staff**

**9.1.1 Review of Operating Procedures with respect to Site Alteration Matters**

Spokespersons: Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning;

Allison Kreuger, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

**Resolution 2024**

That the September 3, 2024 Report entitled *Review of Operating Procedures with respect to Site Alteration Matters* be received for information purposes.

**9.3.1 2024/2025 O.Reg 588/17 Compliant Asset Management Plan**

Spokesperson: Stephanie Phillips, Director of Finance/Treasurer

**Resolution 2024**

Be it resolved that Council accepts the Asset Management Plan update in accordance with the Town's Strategic Asset Management Policy and O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; and

Be it resolved that Council directs staff to proceed with Phase 1: 2024 O.Reg 588/17 compliant Asset Management Plan and Phase 2: 2025 Proposed Levels of Service and 2025 O.Reg 588/17 compliant Asset Management Plan with PSD Citywide at a total

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cost of \$58,500 (plus HST) in an effort to expedite the advancement of the asset management plan update to meet regulatory requirements.

### **9.4.1 Preservation of the Rotary & The Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail**

Spokesperson: Clayton Harris, CAO

#### **Resolution 2024**

Whereas the Rotary and Algonquin Regiment Waterfront Trail has always been of strategic importance to the Town of Parry Sound and its ratepayers;

Whereas Town Council of the day had the wisdom to acquire the former railway property;

Whereas the property extends from the Champagne Street boat launch to Salt Dock Road as set out in the attached map;

Whereas the railway property has always been an infrastructure corridor in support of the local economy;

Whereas the use of the property as a public infrastructure corridor continues to be important;

Whereas the Rotary and The Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail is of significance to Parry Sound's history and is named after the soldiers of the Algonquin Regiment;

Whereas physical activity is essential to the mental and physical well being of all individuals;

Whereas the Rotary and The Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail is a tourism attraction and a driver of economic activity in Parry Sound;

Whereas the Rotary and The Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail is accessible and enjoyed by all members of the community; and

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Whereas Town Council is supportive of the Rotary and The Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail remaining in public ownership;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council reaffirms its intent that the Rotary and The Algonquin Regiment fitness Trail remain in public ownership; and

That the Surplus Land By-law be amended to make reference to this Resolution.

### **9.4.2 Waubuno St Bridge - Fitness Trail**

#### **a) Resolution as postponed from the June 18, 2024 Council Meeting**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

#### **Resolution 2024 - 097**

**Moved by Councillor McDonald**

**Seconded by Councillor Borneman**

That Council accept the recommendation for removal of the Waubuno St fitness trail bridge and to create a safe and usable level crossing to ensure that a future infrastructure servicing corridor is available.

#### **b) Revised Report & Recommendation**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

#### **Direction to Staff**

That staff be directed to further refine Option 2 - Replace existing bridge at current grade; and Option 3 - Replace existing bridge with increased height clearance under the bridge, for the replacement of the existing structure over Waubuno Rd.; and

That staff report back to Council with additional details regarding Options 2 and 3 prior to any work being undertaken.

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### **9.4.3 Renaming a Section of Parry Sound Drive**

Spokespersons: Clayton Harris, CAO; Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

#### **Resolution 2024**

Whereas two exits off Hwy 400 with the same name can cause confusion for visitors to the area and emergency response vehicles;

Whereas a section of Parry Sound Drive has no municipal addresses assigned;

Whereas roads that provide access to and from a 400 series highway are high visibility;

Whereas the significant exposure has commercial value;

Whereas the new Recreation and Cultural Centre is currently undertaking a fundraising campaign with Moose FM where monies raised by November 24, 2024, will be matched up to \$100,000;

Whereas the renaming creates an opportunity to generate net proceeds for the new Centre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to issue an RFP for the renaming of the section of Parry Sound Drive set out in the report; and

THAT the net proceeds from the renaming be donated to the new Recreation and Cultural Centre; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Association, promoted through social media, the Town's website and other available opportunities.

### **9.5.1 Operation Lifesaver Rail Safety**

Spokesperson: Mayor McGarvey

**Resolution 2024**

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 23 to 29, 2024;

WHEREAS, 229 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2023; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 39 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

WHEREAS CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested Town Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

Therefore Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby resolves to support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 23 to 29, 2024.

**9.5.2 Ride Sharing Regulatory Framework Transfer to Province**

Spokesperson:

**Resolution 2024**

Whereas Town of Parry Sound Council, on June 18, 2024 passed Resolution 2024 - 099 which requests that in the interests of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ridesharing services, that the province of Ontario take over from municipalities, the responsibility for rideshare regulations and licensing; and

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Whereas Resolution 2024 - 099 has been forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound is interested in broadening support for the request that the Province of Ontario take on the responsibility for rideshare regulations and licensing;

Now Therefore the Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby resolves that Resolution 2024 - 099 be circulated to the West Parry Sound area municipalities, and to the Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce with a request for support and further circulation to relevant associations for support.

### **9.5.3 Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic**

Spokesperson: Councillor George Ashford

#### **Resolution 2024**

Whereas Town of Parry Sound Council, on December 19, 2023 passed Resolution 2023-190 which supported the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board's call upon the Province of Ontario to: a) invest in surveillance and analytical methodologies to gain a better understanding of the prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV); b) develop a Provincial IPV strategy; and c) increase funding for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Home Visiting program wherein staff respond to disclosure of Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas the first of 86 recommendations released on June 28, 2022 by the Coroner's Jury serving on the inquest of the September 2, 2015 deaths of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, calls upon the Government of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and



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Whereas since the release of said Coroner's Jury recommendations, more than 100 municipalities, police services boards and service providers across the province are declaring intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

Whereas Bill 173, Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024, introduced in the Ontario Legislature on March 7, 2024 which would recognize that intimate partner violence is an epidemic in Ontario, has not yet passed, being referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby joins with the over 100 municipalities, polices services boards, and service providers across the province in declaring Intimate Partner Violence as an epidemic, and urges the province to immediately pass Bill 173, Intimate Partner Epidemic Act, 2024; and

That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Lorne Coe, Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice Policy; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; Marit Stiles, Leader of Official Opposition; Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

#### **9.5.4 Approval of PSCRA Request for Location of Radio Transmission**

Spokesperson: Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

##### **Resolution 2024**

That subject to receipt of engineered drawings and terms included in a future Agreement with the Parry Sound Community Radio Association (PSCRA), Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound approves in principle use of the Bowes Street Water Tower as location for the PSCRA transmission site.

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## **10. By-laws**

### **10.5.1 Confirming By-law**

#### **By-law 2024 - 7443**

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

## **11. Adjournment**

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## **PARRY SOUND AREA FOUNDERS AWARDS APPLICATION IS OPEN**

### **YOU COULD WIN \$10,000 OR \$5,000**

The Parry Sound and Area Founders Circle is looking for businesses or entrepreneurs with promising new business ideas to enter the Founders Choice Awards competition.

“We’re thrilled to kick off the next edition of the competition and support businesses in the Parry Sound Area in reaching new heights,” says Nicole Boyd of Royal LePage Team Advantage Realty, Brokerage. She is co-chairing the Parry Sound and Area Founders Circle, alongside Peter Istvan of Peter Istvan Photography. The Founders Choice Awards is accepting applications until October 31st, 2024. Participants have a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$10,000 or the Second Prize of \$5000.

#### **What is the Parry Sound Area Founder’s Circle?**

- The Parry Sound Area Founders Circle are community leaders, entrepreneurs, and business leaders who have invested funds as prizes to be awarded to individuals or groups with innovative ideas that will help improve the local economy throughout the District of Parry Sound. In addition to being involved in the review and selection of the Awards, the Founders aim to provide significant assistance to all finalists with video production, marketing, mentorship, and introduction to investors. Learn more [here](#).

#### **Application Information and Founder Meet at Greet**

- Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at Trestle Brewing
- Purpose: Get together for Founders, and for potential applicants to come and ask any questions

#### **Working with Venture Bay Studio**

- Canadore College’s Venture Bay Studio will be covering the costs of professional headshots for Founders/Applicants, and the promo videos of the finalists.
- Many thanks Jenn O’Brien, Shawn Chorney, and Venture Bay Studio for this partnership. Visit: [Venture Bay Studio - Canadore College](#)

#### **Application Deadline is Oct 31st**

- Please visit: [Apply – Parry Sound Area Founders Circle](#)
- All applications will be evaluated by the Founders based on the following five criteria: Broad Economic Impact; Innovation; Scalability/Growth Potential; Profitability Potential and Demand for Product/Service.

### Important Dates

- Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 6:30 pm
  - o Founder's meet and greet, and applicant information session at Trestle Brewery Company. 9 Great North Road, Parry Sound.
  - o Come and meet, new and current Founders.
  - o RSVP by Sept 14th to [psareafounders@gmail.com](mailto:psareafounders@gmail.com)
- October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00 pm
  - o How to Prepare your Application
  - o ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82102947556>
- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024
  - o Application Deadline
- November/December 2024
  - o Review and selection process of applications
- Spring 2025
  - o Award Ceremony

### Contact Co-Chairs:

- General Inquires: [psareafounders@gmail.com](mailto:psareafounders@gmail.com)
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Cheers,

*Peter Istvan*

*Nicole Boyd*

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**You could win  
\$10,000 or \$5,000**

**Apply by Oct 31st, 2024**



## **Founders Choice Awards**

### **Important Dates:**

- **Sept 24th** | 5:30 pm, Information Night, Trestle Brewing
- **Oct 10th** | 7:00 pm, How to Prepare your Application  
ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82102947556>
- **Oct 31st** | Application Deadline

**WWW.PARRYSOUNDAREAFFOUNDERSCIRCLE.COM**



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PARRY SOUND**

**Parry Sound Downtown Business Association**

52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, ON, P2A 1B4  
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August 15, 2024

Mayor McGarvey, Members of Council and Staff,

Parry Sound Downtown Business Association wishes to send our sincerest thanks to Mayor McGarvey and Members of Council for supporting Staff's recommendation to release an RFP for the operation of Big Sound Marina to a qualified operator; approval to fund moving the pump house to Big Sound Marina and most importantly to take over management of the Town Dock after the current lease expires in 2025.

This decision will allow our organization to partner and collaborate with the Town of Parry Sound to beautify and activate our most prized public property for which we are very much looking forward to!

Sincerely,

April Denman  
Executive Director

Doug Wilton  
Chair

**From:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Active Transportation - Safer Streets -letter of recognition and encouragement  
**Date:** August 27, 2024 1:31:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [Rural-Complete-Streets.pdf](#)  
[Regional-Climate-Action-Plan\\_GBB-2023.pdf](#)

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**From:** T.J. Henderson <[henderson.thomasj@gmail.com](mailto:henderson.thomasj@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:06 PM

**To:** Mike Kearns <[mkearns@parrysound.ca](mailto:mkearns@parrysound.ca)>; Jamie McGarvey <[jmccgarvey@parrysound.ca](mailto:jmccgarvey@parrysound.ca)>; Bonnie Keith <[bkeith@parrysound.ca](mailto:bkeith@parrysound.ca)>; Chris McDonald <[cmcdonald@parrysound.ca](mailto:cmcdonald@parrysound.ca)>; Doug McCann <[dmccann@parrysound.ca](mailto:dmccann@parrysound.ca)>; George Ashford <[gashford@parrysound.ca](mailto:gashford@parrysound.ca)>; Joe Beleskey <[jbeleskey@parrysound.ca](mailto:jbeleskey@parrysound.ca)>; Paul Borneman <[pborneman@parrysound.ca](mailto:pborneman@parrysound.ca)>; Planning <[planning@parrysound.ca](mailto:planning@parrysound.ca)>; Jeremy Rand <[jrand@parrysound.ca](mailto:jrand@parrysound.ca)>; April McNamara <[april@parrysound.ca](mailto:april@parrysound.ca)>; Jayme Young <[jyoung@parrysound.ca](mailto:jyoung@parrysound.ca)>

**Subject:** Active Transportation - Safer Streets -letter of recognition and encouragement

This letter is addressed to Mayor Jamie McGarvey, Mike Kearns- director of public works and the municipal councilors,

Regarding my previous communication and request on July 1st to the Director of Public Works to complete an investigation on Bowes, Church and Joseph Streets, I would like to thank the work of the office of Public Works to install center lane flex posts on Joseph Street and the speed cameras near the medical clinic on Bowes street. These small incremental changes do help. I am not sure if my request for the investigation was a factor in having these installed, or if it is just coincidental, but I will take this as an optimistic sign that the municipality is committed to pedestrian and biking safety.

Incremental and rapid changes are fine, but we will see the greatest benefit once there is a connected network of active transportation infrastructure (like protected sidewalks and bike lanes) to all the parks, the grocery stores and the medical facilities.

It was also a good experiment, noting that some of the center lane flex posts have already been struck and broken. This shows that drivers are not in control of their vehicles and could strike a pedestrian or person on a bike or wheelchair just as easily.

I would encourage you to place something more solid and permanent on the residential streets. For example, River and Waubeek are long straight streets that promote fast and dangerous speeds. I encourage you to place permanent chicaines on streets like these to narrow the streets and force drivers to slow down. (consider this a request to the office of Public Works to complete an investigation).

There were three preventable vehicle collisions on Bowes Street last week that I am aware of. These are near miss events that will eventually lead to the fatality or serious injury of someone not inside a vehicle trying to use that space. I don't want to see this in the ER when I am working please.

On a brighter note, I am pleased to see some community discussion about the Old Town Beach Bridge. The community seems committed to protecting car-free space for active transportation and fitness.

I will attach some more resources for your review. I support the GBB regional climate action plan, specifically objectives 6 and 7, but I disagree with the statement on page 29 about active transportation initiatives not being feasible in rural communities. To that effect, I will link the Complete Streets for Canada's background information on complete streets for rural communities.

If there is any way you think I can be of assistance, I would be happy to help. I am working to slowly build community connections to work toward active transportation advocacy.

Optimistic that more progress can be made,

Dr. T.J. Henderson  
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Mayor J. McGarvey & Council Members,  
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Dear Mayor & Council Members:

A Very "LARGE THANK YOU" to The Town of Parry Sound for executing and installing the beautiful Plaque to Yvonne Williams Park. We are delighted that this Plaque gives details of Ms. Williams' exceptional talents in the Stained Glass Community. Thank You also to April McNamara for her continued support and assistance Ms. Williams has created many commissions of Custom Glass Art of historic significance. The latest magazine of the Stained Glass Association of America features several pages of Ms. Williams contribution to Heritage. The article by C. Cody Barteet & Iraboty Kazi A Living Colour of Light: Yvonne Williams and the Art of Stained Glass gives an compact study of this talented artist. I am enclosing a copy for your information. We are very pleased to have known Ms. Williams personally. Ms. Williams is truly a Canadian Artistic Icon. The Yvonne Williams Park will be celebrated in the "Artistic World".  
Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Zissoff,  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Encls.



# A Living Colour of Light: Yvonne Williams and the Art of Stained Glass

*By C. Cody Barteet & Iraboty Kazi*

On Sunday, November 2, 1997, the friends, family, and members of the congregation of St. Michael and All Angels in Toronto gathered for a memorial service to honor Yvonne Williams (1901–1997).

Prior to her death at the age of 96, Williams was unquestionably among the most prolific and important artists in North America, producing hundreds of stained-glass artworks while training multiple generations of aspiring glass artists. Trained at the Ontario College of Art (now Ontario College of Art and Design) in Toronto from 1922 to 1926, Williams continued her post bachelor's education in glass production through apprenticeships in St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Boston while also learning from direct observation and study of historical and in-situ glass in England, France, and Italy. Of these diverse experiences, it was her studies at Chartres, France and apprenticeship at Charles Connick Studios in Boston that truly shaped Williams' techniques and love of glass. After her time in Boston, Williams returned to Canada and began a partnership with artist Esther Johnson (d. June 1970) in 1934.

It was not until 1949 that Williams established her permanent stained-glass studio at 3 Caribou Road in Toronto. The location served as her foundry and home for the next thirty years, where she produced over four hundred commissions in Canada and the United States. Upon closing her studio in 1971, Williams retired to Parry Sound (Ontario) where she continued to work through the 1990s until she passed away on September 26, 1997.

Of the many locations for which she produced windows, Saint Michael and All Saints was particularly nostalgic for the artist, which might be unexpected in light of the church's former Canon's remarks, "Her spirituality was not church based...She had an unbelievable faith in God...but she wasn't going to be tied up in a lot of churchy stuff". As Reverend John Erb notes, the parish, just some six kilometers away from her studio, was among the first locations for which Williams produced glass during the early years of her career, earning her first commission there in 1944. Over the next two decades, Williams and her associates would fill all but four of the church's twenty-eight windows. Moreover, the windows show a dynamic progression in Williams' style and confidence in handling of glass and her identity as an artist.

As seen in churches, hospitals, schools, and private buildings, Williams' innovative style heavily influenced the modernization of stained glass in North America. Rather than continuing the legacy of Victorian realism with its rigid design and primary colors, she chose to look back to the most formative period of the medium: the Middle Ages. Looking at her modern abstract designs and rich jewel tones, it may at first seem contradictory that medieval works like those in York

(twelfth century), Cambridge (fourteenth century) and Chartres Cathedral (twelfth century) had such a profound impact on Williams' work. Nonetheless, the bejeweled nature of the medieval windows inspired Williams to juxtapose and explore an unyielding range of color combinations in her work. The impact of studying the design and techniques of European windows can also be seen in her practice of using colored glass blown in the original method from England, Germany, and France. In fact, Gustav Weisman, who worked out of the Yvonne Williams Studio for several years, stated: "It is difficult to find another glass studio in Canada with such respect for the aims of medieval artists, as distinct from mannered work." Further, as Helena Kuprosky elegantly put: "Inspired by medieval glass painters, her highly developed style is entirely original, bespeaking the symbols and spirit of the modern world. Religious and powerful, these statements call to the visual experience."

A two-year apprenticeship with Charles Connick (1875–1945), a well-known painter, muralist, stained glass designer, and proponent of the ideals of the Gothic Revival, allowed Williams to learn the methods of professional window making while solidifying the medieval influence in her early style. The emulation of Connick's style in her early works can be seen in the figurative and representational subjects in *The Annunciation* (1949), *The Resurrection* (1949), and her first window in St. Michael's and All Angels, *Christ in Glory* (1945). In *Christ in Glory*, Williams' design was complemented by her meticulous color palette she employed. The window depicts the Ascension of Christ (Acts 1:10–11) with saints, including St. Joan, St. Francis, and St. John the Evangelist standing with the Virgin Mary and images of families and working people of the 1940s. Adjacent windows show the disciples and angels as onlookers. With subtlety, she veers away from the conventions of ecclesiastical art, as Christ is beardless. Globe and Mail critic Pearl McCarthy described the newly created window on July 7, 1945: "The countenance, turned slightly to the side, is both firm and poetic. There is a suggestion of calm, far vision... Action, rather than immobility, is suggested. We are away from the stereotyped concept, yet not away from the tradition." Furthermore, it is the only window with a fillet line, a type of narrow decorative border, which is a double line of about two inches in width. Finding more freedom without the framing lines, she abandoned this traditional border in her later work, as seen in the transept windows *The Resurrection* (south wall), *The Annunciation* (north wall), and *The Crucifixion* (1947). According to

Williams, who wrote in 1982 while reflecting on her times at St. Michael and All Angels, "This influence [Connick's] shows in the conventions of tracing lines in hair, hands and drapery. In theory these solid black lines were to have the effect of holding the surface of the window, visually, in a horizontal plane even when light and color seem to move back and forward through the stabilizing grid of black." Akin to her Baptism windows in St. Olave's Anglican Church in Toronto, the style of brushwork when applying pigment in *Christ in Glory* is a trait of Connick's studio. However, within a very short period, Williams began to approach glass differently.

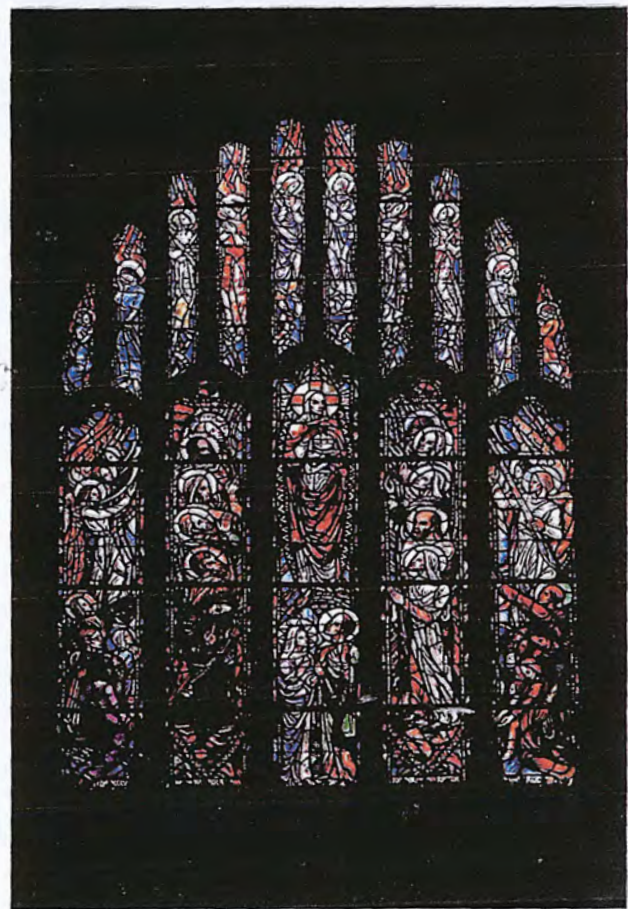
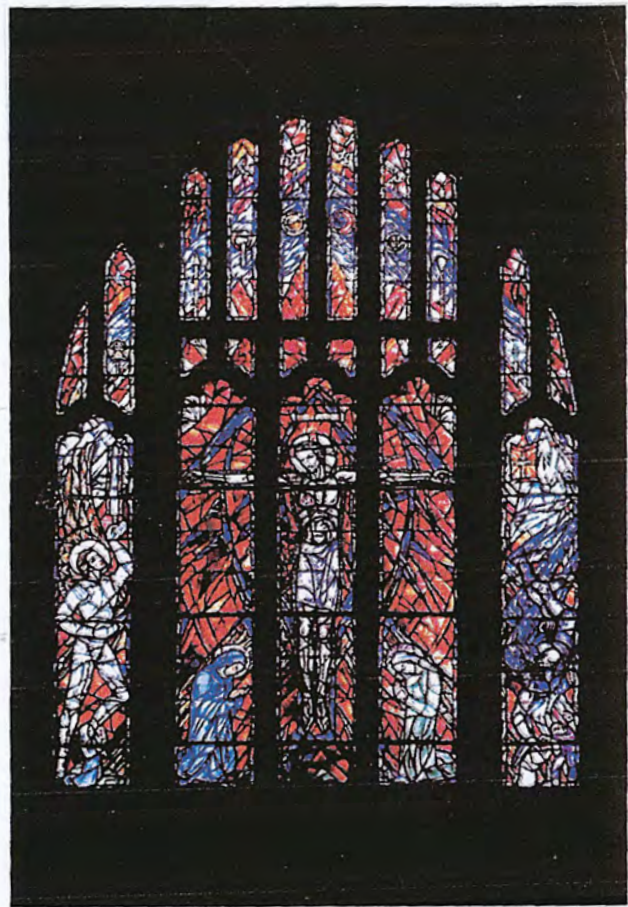
Writing to long-time friend and critic, Helen Frye, Williams states that "it [glass] depends as no other upon climatic conditions; it responds to each variation of the sun's rays; its form is living colors vitalized by light." Her passion for exploring the living color of light and conscientious effort to enhance the viewers' experience is what drove Williams' production for the next sixty years. Take for example, *The Resurrection* window at St. Michael and All Angels. In her contributions to the church's pamphlet, *The Stained Glass Windows of St. Michael and All Angels Church*, Williams provides readers detailed instructions about where to stand in order to see *The Resurrection* at its best effect. Similarly, she notes that the color distribution of intense ruby, blue, and orange appear obvious if one is able to magnify the window (through optical aids like binoculars), yet, when viewed from Williams' suggested observer position located at the center of the nave, the area seems much smaller and less obvious, as intended by the artist. She explains: "This was achieved by correctly judging the required addition of tinted white glass and neutralized or 'greyed' colours." Furthermore, she enhanced the effects of glass by painting it to guide the light and allowing color to go outside the lead strips. Indeed, Williams crafts similar visual traits into the large West window that depicts the Crucifixion. In the window, the figure of Christ is outlined in a very narrow strip of several hundred small pieces of varied-color glass. The effects of the minuscule pieces are not readily visible to

Left: Williams' Suggested Viewing Angle of *The Resurrection*. Photo: Iraboty Kazi

Top right: Yvonne Williams, *The Crucifixion*, 1947, West Wall, St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Photo: Iraboty Kazi

Bottom right: Yvonne Williams (design, cartoon, color) with Ethel M. Scott (painter), *Christ in Glory* (The Canon Brian Memorial Window), 1945, Chancel (east wall), St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Photo: C. Cody Barteet



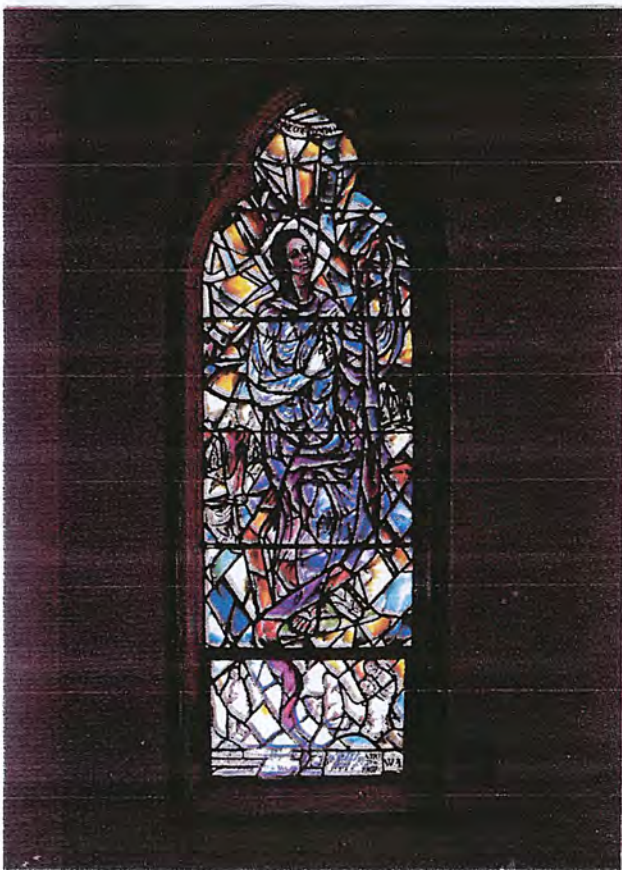






the naked eye except on particularly bright days or specific times of the day, such as just before sunset. In other words, Williams is consciously manipulating the dynamic effects of climatic and temporal conditions upon her windows. As her career progressed, Williams took this effort further. She did so by relying on “the right colours, lines, rhythm, and lively sparkle... to carry the [religious] message.” Here conscious design element choices, in that of color, line, etc., fosters the window’s narrative meaning as it allows viewers to respond instinctively or as, Williams wrote, “Through the heart’ rather than rational thought” when viewing her ecclesiastical works.

Her desire to evoke meditation and emotion over rational thought inevitably pushed Williams to greater abstraction in her stained-glass production. Although she keeps figural forms in her abstract designs, such as the large angel surrounded by a sea of blue in *Sermon on the Mount* (1969), works are more evocative of the non-representational art so prevalent during the mid-twentieth century. As Williams writes, “in this last period [at St. Michael and All Angels]...It seems, however, that I could not go wholly abstract but have kept human features recognizable.”



Despite not fully embracing abstraction, Williams relies upon the tenets of abstract art’s reliance on color to convey mood. This is explicit in the *Garden of Gethsemane* (1959). To convey the tension of the historical moment, when Jesus is arrested leading to his eventual crucifixion, Williams does not offer a literal rendition of Jesus’ time in the garden as recorded in the New Testament; rather, she uses strong color juxtapositions to convey eschatological tenets and mood instead of representational forms. Williams draws upon scripture from the Gospel of Luke: “And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him” (Luke 22:43). Visually, the arms of an angel in white with gold wings comforts the kneeling Jesus. A small choir of angels in red rejoice for mankind’s salvation that will result from his sacrifice. Counter to the joyful banner of the angel are Roman soldiers led by Judas Iscariot who are coming to Christ. Their malevolence is emphasized through Williams’ deliberateness in illustrating the omnipresence of death that will soon come to Christ’s physical body. She does so by carefully changing

**Top:** Yvonne Williams (design, color, painter) with Ellen Simon (cartoon), *Garden of Gethsemane*, 1959, North Nave Wall, St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Photo: C. Cody Bartteet

**Bottom:** Yvonne Williams, *Priscilla*, 1974, North Aisle Wall, St. John the Evangelist, London. Photo: Anahí González

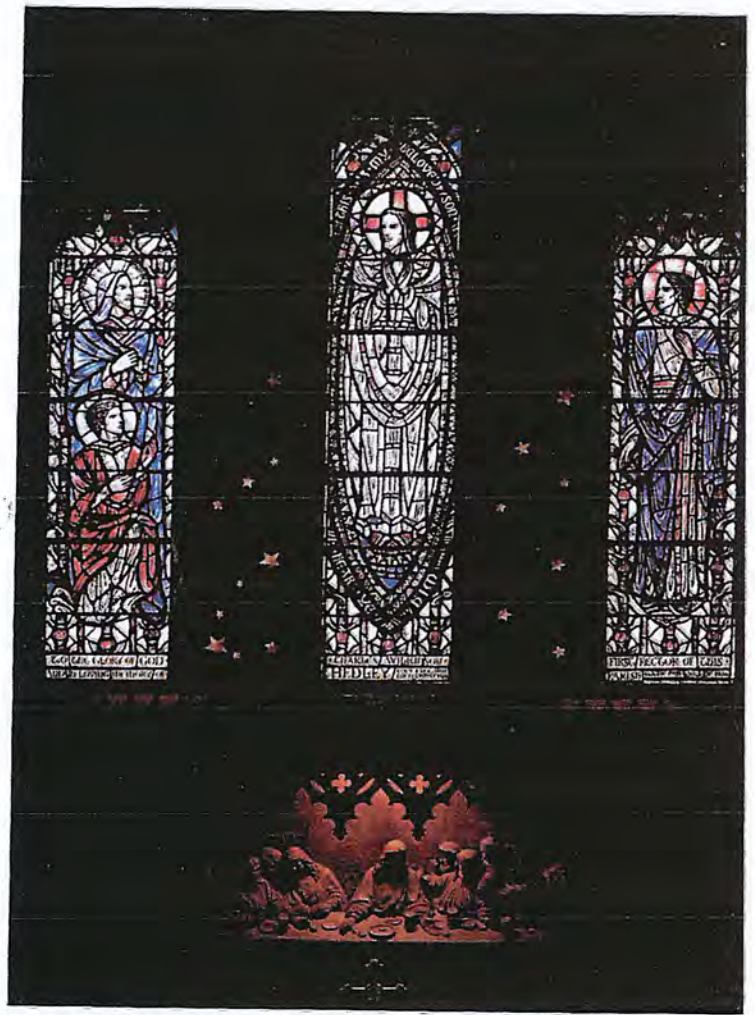


the color palette of the valley's lush olive trees, which change from green to an orange as soldiers' approach. In the work, Williams relies upon complex compositional design's color "to carry the message."

Williams would continue this practice through the 1970s, as we can see with the Priscilla window at St. John the Evangelist, London, Ontario. Although recognizable from her face, hands, and feet, the early Christian convert is a bejeweled color field of abstract forms and glass patterns. Similarly, at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario her Memorial Windows series incorporates dozens of shades of greens, blues, and mauves. As Robert Fulford states, "she stands as the Canadian leader of a school that is pushing stained glass past its traditional boundaries and into the rewarding fields of symbolism and impression. This movement is almost as old as modern art, and in some ways parallels it."

Why Williams moved to abstraction is further clarified through her own writings about stained glass art and painting traditions. She is adamant that "Stained-glass is not a realistic painting made translucent. . . It is a luminous color of great beauty which makes use of light as part of itself." The very notion of color and light as integral to one another explains the increased structural and design complexity of her windows. Indeed, the intricacy of her design practice explicitly lent itself to abstraction as numerous windows consisted of thousands of pieces of glass including, *The Transfiguration* at the Church of the Transfiguration incorporates over 1,700 pieces of glass, while the aforementioned window of *The Resurrection* has over 3,400 pieces of glass. The inclusion of thousands of panes of glass reflects her continuous experimentations in colors that are found throughout her hundreds of commissions.

Such diversity of glass motifs and compositions lent itself to other forms of complexity manifesting in her oeuvre. At St. Michael and All Angels, Williams seemingly portrays Christ's face differently in each of the church's windows. As the church's local historian, Doris M. Banks notes, in 1963, "no two people ever think of Him [Christ] in exactly the same way." Such multiplicity of perceptions was recognized by Williams, allowing her to vary the painted figures of her windows to facilitate individualized experiences and perceptions, as well as engage with the larger history of art and ecclesiastical practices. In *The Crucifixion* window, following the customs of medieval artists, Williams chooses to portray the



Yvonne Williams with Esther Johnston, *The Transfiguration*, 1939. Church of the Transfiguration, Toronto. Photo: C. Cody Barteet

larger than life, seven-foot Jesus in total acceptance of God's will and his sacrifice rather than focusing on his pain. She associates the suffering of Christ with the human suffering caused by war, referencing 1 and 2 Corinthians (12:26 and 4:6), or as Williams states, "When our hearts are in pain He suffers with us; When we hurt others we hurt Him." The act of universal suffering of Christ for man is well known and recognized through Christ's Crucifixion, and Williams deliberately shows man struggles in the window. In the fifth lancet, Lucifer is seen pressing upon despondent humans, whose struggles are made clearer through their juxtaposition to the first lancet depicting St. Michael, who carries the flaming sword of Justice, surrounded by a joyful throng of people. These figures, whose emotions are illuminated through contrasting lights and dark tonalities, symbolize the struggle between good and evil in earthly life and are further a reminder that Christ, through his sacrifice, conquers all.





Ellen Simon, *The People's Window*, 1983, South Porch (south wall), St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Photo: C. Cody Bartlett

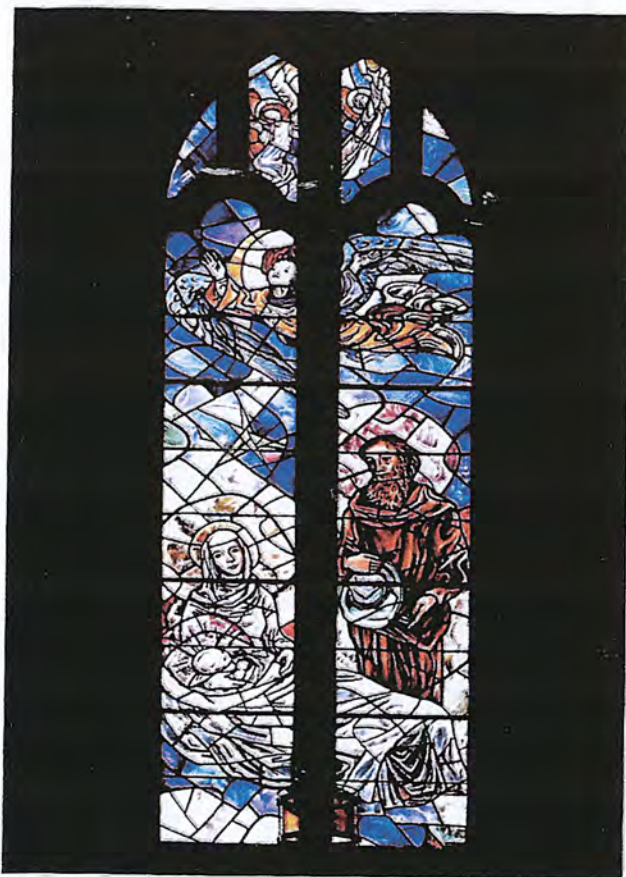
Williams also engages with more obscure ecclesiastical messages to inspire meditation by not only the lay congregation, but also its spiritual leaders. Such concepts are found in *The Resurrection*. Both Christ (central lancet) and the flanking angels (left and right lancets) appear from the rays of light emanating from the barely visible, broken tomb. The luminous figures are surrounded by a vesica, or an oval made from the intersection of two disks of the same radius. The subtle inclusion of the vesica ties directly to Williams' efforts to engage numerous audiences through her windows. In this instance, some members of the congregation would recognize it as "one of the secret symbols used among early Christians at the time of the Roman persecution" while others would recognize the complex geometry and patterning of her windows.

Williams' efforts to challenge viewers and patrons, through abstraction or non-traditional modes of hagiography, at times, caused some controversy. Despite some initial claims of the congregation at St. Michael and All Angels being pleased with her newly installed window, the window was not without controversy, largely due to the young Williams

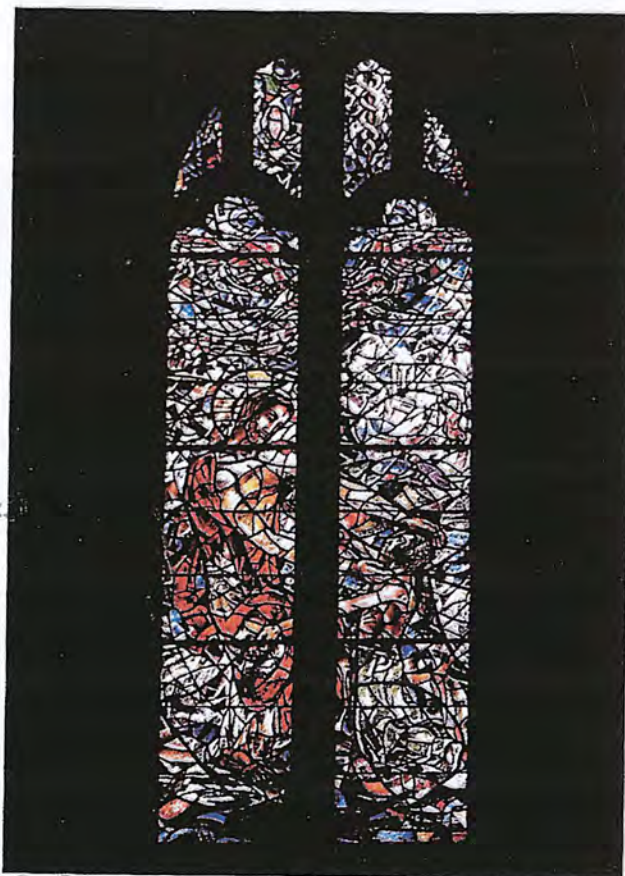
portraying Christ without a beard. "It was phenomenal, the controversy that it caused," said Rev. John Erb, who was the Toronto church's rector for sixteen years. But, here Williams again attempted to provide routes through which observers could engage as well as meditate on Christ's death and its meaning to doxology and Christian practices. In other words, to recall Rev. Erb's statements, "she wasn't going to be tied up in a lot of churchy stuff."

While the windows in St. Michael and All Angels are a visual testament of the artists' immense talent, outside of the stained-glass community, it is less known that there is a large scale of teamwork required to create these pieces. Writing to Doris M. Banks, Williams notes, "I feel that there is no reason why I should be given recognition by name and other people not. Though a large portion of the work is mine only the passing of centuries can reveal which window will contain most that is worthy artistically and in meaning." The other people that Williams is referring to is her long-term collaborator, Ellen Simon, as well as the firms of Brownsgrrove Guild (England) and Robert McCausland (Toronto). Brownsgrrove and





Yvonne Williams (painter) with Ellen Simon (design, cartoon) and Michael Nuttgens (painter), *The Nativity*, 1971, North Nave Wall, St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Photo: C. Cody Barteet



Yvonne Williams (design, cartoon, color) with Michael Nuttgens (painter), *Christ Healing the Cripple*, 1961, South Nave Wall, St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Photo: C. Cody Barteet

McCausland are well-known makers of glass; so too is Simon who began her career with Williams and continued to work with her for nearly forty years, dividing her time between Williams' studio and New York where she settled in the 1950s. Like Williams, Simon had a profound affection for St. Michael and All Angels. Upon reflecting on her career during an interview, Simon specifically draws attention to two windows at the church: *The People's Window* (1983) and *The Angels Window* (1983), at the highest esteem.

Further, there were many others who worked with Williams at the parish, and she intentionally went out of her way to ensure their names were recognized, including Michael Nuttgens, Ethel M. Scott, and John Greene, all of whom contributed to the production of her windows at the parish and elsewhere. Nuttgens, who painted the glass for *Christ Healing the Cripple* (1961), *The Sermon on the Mount*, *The Nativity* (1971), and *The Temptation* (1969) windows, had strong ties to Williams' studio, having worked there for several years after immigrating to Canada in 1956. For other projects, she invited artists, such as Rosemary Kilbourn, Gustav Weisman, Jerome McNicholl, Stephen

Bélanger-Taylor, and Sarah Hall to collaborate with her, thus providing indispensable training and experience to younger generations. Williams believed that "so much depends on this gaining of experience, and on the understanding and criticism of fellow artists." Even at the age of 77, she mentored her last apprentice, Helena Kuprowsky, for three years. "She always believed in passing on her knowledge and allowing her associates to develop their own style," said Williams' nephew, John Gillespie.

The Yvonne Williams Studio was recognized in the Canadian stained glass community for its innovative egalitarian structure in a fashion akin to the European Art and Crafts glass houses, a departure from the strict hierarchy and sharply defined tasks of a traditional glass studio. Influenced by her time at the Connick Studio, Williams encouraged the collaboration of her assistants and students, as well as of other artists, in various phases of designing and producing windows, which included everything from the initial watercolor sketch, through the full-size cartoon and the choosing of the colored glass, to the painting and firing of the glass. Yvonne Williams





Ellen Simon, *The Angels Window*, 1983, South Porch (west wall), St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Photo: C. Cody Barteet

Studio commissions were done at times by a single artist but more often were done collaboratively. Artists working at the studio could also execute their own commissions, with complete autonomy. For example, Gustav Weisman executed his window for Ontario Ladies College Chapel at Whitby in the studio. The designs, cartoons and glass painting were done by the artists, while the technical aspects of cutting, glazing and installations were done by craftsman George London, whom Williams met when making her first window for Pringle & London Glaziers in Toronto in 1926. London had a successful lifelong partnership with Williams after he joined her studio and handled the technical aspects of cutting, glazing, and installation for thirty years. In dividing up the work at the studio, Yvonne relied on her own metrics, which was based on percentages for each part of the job of making a window. She stated: “My contribution here was to solve added management problems; my gain was in stimulating exchanges and friendships.”

Williams and her studio were also recognized for the high standards of production. Robert G. Calvert, who designed her studio at 3 Caribou Road, said: “She’s known among architects as the best in her field. They love to work with her.” The strong appreciation of her work was recognized by others. As Rev. Erb notes, “Miss Williams was a passionate guardian of her work, checking in on her windows and lobbying against trees being planted too near the church. She was always upset about anything that might block the light, and that was quite understandable.” Such commitment to glass practice, production, and knowledge led to Williams’ undeniable success. Over

her career, she received many accolades and honors: the Governor General’s Gold Medal for Excellence in Life Drawing and Design (1927), the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Allied Arts Medal (1955), election to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (1965), and the selection of two of her stained glass windows as the subjects of the twenty-cent stamp in 1976 and the fifty-two cent Christmas stamp in 1997. Such honors were appropriate, considering her life-long devotion to her craft, profound impact on future generations, and role in shaping the trajectory of modern Canadian stained glass with her stylistic innovations and tremendous output.

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*Iraboty Kazi (she/her) is a Bangladeshi Canadian PhD candidate at the University of Western Ontario. She is studying Art and Visual Culture, and her doctoral research explores the connections between Early Modern pastoral paintings and constructions of nature in contemporary queer cinema. In addition, she is collaborating with Dr. Cody Barteet on a project on stained glass in Canada, particularly focusing on Yvonne Williams.* ■





The Yvonne Williams Park - July 13th, 2024



**From:** [Nancy Cunningham](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Fitness Trail bridge  
**Date:** July 6, 2024 1:50:20 PM

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Dear Mayor McGarvey & Councillors

The Fitness Trail is one of Parry Sound's gems. It is an attraction appreciated by both visitors & the locals who walk it daily. It is rumoured that the trestle over the end of Waubuno Crescent as it enters the former Town beach is to be torn down. That would be a disaster, in my estimation. It would mean those with difficulty walking, those using walkers & poles, as well as those with young children or pushing carriages would not be able to cross the impasse created. That would greatly reduce the number of users.

We locals have become accustomed to the trail being there & often ordinary things are under-valued. It takes encountering a first-time user, who is entranced with the view, the terrain, the ability to see the town by a perspective other than a car, to remind us how lucky we are. Years ago when the 12-person bicycle fundraiser came to town, I was one of 2 or 3 locals riding it. Most of the other riders were visitors, first-timers on the Trail. We nearly went over the embankment several times as they oh-ed & ah-ed at the view. Please don't mess with this asset! Just as an aside - that 12-person bike would not be able to negotiate the trail without the bridge.

It has been disturbing over the years to see the exercise stations, all sturdy, well-used, & in good condition, removed with no explanation. The resurfacing with regular gravel rather than the original, carefully-chosen red gravel, & the lack of attention to refuse that accumulates on a daily basis. I am constantly reminded of these on my almost daily walks.

The trestle over the entrance to the former town beach was part of the original spur line that serviced the industries of the 1800s & early 1900s located along the waterfront. Perhaps an historic plaque noting this should be considered. As a tourist town, visitors are endlessly interested in the old way of life that is not too far distant in this part of the province.....was there really a clothboard factory, a chemical works, a lumber company where today we see only rocks & trees?

It may seem expensive to maintain the bridge but the value it adds to the trail, while hard to measure in dollars, cannot be over-stated! Please repair it! Don't remove it!

Sincerely  
Nancy Cunningham

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Parry Sound, ██████████

7 July, 2024

Mayor & Councillors  
52 Seguin St.  
Parry Sound, P2A 1B4

Dear Mayor & Councillors

The Fitness Trail is one of Parry Sound's gems. It is an attraction appreciated by both visitors & the locals who walk it daily. It is rumoured that the trestle over the end of Waubuno Crescent as it enters the former Town Beach is to be torn down. That would be a disaster in my estimation. It would create an impediment for those with difficulty negotiating inclines, those who require walkers or poles, as well as those pushing young children in carriages. Greatly reduced usage would be the result.

We locals have been accustomed to the Trail being there & often ordinary things are under-valued. It takes encountering a first-time user, who is entranced with the view, the terrain, the ability to see the town by a perspective other than the car, to remind us how lucky we are. Years ago, when the 12-person fund-raising bicycle came to town, I was one of 2 or 3 locals riding it. Most of the riders were visitors, first-timers on the Trail. We nearly went over the embankment several times as they oh-ed & ah-ed at their surroundings. Please don't mess with this asset! Just as an aside, that 12-person bike would not have been able to negotiate the Trail without the bridge.

It has been disturbing over the years to see the exercise stations, all sturdy, well-used & in good condition, removed with no explanation. The resurfacing with regular crushed stone rather than the original, carefully chosen red, & the lack of attention to refuse that accumulates on a daily basis. I am constantly reminded of these on my frequent walks.

The trestle over the entrance to the former town beach was part of the original spur line that served the industries of the 1800s & early 1900s located along the waterfront. Perhaps an historic plaque noting this should be considered. As a tourist town, visitors are endlessly interested in the old way of life that is not too far distant in this part of the province . . . . . was there really a clothboard factory, a chemical works, a lumber company where today we see only rocks & trees.

In the 1970s, when the Festival of the Sound was started by a few visionaries, it was scoffed at as being for the elites, not worthy of support with municipal dollars. What financial return would it bring? But who would question its value today? Now, in 2024, it may seem too expensive to maintain the bridge, but the value it adds to the Trail, while hard to measure in dollars, is nonetheless real & cannot be over-stated! The Waterfront Committee & Council of the late 1980s removed 2 other trestles but kept this integral one. Please repair it, keeping its original historic structure! Don't remove it!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Cunningham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

Nancy Cunningham

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Parry Sound ON  
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July 9, 2024

Mayor & Councillors  
Town of Parry Sound  
Seguin Street  
Parry Sound ON

Mayor & Councillors,

I strongly urge you not to remove the wooden bridge on Waubuno Crescent. The bridge is a part of our railroad history. The safety of pedestrians accessing the beach would be compromised by motorized vehicles crossing over an altered fitness trail. Some things are just worth fixing and I believe the bridge meets that criteria.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Fisher

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Parry Saund [REDACTED]

July 11, 2024

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

The Historic Bridge over Waubesa Road  
should remain intact and be protected  
from any future suggestions of removal.

Repairs should be made as required

History is part of Parry Saund's heritage  
and unfortunately, we have lost much  
of our visible history

Please do not destroy this piece  
of history

Sincerely  
Ellen Bradley  
(ELLEN BRADLEY)

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Your Name

Sean Prorapec

Maie Moloney

July 11, 2024



Parry Sound, ON, [REDACTED]  
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Dear Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned citizen deeply invested in the cultural heritage and future development of our community, particularly in relation to the proposed removal of the historically significant Waubuno Street Fitness Trail Bridge. This bridge not only serves as a critical infrastructure component but also as a cultural landmark. The lack of detailed information and the potential loss of such a historical asset have prompted me to seek further clarifications. Therefore, I respectfully request the inclusion of the following detailed inquiries in the agenda for the forthcoming council meeting:

**1. Historical and Engineering Assessments:**

- Could the council provide detailed historical evaluations and current engineering reports that justify the necessity for the removal of the bridge?
- What are the specific safety and design features planned for the proposed level crossing, and how do they enhance the current standards?

**2. Impact on Future Development:**

- Please elucidate the specific infrastructure developments that necessitate the bridge's removal. How do these developments align with our community's long-term urban planning objectives?





**3. Environmental and Cultural Impact:**

- Has a comprehensive environmental impact assessment been conducted? What were its findings regarding the bridge's removal?
- What measures are proposed to mitigate the loss of this historical landmark?

**4. Community Engagement Strategy:**

- What specific steps are being taken to ensure wide-ranging and effective public consultation? Please provide details on scheduled community meetings and the platforms used for gathering public feedback.
- How will the council address community concerns and feedback received through these consultations?

**5. Transparency and Ongoing Communication:**

- What mechanisms are in place to ensure ongoing transparency and communication with the public regarding the developments and decisions related to the bridge?

I believe these questions are crucial for fostering a transparent, informed, and inclusive dialogue regarding the proposed infrastructural changes. Our community values its heritage and its voice in shaping the future landscape of our town. I look forward to the council's detailed responses and to constructive discussions at the upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I am eager to see how our collective efforts can enhance the livability and historical integrity of our town.

Sincerely,

Sean Prokopec

## **Key Points: Waubuno Street Fitness Trail Bridge**

### **Overview of Proposal:**

- **Current Proposal:** The council has proposed the removal of the historically significant Waubuno Street Fitness Trail Bridge, intending to replace it with a level crossing.
- **Justification:** The rationale provided for this change includes facilitating future infrastructure developments that aim to improve urban connectivity and utility management, enhancing overall community access and efficiency.

### **Historical Significance:**

- **Cultural Value:** The bridge is noted for its historical importance to the community, serving as a landmark and a part of the local heritage. The proposal to remove it has raised concerns about the loss of historical identity.

### **Engineering and Design Considerations:**

- **Engineering Reports:** Calls for detailed engineering evaluations have been made, but specifics of these reports or findings have not been disclosed to the public. There is a need for transparency regarding the structural integrity of the bridge and the feasibility of the level crossing.
- **Design Specifications:** Plans for the new level crossing are expected to incorporate modern safety features and designs to address traffic flow and pedestrian safety. However, details on these features are yet unclear.

### **Community Engagement and Feedback:**

- **Public Consultation:** There is a strong commitment to extensive public consultation. Detailed plans on how these consultations will be conducted remain vague, with an emphasis on the need for robust community input.
- **Past Discussions:** Previous discussions among stakeholders have not been fully disclosed, leading to a request for greater transparency in decision-making processes.

### **Future Development Implications:**

- **Infrastructure Impact:** The bridge's removal is tied to unspecified future development plans, which reportedly include utility enhancements and transportation route improvements.
- **Environmental and Accessibility Concerns:** Potential environmental impacts and the necessity to either maintain or enhance accessibility standards in the new development have been acknowledged but not exhaustively explored.

**Transparency and Information Availability:**

- **Documentation and Reporting:** Public reporting on the engineering assessments and detailed development plans associated with the bridge's removal has been insufficient, highlighting the need for greater transparency.

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date 20 Jul 2024

To our Mayor and Council

Town of Parry Sound

52 Seguin St., Parry Sound, P2A 1B4

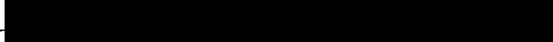
**As a concerned citizen, I object to the Town's Public Works Dept's proposal to Council to remove this Historic bridge. I agree with and support the Council's *original* decision which is to use the available funds budgeted and approved to proceed with any repairs to preserve it.**

**This bridge continues to provide the safest form of transit over a roadway for people of all ages and abilities, people on bicycles, families with young ones in strollers, senior citizens out for a stroll, even snowmobilers avoiding to come in contact with vehicular traffic at yet another dangerous, sloped crossing along the trail. The bridge provides the only level, uninterrupted, safe walking path in Parry Sound from The New Town Beach all the way to The Stockey Centre with ample parking on both ends.**

Comments: letter sent via email

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Name: Lee Ann Turner

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Lee Ann Turner

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**From:** [Lee-Ann Turner 705-257-8044](mailto:Lee-Ann.Turner@townofwaubano.com)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](mailto:Rebecca.Johnson@townofwaubano.com); [Lee-Ann Turner 705-257-8044](mailto:Lee-Ann.Turner@townofwaubano.com)  
**Subject:** Opposition to removal of old town beach bridge  
**Date:** July 19, 2024 3:55:05 PM

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Good afternoon Rebecca.

I am opposed to the removal of the bridge at the foot of Waubano Road, originally built in the 1920s.

I attend this area daily, to walk, clean the beach, clean garbage, and enjoy the wild life. Each of the past 4 years, I have taken sailing lessons and often swim there.

Last year a family of fishers nested under the bridge.

I offer the following comments:

1. 2009 in disrepair and discussion by town to repair.
2. 2019 required repair and STAFF recommended removal.
3. 2021 approval to repair at \$40,000 that may have actually cost \$49,000.
4. The bridge has important significance as a historical pathway and community marker. It provides a look out. A place for reflection and is a welcoming space in general. Often people stop and consider it a place of rest.
5. The bridge provides for a level pass for pedestrians, cyclists, and snow machines.
6. The bridge provides a natural barrier to the beach area.
7. The beach area has suffered flooding and washouts, a new path will suffer the same if infrastructure is not put in place to support that.
8. The beach area has parking as does the sailing club. This will be reduced should the bridge be removed.
9. Fire suppression does not require the trucks to be on the beach side of the bridge, nor does rescue. Consider this area to be an unserviced area of town unless walked in.
10. The building of infrastructure to the north can be done without the demolition of the bridge and it is short sighted to place such importance, so that the bridge be removed.
11. Development of the town should not compromise beloved access points and areas of use.
12. The town has a history of promises in relation to the waterfront trail that has been challenged and disappointing:
  - a. The Waubano beach bridge was washed out and never repaired. The Town neglected to remedy it, and left the metal frame and concrete rather than remedy. This was unfortunate and negligent on the part of the operations group.
  - b. The Fitness trail had multiple installations that were well used and enjoyed by many. The Town removed them without notice or consultation in spring two years ago and promised they would be replaced with new two years ago. No installations were replaced. On questioning this in the past few weeks, we are told they are coming.
  - c. The canteen is always considered for closing on a year to year basis. What a shame.
  - d. The lifeguard situation is always a problem at our ONE guarded beach.
  - e. The waterpark was in then it was out, then in, then finally out. In the end I agreed it was not necessary for Waubano Beach.
  - f. The town has multiple styles of garbage cans on the trail system. This shows a lack of vision and continuity. Could we not have matching garbage cans from one end to the other?
  - g. There are too few picnic tables and some years there are more than others.
13. What is the most used space in our beautiful community? The trail system. People love

it. They talk about it and they admire how we have kept it fairly natural.

14. Staff work so hard to create a beautiful space for us to swim, enjoy the park and beaches. Thank you to staff for your efforts at keeping the parks clean and cut and safe.

Many others will speak to the needs, access, engineering and logistics of having the bridge removed and the importance of keeping it.

As a community member who lives near Waubano Road, I implore the Town of Parry Sound to consider the importance of this bridge and consider the need to keep it. Is \$350k a realistic repair bill? I think not, but if it is, it is the cost of running a municipality. In the 8 years I have been walking this bridge, I have yet to meet up with a town councillor or city staff walking here. I did once see two OPP on foot patrol. Perhaps town leaders should try walking it, they may see what we all see. When walking, have a look at and replace the Waubano beach point bridge and return the trail installations.

Do not remove the bridge. Fix it, if it really needs fixing.

*Lee-Ann Turner MBA*

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Date 20 July 2024

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Comments; \_\_\_\_\_  
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① Name: Alan Reeve  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: Alan Reeve

RECEIVED JUL 22 2024

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Date 23 Jul/24

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Comments: I AGREE FULLY WITH THE ABOVE


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IMPACT MANY USERS WITH MOBILITY  
ISSUES.

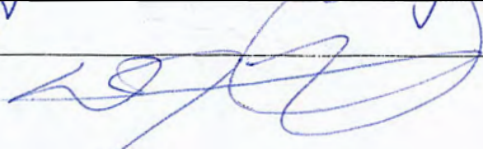
IT IS ONE OF THE FEW LEVEL WALKING  
ROUTES IN PARRY SOUND.

Name: DAVE FULLERTON

Address: 

Phone: 

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Signature: 



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Date July 23 '24

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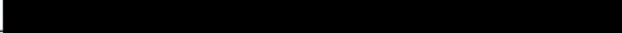
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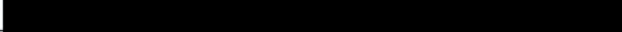
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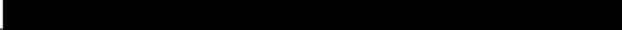
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Comments: I have noticed people stopping on the bridge to enjoy the view and take photos of this interesting landmark...  
"Meet me on the bridge"

Name: Edith Fullerton

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: E. Fullerton

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug. 1, 2024

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Comments: I agree with the part that people with mobile conditions - using wheel chairs and walkers, would have difficulty with the grade going up or down.

There would be congestion of people walking on Mauberg Rd, plus cars, snowmobiles in the winter. Summer is busy because of the sailing camp and people walking to the beach.

Name: Pat Clarke

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Pat Clarke

*We need to keep the bridge!*

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Name: Colleen McLean

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : [REDACTED]

Signature: 

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

RECEIVED JUL 31 2024

Date July 25, 2024

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Comments; \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: SHELLEY WELLMAN

Address:  SEGUIN

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Shelley Wellman

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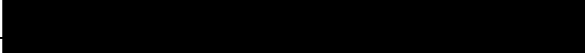
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: DENNIS WELLMAN

Address:  SEGUIN

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Dennis Wellman

July 28, 2024

**Regarding: Bridge near the Old Town Beach**

Dear Mayor McGarvey and Councillors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the preservation of the Bridge near the Old Town Beach on the Waterfront Trail in Parry Sound, with particular emphasis on maintaining the historic walking bridge that offers stunning views of Georgian Bay while keeping the walk flat, safe and accessible to all.

The Waterfront Trail is a cherished gem in our community, providing a rare flat path in our hilly landscape. Our surrounding was shaped by ancient ice age forces and therefore is very rugged. This trail weaves through lush greenery, inviting people of all ages and abilities to enjoy its natural beauty. The historic walking bridge, a reminder of the days when trains ruled, spans safely over a roadway, providing breathtaking and ever-changing views – worth the walk even in the winter.

From the bridge's elevated vantage point, one can often see young sailors honing their skills, their colorful sails dotting the horizon. This sight embodies the spirit of our community and the continuity of our environment within the biosphere. The bridge keeps the route flat and accessible, allowing people to gaze out over the beach and the Bay, revealing the four-season magnificent.

The view from the bridge is a hotspot for connections and creativity (photography and paintings) as it is unobstructed. The view offers scenes of large boats and small boats – power boats and sail boats. Many of us have captured sunsets and scenes of wonder from this bridge, trying to encapsulate the bay's raw beauty. Seeing trees clinging to the rock of the Canadian Shield, bent by the wind, reminds us of the importance of preserving this natural wonder.

The trail is a haven for dog lovers, providing a perfect setting for walking and bonding with their furry companions. These trails offer safe, scenic, and expansive paths where dogs can explore and exercise, enhancing their physical health and mental well-being. The lush greenery and picturesque views of Georgian Bay make every walk enjoyable for both pets and their owners. Additionally, these trails serve as social hubs for dog owners, fostering connections and a sense of community among like-minded individuals who share a love for their pets and the great outdoors.

Maintaining this bridge is an investment in the future, safeguarding this beloved community space for generations to come. Access to this magnificent view would be lost by the new proposal, which threatens to alter the landscape irreversibly. Now is the time to honor and protect the bridge that allows us to witness the ever-changing beauty of Georgian Bay and maintain our connection to this cherished natural wonder.

**There are so many benefits – here are the obvious ones:**

**Physical Health Benefits:**

- **Cardiovascular Health:** Walking or running on the trail improves heart health by enhancing cardiovascular endurance and the bridge means you don't need to lookout for traffic.
- **Weight Management:** Regular use of the trail helps in burning calories and maintaining a healthy weight.
- **Muscle Strength:** Walking or jogging on varied terrain strengthens muscles and improves overall physical fitness.
- **Joint Health:** Low-impact exercise on the trail can improve joint flexibility and reduce the risk of arthritis.

**Mental Health Benefits:**

- **Stress Reduction:** Spending time in nature and enjoying scenic views reduces stress and anxiety and there is no need to watch for traffic from the Stockey Centre to the new Town Beach.
- **Mood Improvement:** Physical activity releases endorphins, which can improve mood and reduce symptoms of depression.
- **Cognitive Function:** Regular exercise has been linked to better cognitive function and reduced risk of cognitive decline.

**Social Benefits:**

- **Community Engagement:** The trail serves as a safe meeting point for community members, fostering social connections and people meet and look out over the Bay than at any other point.
- **Family Time:** It provides an opportunity for families to spend quality time together in a healthy environment. Parents do not have to yell about the perils of crossing the roads – toddlers squeal as they run free (fun for all).
- **Inclusive Activity:** The trail can be used by people of all ages and fitness levels, promoting inclusivity.

**Environmental Benefits:**

- **Nature Conservation:** The trail encourages the preservation of natural landscapes and local wildlife habitats. The trail is used for educational tours and nature exploration activities for schools and community groups. Numerous is times I have personally seen classes and day camps using the trail for this purpose. Flora and fauna – anyone?
- **Environmental Awareness:** Users may develop a greater appreciation for nature and become more involved in environmental conservation efforts.

### **Economic Benefits:**

- **Tourism Attraction:** The scenic views of Georgian Bay attracts tourists, boosting local businesses. I believe that the Georgian Bay is our secret weapon!
- **Learning Population:** The availability of the Waterfront Trail and the soon-to-be West Parry Sound Recreational Trail significantly enhances our town's appeal, attracting new residents and much needed health professionals.

Removing the bridge that separates walking traffic from vehicle traffic on Waubuno Road is not advisable due to several key safety concerns. Waubuno Road is characterized by its steep (18 meters), winding nature and is well treed, which significantly reduces visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. The road's oblique angle at the intersection further complicates visibility, making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians and vice versa. This hazardous environment increases the likelihood of accidents, especially at intersections where quick decisions and clear lines of sight are crucial.

This change is not in the Master Plan for Trails. One of the Master Plan's key objectives is to avoid user conflicts and ensure safety, which this proposal contradicts. Mixing pedestrian and vehicle traffic on such a challenging road raises collision risks, particularly during peak hours or in low-light conditions. Winter ice and summer speeding further endanger shared spaces. The absence of community consultation undermines the proposal's credibility, and removing the bridge without thorough assessment threatens public safety, as it is a beloved community asset providing safe pedestrian passage.

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned that many residents, who spend their entire summer at the cottage or are fully engaged in their employment, will not even be aware of this significant change. These individuals, integral parts of our community, will not have the opportunity to voice their concerns or contribute to the discussion. It is crucial that we involve all members of our community in such important decisions to ensure that the trail, which holds such immense value to us all, is preserved and enhanced in a manner that aligns with our collective vision and needs.

I urge you to consider these multifaceted benefits and the profound impact on our community as you deliberate on the future of the Waterfront Trail and the historic walking bridge. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Linda West*



Linda West and Charlie (the dog)



July 27 2024

Ph [REDACTED]

Dale Michaelis  
[REDACTED]

Dear Jamie;

Re: "Save the Bridge" petition Fitness Trail.

Here is further "proof" of The Town's Power to Lead with "common sense"!

The Town must grow to survive so How it grows now will affect its future!

I oppose "The idea" for two Reasons:

- a) Yes a project could get "Water" as it is close by so it would not affect "The Bridge".
- b) Sewage System is already beyond its 1990 capacity so it makes no sense to pump more over there - a new plant is needed for development in that area - i.e. Imperial Oil lands.

Solution - Build a new plant for Sewage treatment - Lot 16 80+ acre parcel M1-zoning page 2

Lot 16 is in The Town limits it is "land locked" - between CNR and CPR main lines The Only road access would be over Lot 15 - privately owned no real problem "Accept" to NW McErgall Township and you know how they love to co-operate with The Town! wa.

Enter - A "Big" Picture Vision for Parry Sound and Area!

NEW! Per The City of Parry Sound aka The District of Parry Sound all Townships / Municipalities in The whole District would get a "free" - \$100,000.00 memberships in The Bayside Investors Group

Per Dale David Michaelis Founded 2012.

Town of P.S. - Signs / dates places their Seal - As Agent for The Group! Page 3



The City of Parry Sound is My Vision which will give The City more power with higher levels of the government - a larger Land Base.

This is NOT Amalgamation of Towns as all Townships keep their current Power Structures its about Co-operation - Agenda so no Real Change except "People Power"! Nobody OWNS This group each Member has The Right to Print Money as follows:

Per Town of Parry Sound

Per Seguin Township

Per McDougall Township  
etc.

The initial membership will say -

\* Per Dale David Michaelis

Founded 2012

Page 4

Per Dale David Michaelis  
founded 2012

see my first recent letter and enclosed a Free \$100,000.00 signed and dated - investment Certificate.

What you do with it is up to you - Jamie, and Council what is it worth to you - all? alts a full License to Print Money!

Per Town of Parry Sound  
Ontario Canada.

if someone wants to INVEST in Parry Sound do you have a any better Vehicle? No Debt, or we any repayment? Note your new Membership Certificate - investors simply make their cheques payable to - The Town of Parry Sound Re B16. "B16" - is our Logo! Because Potential is Big! With No Limits all based on - NET WORTH!

Dale M.



P.S. Page 1

Jamie - you have credibility with other Municipalities, governments on a personal level in most cases so you are - The Man! ha

The Baywick aluvestors Group is just that - Per Defines the Member Entity land location.

It will be Printing some more Certificates - Some as:

Per Dale David Meeheli  
Founded 2012

Per Town of Parry Sound  
Ontario Canada

In Both cases - Town is Agent for The Group - Your Signatures / Dated and affixed Seal / Stamp Says Secured by Town NET Worth - Same goes with all Member / Municipalities! They Sign / date / and Seal based on their Net Worth!

P.S. page 2



Memberships are great for Projects!  
I prefer - Non-Profit style Housing  
like here at 21 Bowes St. I never  
have liked "The Condo Concept" - it  
promotes greed! All you really get  
is an apartment unit - a tax bill  
and maintenance fees! Developers get  
rich while we all pay!

Memberships - as an asset can  
give anyone - "Access to Money" - because  
its Based on NET WORTH not a  
persons ability to repay - So a Town  
like Perry Sound could - GIVE out  
free \$100K Certificates to Build an  
apartment complex - Suites/units  
at Market Value - Condo comparable  
family of 4 - could Borrow to  
invest using their new assets \$400K  
as Reverse investment with the Project  
they repay the Bank Loan - Bank  
holds The Certificates - Based on  
Towns Net Worth - P.3 Page 3



P.S. Page 3

As is mentioned in one of my letters  
This Procedure would have to "Be tested"  
to see if a Lender will accept the asset  
as Security - They Hold get 10% ann  
growth as well in the event of a  
Default - The Money is - Out / gone  
into a project - Personally it is NOT  
a fan of - Private Land Ownership!  
Who really owns The Land? First  
Nations Claim they Do - Possession is  
9/10ths of The Law? Control is Ownership  
we Pay for - So we Leave Space or  
Money - So as costs rise we can  
Print More Money - or Access to Money  
to remove Stress of Living - Memberships  
are Printing Money - Based on NET  
WORTH - not Market Values as  
there are No Sales in The Group  
Agenda! Vendor / Members use their  
properties Net worth to The Group  
So much more!  
Dale

**From:** [Marianne King-Wilson](#)  
**To:** [George Ashford](#); [Joe Beleskey](#); [Paul Borneman](#); [Bonnie Keith](#); [Doug McCann](#); [Chris McDonald](#); [Public Works \(general purpose\)](#); [Jamie McGarvey](#); [Jamie McGarvey](#); [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Waubuno Road Bridge  
**Date:** August 28, 2024 1:10:54 PM

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To Mayor and Council

This bridge has held a special place in my heart since I was a child, when steam locomotives trundled along the spur line. Even then, we used that railbed to get to the beach. Today, with limited mobility, its level path is the safest walk in town.

I also share the Town's interest in developing the north end properties. Added assessment is essential for the community to grow.

However, I cannot agree that removing the Waubuno Road Bridge is the answer to servicing that development. Too much of Parry Sound's heritage value has been lost, beyond the control of the municipality. This is within your control.

Heritage buildings in some places have strict controls on repairs and replacements. If, for example, your building has a 400-year old beam as its mantel, you must replace it with another 400-year-old beam.

Our local heritage rules provide for a replacement with like appearance. If it looks exactly the same, the heritage is considered respected and preserved. .

In many parts of the world, faltering beloved structures are shored up with modern supports, leaving the original façade; therefore, identical appearance but the supporting structure unseen, sound and safe.

My first thought was to rebuild and reinforce the bridge with concrete and steel, but reface by returning the beams, pillars and planks that make its appearance so special.

Surely there is a long enough span of new materials, for light traffic, that a new support could be hidden from view.

Looking at the Waubuno Bridge, its enormous sloping pillars and beams are striking and distinctive. The angle of the road places them in full view as one slows on the approach from either side.

Behind them in profile, the abutments appear to be shored up by rocks.

Could not the deck be supported by concrete and steel abutments painted or disguised to recede from view, wings grass-covered, and with a facade of the huge timbers just as they are now, but supporting nothing, yet presenting the same much-loved heritage appearance to passersby.

As for the deck span, possibly place the new indestructible materials, but present a wooden appearance using existing materials to disguise the replacement.

Speaking only for myself, what I do want to see at first glance is the evidence of the century old construction exactly as it greets the eye today, the massive wooden pillars, beams and timbers of railway heritage.

Thank you for offering the opportunity for public comment.

Sincerely,

Marianne King-Wilson

T: [REDACTED]

Alternate email:

[REDACTED]

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug. 6, 2024

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Comments: It seems very short sighted of the town to change one of the few areas left in town with waterfront views and accessibility for the people of the area who make use of "THE TRAIL" every day of the year. Because it is so level people of all ages and stages of mobility and health issues are able to enjoy the beauty and friendliness of our town.

Name: Kathy Paulove

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature: Kathy Paulove

Why would the town want to make access so difficult for so many!



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Comments:

Replacing the bridge with a dip on the trail will be very problematic for people pushing wheelchairs up and down a 5% grade. Try it with a 200lb passenger.

The cost for changing the elevation of the trail will be very expensive. Lights re done, blasting rock, erosion, maintenance all unnecessary cost.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Ray Pauline

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

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I chose to build a house and move to Parry Sound a few years ago. I chose Parry Sound solely because of the beauty and appeal of the Big Sound and the easy access to the Fitness Trail. By using local suppliers and contractors, I believe that I contributed to the economic well-being of Parry Sound. Removing the icon and historic trestle bridge and making the Fitness Trail less navigable for all is short sighted. It takes away from what Parry Sound has achieved in developing its natural beauty and access to it. I sincerely hope that Council will undertake the necessary repairs to the bridge and dispense with any removal so that this bridge will serve users for many, many years to come.

Name: SUSANNE POWELL

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Signature]

**CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF  
THE OLD TOWN BEACH BRIDGE**

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Kim Burton

[Redacted address line]

Phone: [Redacted]

email: [Redacted]

Signature: 

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Comments: I have 2 children & we spend lots of time on the trail as they were growing up.  
Taking down the bridge would be terrible for all the children also.

Name: Michelle Hudolin

Address: [REDACTED], McDougall

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Michelle Hudolin



# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug. 13/24

To our Mayor and Council

Town of Parry Sound

52 Seguin St., Parry Sound, P2A 1B4

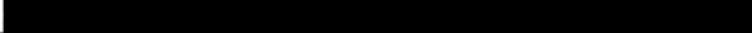
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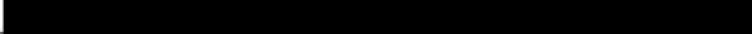
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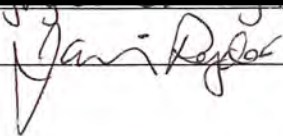
I am very concerned about plans to tear down the  
Town Beach bridge. I frequently use the fitness trail  
& it is a unique natural feature of our town that  
a recent visitor from Arizona thoroughly appreciated.  
The bridge was one aspect she particularly enjoyed. Please don't  
replace the charm of our town!

Name: JANIS RYDER

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Name: Mark Fyde

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Signature: 

August 28, 2024

To our Mayor and Council

Cc: Rebecca Johnson

Town of Parry Sound 52 Seguin St., Parry Sound, ON P2A 1B4

I am writing as a concerned resident and taxpayer of Parry Sound.

Even though my letter will most likely fall on deaf ears, although forever hopeful in our country of free speech and democracy without fear of repercussions, I will write:

Save the historic Old Town Beach Bridge.

Save the sailing club site from being purchased by developers.

Save the Old Town Beach as a public beach for the use of All the people of the community.

Save the trail from development of business's, homes or condominiums being built along side of it. Save our trees and nature along it.

Jamie McGarvey - I read you postponed the vote for the Old Town Beach Bridge until September 3, 2024 in order to get public input. I attended the Town Council meeting on August 13th. I feel that this is just a formality and you are paying lip service to us, as you also asked for public input for the Lighthouse condominiums before they went up and the vote also to change the zoning behind the daycare on Waubeek Street to high density. In both these cases the public, a great number of residents of Parry Sound, opposed both situations and although you, the Mayor and Council may have heard what we said you did not implement anything that was written, voiced and put forward at the council meetings.

In the case of the Lighthouse Condominiums, it was spoken at the meeting that we needed affordable housing. For most people in our town they are not affordable and did not help the housing situation. Also, they were built to a height that blocked some of the existing Town residents in the Beacon View Apartments to lose their view of Georgian Bay. The Heartbreak for the people in Beacon View still reverberates today in the community. Their views of the Bay should have been protected by our Council. Also, the greater public has lost the nature and peace at that end of the trail.

Now, you are asking again for input on the old town beach bridge. As this town council is not open and transparent in their intentions of future development, I am also addressing in this letter the infrastructure that may be proposed to be put in under our Trail for future development and the protection of the use of the Old Town Beach for the public.

To most of us, again, I reiterate this is just lip service you are paying us. Most of the residents of our town have lost faith in you, as our mayor and all of our Town Council, with the exception of one council member, the only council member that kept his campaign word opposing the change in the official plan to high density on the vote for the zoning change behind the daycare on Waubeek Street.

Much thought, letters, petitions, and emotions have gone into our input which was unheeded by Council. It has become apparent that even though you ask for input from your tax paying citizens, some



who voted you into office, decisions have already been made. This feels like a repeat of your past performances. A great number of the people of Parry Sound have lost all trust because you have displayed to not be people of your word and we have come to believe that you do not have the best interest of the residents of Parry Sound in your thoughts and actions at all.

It has, sadly, become all about money and not preserving nature and keeping our 'Green Space' and the things we love about our town and that which brings tourists to our town, for that matter.

Jamie, do not let the good you have done in years past be overshadowed by your decisions in the last few years. To the majority of the residents of Parry Sound, you are becoming known as a mayor whose 'Values' support the Developers and allows building for those with monetary wealth to increase the tax base, without any thought to Nature preservation and the environment and if it continues will be remembered as such. We will hope you change the course you are on and not continue to be a mayor along with your council unable to take a stand for what is right in protecting our green space and caring for the residents of Parry Sound.

Even though development is inevitable, wisdom and foresight is necessary in protecting the environment and the community. It seems the message our town portrays is: *'Parry Sound is up for sale. If you have the money, then come and talk to us because you can get what you want at the expense of the community'*.

It is disheartening. If this proposal goes through and future building along our Trail, if this is what is in your sights, it will affect not only the residents of Parry Sound for health and well-being both physically and emotionally, but, also, the many thousands of tourists who come to enjoy and find peace on our Trail along the shores of Georgian Bay. If you continue to destroy the nature along our Trail it will be forever lost to future Generations long after we are gone.

Sincerely,

Julie Chiamonte



August 6, 2024

Mayor and Council  
Town of Parry Sound  
52 Seguin Street  
Parry Sound, ON P2A 1B4

Speaking on behalf of all aging veterans in our town, the Algonquin Regiment Veterans' Association strongly objects to the Town's Public Works recommendation to remove the footbridge over Waubuno Rd. on that trail which was named in 1991 to honour Algonquin Regiment veterans. We agree with and support Parry Sound Council's original decision to use the available funds to proceed with repairs to preserve the bridge, this expenditure in accordance with the Town's 2024 Capital Budget, as passed in April 2024.

The Waubuno footbridge provides the safest form of transit over a roadway for people of all ages and abilities. We especially speak for senior citizens whose frailties and declining physical strength consider being on the Trail as one of the last outdoor activities they can still manage safely. What seems a gentle slope to Public Works is a daunting obstacle to we who use canes or motorized scooters. There is always added concern when the weather changes and the elderly have to guard against slipping on wet leaves or thin slicks of ice. With care and concentration, we can manage those things, but add the danger of slope, and many of us forego our walk or do only a half-walk. We also appreciate the bridge as a natural stopping place mid-walk or mid-ride. It's a place that provides us with an opportunity to enjoy a view of the Bay, and more often a chance to have a conversation with younger people on the trail. The bridge is a nice place to rest and socialize. With the inclusion of the footbridge, we know will be able to enjoy a safe walking path, with the added bonus of parking at both ends, Stockey Centre and New Town Beach.

For those of us who have lived in this town for seven, eight, maybe even nine decades, we ask that the Waubuno footbridge continue to be repaired, not just for us, but for our children and grandchildren. That little bridge is an important part of Parry Sound history.

Respectfully

Algonquin Regiment Veterans' Association (ARVA)  
c/o S. E. Patterson  
40 Church Street, Parry Sound P2A 1Y5

**From:** [Carly Beaton](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition  
**Date:** July 12, 2024 10:28:35 AM

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I am opposing the demolition of the parry sound bridge at the old Town Beach in parry sound.

This is a historical part of Parry Sound and I regularly walk the trail and cross this beautiful bridge and I know for a fact it is a huge tourist attraction and a beloved part of parry sound. This would upset a lot of people if it was taken away.

Thank you.



Carling Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club  
109 Shebeshekong Road S  
Nobel, ON  
POG 1G0

Aug 9, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Let it be known that our organization is against removing the historical rail bridge on the fitness trail.

The trail is currently being maintained in the winter by us, allowing for a connection between local businesses and winter tourists, and between town residents and snowmobile trails. It also allows for pedestrians, skiers, and other trail enthusiasts to enjoy the trail in the wintertime, free of cost to the town. It is important for the safety of all users, as well as our equipment and operators to maintain a level crossing over Waubuno Road.

We believe that fixing the bridge, instead of removing it, is the safest and most beneficial route for all parties moving forward.

Sincerely,



Brad Zdriluk  
President  
Carling Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club

**From:** [Judy Christenson](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Pedestrian bridge on waterfront trail  
**Date:** July 13, 2024 11:54:58 AM

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Please keep the bridge. It is a great place to pause, rest & enjoy the view. Without the bridge the trail will cross a sometimes busy road. Cars coming and going to the beach and to the Sailing Club. I can't imagine an easy, safe way to deal with that crossing. Little kids ride their bikes along there, having a level trail is better for young and old alike. Is the town envisioning stop signs for pedestrians using the trail? I'm sure runners appreciate the unimpeded stretch of trail as it is. I read somewhere a mention of the ongoing maintenance costs if the bridge is kept? Surely a sturdy, reinforced bridge that is only used by foot or bicycle traffic would not have a lot of maintenance costs?

Thank you for investigating the situation further and taking the views of the public into account.

Judy Christenson

**From:** [vicki christie](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** bridge at old town beach  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 10:39:12 PM

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Hello please forward my below comments to council and the mayor regarding the upcoming conversation of removing the bridge by the old town beach. I walked the Fitness trail almost nightly from Spring to Fall. During this time I come across many local residents, new residents, and tourists. During the warmer months you will often find many families swimming at the what is known by locals as the old town beach. You will also notably see many people standing on the bridge looking out over the water. It is a unique feature for our town. Another although not as noticeable value of this bridge is what it brings to the Fitness trail walk. It allows the walk to be level with no large slopes or Hills. This is important for people with medical needs, and accessibility. If you were to remove the bridge this would mean that people in wheelchairs, or that use different ways of Mobility would Now find the Fitness trail unaccessible to them. This would be Beyond unfortunate and unnecessary. I am hoping that you will come to the same conclusion that the bridge needs to remain. Thank you Vicki Christie



**From:** [Lynne Dagg](#)  
**To:** [Public Works \(general purpose\)](#); [Rebecca Johnson](#); [saveoldtownbeachbridge@gmail.com](mailto:saveoldtownbeachbridge@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Waubuno Bridge at Old Town Beach  
**Date:** August 20, 2024 12:45:38 PM

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Hello All,

I am a 74 year young resident of Parry Sound. I was born at the General Hospital in 1950. My parents moved here in 1946, and built the original Holiday Cove Resorts which they operated for many years until my Dad lost his job at Orenda Engines in Nobel. They sold that enterprise, and then my Dad built the original Dairy Queen on Church Street in Parry Sound. He spent his last 16 years working at the Parry Sound Post Office. My mom worked at Georgian Bay Airways as a bookkeeper/accountant, and then relocated to the former Municipal Assessment Office on Miller Street, then moved on to the Lands Registry Office until her retirement.

I worked at McVey's Drug Store, Pollard's Drug Store, and Powell and Cunningham Law Office until I decided to return to Post-secondary education in Sudbury, ON. Although I moved away from this wonderful town, I always longed to return, and was finally able to do so in 2010.

Many wonderful moments of my childhood were spent at the Old Town Beach taking swimming lessons and enjoying the relaxing times of early teen years at the beach. I remember the old 'snack shack' that was there, but mostly I remember the Waubuno Bridge. I cannot overestimate the joy that bridge continues to bring to me as I walk the fitness trail with my dog Daisy, and with visitors who come to this area and are continually amazed at the beauty of the location.

I am heartsick at the possibility of losing another part of this beautiful town's history! It is the positive moments of our youth that help to keep active seniors in a good place both mentally and physically.

Please listen with open ears to the public's request to keep this bridge intact as best as possible. It is not always the 'bottom line' that provides the best result in many endeavours.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Dagg, (formerly Bartlett)

**From:** [Cindy Elwes](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Waubano Bridge  
**Date:** July 12, 2024 10:53:43 AM

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Dear Ms. Johnson,

I am not a “local” and by that, I mean I was not born in Parry Sound. That seems to be the determining factor among “locals” as to who is a local and who is not. However, I am a very long term, year round resident who chose to move her family here almost 21 years ago. My husband and I were looking for a quieter, more simple life for our young family and when a job came up in Parry Sound, we jumped at the chance to make this town our home.

We love living in Parry Sound and though we miss the conveniences of southern Ontario, we wouldn't go back! One of our favourite things about Parry Sound is the fitness trail. We walk it almost daily and are always thankful that we get to live in this beautiful place.

As you know, there is much community speculation (gossip!) about the plans for the bridge over Waubano Road that allows the fitness trail to cross the road. I am not one to respond to gossip, however, I do want to take the time to express some thoughts and concerns about the future of this bridge.

Firstly, the Waubano bridge is a part of our town's history and heritage. I teach school in town and I can assure you that most children do not know anything about the town's history of logging. This bridge is a “living, breathing” example of that history and it would be a shame to lose it.

Secondly, if the bridge is becoming unsafe, there is absolutely a need to correct that situation. There are many options, I am sure, that would allow the reinforcement and repairs necessary while still maintaining the historical nature of the bridge itself.

Thirdly, there is talk of removing the bridge and grading the trail so it crosses on the roadway. While I can see some benefit to doing this (eg widening the road so that two vehicles can pass), I have serious concerns about this. As a regular user of the fitness trail, I can assure you that crossing the roadway at the “new beach” is like taking your life into your hands! Drivers do not stop for pedestrians and often are driving far too quickly for the area they are in. I fear that will be the case should the bridge be removed at Waubano Road. With our town being a tourist destination, we have many, many visitors driving on our streets who are not familiar with the area. We also have visitors walking the trail who are not familiar with the area. Avoiding a potentially dangerous situation is in the best interest of everyone.

Fourthly, our town is brimming with seniors who enjoy using the fitness trail. It is one of the only forms of exercise available to the general public. Adding an incline and a decline will make the trail far less accessible for anyone with mobility issues. Even those who use motorized scooters and such may have difficulty navigating the trail without the bridge. A good heavy rainfall could also cause erosion on a slope, resulting in increased work required by the town to maintain the trail. A good example of this is the end of the trail that was modified at the Salt Dock entrance when the condominium building was built. It is perpetually washed out and often difficult to navigate.

And lastly, the bridge that was taken out by a storm many, many years ago that goes out to the “point” at the new beach has yet to be replaced. Perhaps focusing our efforts on making that area accessible would be a good use of time and money.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. If you would like to further discuss any of my points, please reach out.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Elwes

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Malcolm Fraser](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** footbridge  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 5:17:54 PM

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Please consider the letters to save the bridge.  
thank you, Malcolm Fraser, [REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook](#)

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**From:** [Nancy Fraser](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Cc:** [Nancy Fraser](#)  
**Subject:** Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 7:02:06 PM

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Please let Council know that people are vehemently opposed to the removal of this revered and historic bridge. Parry Sound has already lost so much of its historical heritage because of short-sighted decisions. We cannot afford to lose anymore.

Nancy Fraser

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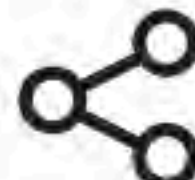
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"Don't waste life in doubts and fears; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour's duties will be the best preparation for the hours and ages that will follow it".

Ralph Waldo Emerson





## Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 23, 2024

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**This bridge is part of the towns history and should be preserved as a landmark for all to enjoy in many different ways. I dispute the towns need to remove the bridge for service emergency vehicles as they can drive the trail and there is already an existing slope down that can be used. This bridge is special and necessary for all generations**

Name: Shannon Harris

Address: [Redacted] Hilton Beach ON

Phone: [Redacted]

Email : [Redacted]

Signature: Shannon Harris



**From:** [Patricia Madigan](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Historic bridge  
**Date:** July 18, 2024 9:41:20 AM

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Good morning, Ms. Johnson,

I understand that the town of Parry Sound is planning on removing the historic bridge on the fitness trail, and forcing pedestrians and cyclists to cross yet another road. How many does that make? We are slowly but surely losing the history of our town. That bridge has likely been there for over a hundred years, and yet the town has no budget to repair it, even though they are wasting millions on a pool, when we already live on the Georgian Bay. That is so shortsighted. We are exchanging history for something new and flashy. I just hope that you will reconsider the repercussions of your decision.

A very concerned citizen and taxpayer,

Pat Madigan

**From:** [Melissa McKeown](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Waubano Rd Pedestrian/rec. trail Brdge  
**Date:** July 16, 2024 6:47:27 PM

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Hi Rebecca,

As a resident & tax payer I am writing this email to share my opposition to the removal the pedestrian/fitness trail bridge located over Waubamuk Rd. It is my understanding that there is a proposal to demolish it to “make things easier” for future development. It is also my understanding that it may be in need of some repair; if that is the case I hope that the town has inquired with parties that utilize this bridge such as snowmobile clubs and the Park to Park Trail association - I understand from parties involved that they (Park to Park trail) have money to spend. In either case, I don't feel as though enough public consultation has gone into this decision given the significance of this bridge to Parry Sound's history and landscape.

Sincerely,

Melissa McKeown,  
Parry Sound Resident & Tax Payer





# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date August 1, 2024

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Name: Colleen McLean

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:  \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_



**From:** [Braeden Monks](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Concern Regarding Removal of Historic Walking Bridge on Avenue Street  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 3:19:13 PM

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Dear Rebecca Johnson,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the proposed removal of the fitness trail historic walking bridge crossing Avenue Street in Parry Sound. This bridge holds significant historical and cultural value for our community, and its removal would be a great loss for future generations.

The walking bridge has been a cherished landmark in our town for many years, providing a safe and convenient passage for pedestrians and cyclists. Its unique design and historical significance make it a valuable asset to our community, and its removal would not only disrupt the aesthetic appeal of the area but also erase a part of our town's history.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to remove the walking bridge and instead explore alternative solutions that would preserve this important piece of our heritage. I believe that with proper maintenance and restoration, the bridge can continue to serve as a symbol of our town's rich history and enhance the beauty of our community.

I understand that there may be practical reasons for the removal of the bridge, but I believe that with careful planning and community input, we can find a solution that meets the needs of all stakeholders while preserving this important piece of our town's history.

I urge you to consider the long-term implications of removing the walking bridge and to work towards finding a solution that honors our town's heritage and values. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,  
Braeden Monks.

**From:** [Susan Patterson-Heder](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Cc:** [Jamie McGarvey](#); [George Ashford](#); [Joe Beleskey](#); [Paul Borneman](#); [Bonnie Keith](#); [Doug McCann](#); [Chris McDonald](#)  
**Subject:** Not in Favour of Proposed Removal of Waubuno Footbridge  
**Date:** June 27, 2024 11:34:59 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members of Town of Parry Sound

Re: **Not in Favour of Proposed Removal of Waubuno Footbridge**

We are not in favour of the recommendation to remove the Waubuno Footbridge, and to replace it with a sloping (5%) path.

We are an elderly couple, residents of Parry Sound since 2008, though our connection to the Town goes back generations. Stephen walks twice a day, morning and afternoon on the Trail. Susan walks less often, but still several times a week. Stephen has mobility and balance issues and walks slowly with a cane or walking sticks. Susan has peripheral neuropathy in her feet which makes walking painful, but can manage walking on a level surface. We used to walk the many rugged trails in and around Town, but with age and diminished physical abilities, that is no longer possible. The Fitness Trail is the last trail we can manage, and we love that it is level and has a comfortable walking service.

The Recommendation Background states that its considerations are financial and operational, but gives no consideration to the value of the footbridge to taxpayers, and by value, we are referring to accessibility for those with mobility changes, parents with strollers, and the pleasure we all enjoy in walking along a flat, well-surfaced pathway. Many appreciate not just the historic but also the nostalgic value of the trail and footbridge. The footbridge also has a value as a stopping place where conversations take place, an opportunity for the human interactions that are so important to our health and wellbeing.

It is our position that most taxpayers would be more than willing to pay for town amenities that are useful and give them pleasure. Put a different way, taxpayers would be very upset with the Town if the footbridge were removed and replaced with a sloping pathway, which will be more difficult for mobility challenged and older walkers, as well as parents pushing strollers.

We'd like to look a bit more closely at the advantages and/or disadvantages presented, which do not mention human utility of pleasure, but focus on financial and operational points.

**Removal (\$150K - \$200K) provides a cost savings over rehabilitation AND requirement for bi-annual engineering inspections is removed.** We don't know if you've provided enough information to the public to prove that this is a good reason. Does this cost include the removal AND also the realignment of the trail to produce the

5% grade drop level crossing? Does the report's "cost" include the higher probability of slip and fall in winter (insurance/litigation). Somewhere there is a reference to snowmobile use over the footbridge, so we ask, is the need to support the weight of snowmobiles on the footbridge inflating the cost to maintain and replace the bridge? If so, we ask why a greatly diminished use of snowmobiles (given recent weather), should impact the replacement/repair costs of a bridge that is used daily by walkers.

**Minimal overall disruption in the use of the Fitness Trail** – We disagree. We know what a 5% gradient means. How extra many feet will people have to walk on this 5% gradient to bypass the Waubuno crossing? The 5% gradient will be challenging, possibly even dangerous for some walkers. Has the Town considered the higher risk of slip and fall on a slope in winter? Further, some people will avoid that section of the trail, both winter and summer, in order to avoid the slope and extra steps. Since the footbridge is in the middle of the trail, people who used to walk the whole trail, might choose to walk half the trail and turn back. The sloping path would surely be a significant disruption in the use of the Fitness Trail.

**Removes the barrier to emergency and service vehicles** – We disagree. Currently ambulances can reach Old Town Beach, so this isn't about ambulances. Is it about firetrucks? If so, what is the probability of the sailing school or a plastic portapotty catching fire? Is the probability of fire and the necessity for large emergency vehicles so great that removing the footbridge is justified? We don't think so. Further, if such large vehicles need access the Old Town Beach, there is alternate access from the Coast Guard Station driveway, turn left on the Trail and bear right to the beach. The minimal need for large emergency or service vehicles on the Beach is not sufficient reason to remove the footbridge.

**Removal ensures a viable infrastructure corridor exists to permit development of vacant lands in the North section of Town** – We have to admit I was a bit perplexed by this reason. What development? What service infrastructure? The water treatment plant is far to the north of the footbridge, so it can't be water and sewage. Is it natural gas? Is it electricity? Why is it that one of the things we love the most about living in Parry Sound has to be sacrificed for development. Please find a different way to route the infrastructure.

**Rehabilitate the bridge and investigate further possible deficiencies** – This option is presented as something to be avoided, costly, both now and in the future. Yet who hasn't admired an older home or even bought one, knowing there will be a higher cost to maintain such a home. Our family owned a big old house on Belvedere for a long time. The pleasure of owning something old makes the cost worthwhile. We love the Waubuno footbridge. It connects us to our past, both historical and personal, and for us, we don't begrudge the cost for replacing and/or maintaining it.

We respectfully ask that Town of Parry Sound repair the Waubuno footbridge now and not remove it, and commit to a regular and thorough maintenance program in future years. We ask this not just for our sake, but for the sake of our children and grandchildren. We want to leave some of the history of Parry Sound to them.

Susan and Stephen Héder

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**From:** [Gail Payne](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Rotary Fitness Trail Bridge at Waubuno Road  
**Date:** July 18, 2024 5:30:24 PM

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Dear Mayor McGarvey & Councillors:

I am a senior who lives at the Salt Dock and uses the Rotary Fitness Trail and bridge regularly. I use trekking poles because of my hip replacement and I would not like to see the bridge removed. I would not be able to walk up and down steep hills. I enjoy the scenery from the bridge and I enjoy stopping for a few minutes to talk to people on the bridge. My family also uses the bridge and enjoys it. I think it is part of the History of Parry Sound and should be kept.

Thank you for your consideration to keep the bridge repaired and not replaced.

Gail Payne  


July 18 2024



ROTARY CLUB OF PARRY SOUND

Mayor McGarvey & Council  
52 Seguin St.  
Parry Sound, ON

Rotary Club of Parry Sound  
Box 244  
Parry Sound, ON

Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Mayor McGarvey,

I am writing on behalf of the Rotary Club of Parry Sound to express our desire to see the Old Town Beach Bridge preserved and maintained. The bridge is an important feature of the Rotary and Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail

Since 1991 Rotary has been honoured to share the namesake of the Fitness Trail with The Algonquin Regiment, and we are proud to have been an integral partner in establishing the trail which includes the historic bridge.

Rotary is confident you will see the overwhelming support of the community to save this bridge as a sign of its' significance and importance. We trust you will work with staff and other partners to ensure the continuity of the trail and preservation of the bridge.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Williams", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Dave Williams  
President  
Rotary Club of Parry Sound



**From:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Fitness trail bridge over Waubuno Road  
**Date:** August 28, 2024 12:23:36 PM

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**From:** Matt Simmons <[mattjsimmons22@outlook.com](mailto:mattjsimmons22@outlook.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 10:33 AM  
**To:** Planning <[planning@parrysound.ca](mailto:planning@parrysound.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fitness trail bridge over Waubuno Road

Hello! if this is not the right department for this inquiry, please redirect.

I ran into Mr McGarvey yesterday and asked him, how do I give my feedback on this issue? He told me he thought there was somewhere on the Website to do so. I cannot find it. I understand he had made a motion to collect public feedback on this as its potential removal strikes the heart of a lot of people, am I am certainly one of those who vehemently objects and will do whatever I can to see that it stays, and whatever restoration is needed is completed. If there is someone collecting or somewhere to provide this feedback, please advise.

Also, is there any way I can access further details of this proposal and all the reasons behind it before the next council meeting on this subject in September? I was at the Old Town Beach when the bridge was being surveyed so I know there has already been some movement on this.

My reasons are completely expressed in a letter written by Susan Patterson of Parry Sound, link below



Thank you,  
Matt Simmons



Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [stan simmons](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Save Our Foot Bridge!  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 1:06:20 PM

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Dear Rebecca:

Please let me add my voice to what I hope is a growing chorus in opposition to the destruction of our lovely foot bridge. I walk the Fitness Trail almost every day and always pause on the footbridge to take in the Bay. I see many others do that too and stop to chat.

I moved to Parry Sound last August just because of things like the fitness trail and waterfront, and I love that oil railway bridge. It would be such a shame to see it go as it adds so much to the character of the trail, and I'm sure it makes a very favourable impact on the many tourists I see walking the path. Loss of the bridge will make Parry Sound visits less attractive.

Please allow the people of Parry Sound time to react to this before you do anything drastic -- I only just heard about this TODAY, I regularly get Parry Sound newsletter and this is the first I have heard of this proposal! Please publicize the projected costs of maintenance versus its replacement with a sloped path (creating yet another traffic hazard to people on the path). I'm sure enough people love that bridge that a special Town website Save Our Bridge could be set up for donations. It would help if the site could take taxpayer roll numbers and add a donation amount (maybe fixed at \$50 dollars a year) to the tax bill for residents who sign up to support keeping the bridge.

Sincerely,

Stan Simmons

**From:** [Susan Telford](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** This would certainly be a tragedy  
**Date:** July 18, 2024 10:47:42 AM

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I have walked as so many others the fitness trail and have lingered at the bridge .  
The separation between the path and the bathers is important and unique . I fail to see any argument for its  
destruction . It would loose the charm and would be harder for those who like the continual flat , even path . I am  
against the plans to renew the bridge.

Sincerely  
Susan Telford  
Sent from my iPhone  
Susan Telford

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 25, 2024

To our Mayor and Council

Town of Parry Sound

52 Seguin St., Parry Sound, P2A 1B4

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Comments:

*I see no reason to change the existing bridge - it is functioning very well as it is.*

*I see no reason to spend more Tax Payers money on changing it - putting in a new bridge.*

Name: Debra Tonkin

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: W/A.

Signature: Debra Tonkin



Mayor and Council  
Town of Parry Sound  
52 Seguin Street  
Parry Sound, ON, P2A 1B4

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing to share my views on an important matter for Parry Sound residents and visitors. Specifically, I am concerned about the potential removal of the wood deck bridge on the Rotary Algonquin Regiment Fitness Trail.

While my wife and I live in North Bay, we have travelled to Parry Sound many times for business and pleasure. A highlight for us is the waterfront fitness trail. We are fortunate to have accessible trails in North Bay and area but the Parry Sound trail is exceptional. The foresight to plan and implement this trail in order capture the views and nature in this area was commendable. The wooden deck bridge is a significant feature. As a person who has severe arthritis (knee requiring brace and a cane to ambulate), I enjoy this trail. I appreciate the bridge as it maintains a level pathway without having to add another level crossing of a roadway. I understand that the removal of the bridge with ramps either side of a level road crossing is under consideration.

My research reveals that this level crossing and with the approach ramps would be "to code." This, of course is an imperative. However, I know from personal experience that walking across a level bridge is easier than a path that declines then rises plus negotiating any traffic at the level crossing.

As well, I understand that this bridge is a remnant of the original railway right of way. It would be unfortunate to lose this historical connection.

I appreciate your willingness to receive my correspondence. I wish you the very best in your deliberations.

**Colin Vickers** 

A grateful stem cell recipient [blood.ca/rotary](http://blood.ca/rotary)  
[LinkedIn/Colin Vickers North Bay](#)

cc: David Brunton, CHS, LPOB, RIS



**From:** [Bill Webster](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Waubino bridge  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 12:40:53 PM

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Hi Becky: Bill Webster here.

I trust that you are well. It's been a while. :)

The proposed bridge removal at the foot of Waubino is raising red flags for me. I am very much opposed to the bridge's removal firstly and secondly the removal is the tip of a very large iceberg. And I would very much appreciate knowing the nature of the iceberg.

What is the town staff's intention for our quiet neighborhood?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Be Joyful

Bill

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Trudi](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Bridge  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 8:45:42 PM

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Leave the bridge on the fitness trail alone.

Every Storm Runs Out Of Rain

Trudi Weeks

**From:** [Lesley Young-Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Waubuno Rd Foot bridge  
**Date:** July 17, 2024 9:47:53 AM

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Good morning Mayor, Councillors, and Ms Johnson,

In the June 18th council meeting a motion was made to postpone the decision regarding the recommendation of the removal of the structure over Waubuno Rd on the fitness trail, until the September 3 meeting. There was direction “that council provide the opportunity for public consultation on the proposed project before further deliberation or decision making takes place.”

It is now July 17, and I as well as others I have spoken with have not seen any information regarding public consultation.

I have questions and concerns...in particular regarding the 2024 budget where the bridge repair is listed with funding covered by federal and provincial funds of \$350,000. This is also the expected repair cost estimate given in the report. Is this not an approved item that Council has already passed? It appears to have been inspected twice now and both times found within budget.

What is an infrastructure corridor?

Why run sewer and water along the trail for north end development, instead of closer to existing lines?

How is making a level crossing for cars more safe for pedestrians and bikers when currently pedestrians go over the road via a foot bridge, which is inherently safer?

I am opposed to the removal of this bridge and I would like to know where you stand on this issue. I am looking forward to your support and response.

Lesley Kennedy  
Tax payer  
Fitness trail user

**From:** [Mary Youngs](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Date:** July 11, 2024 9:51:55 PM

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Hello,

I'm writing to voice my opinion that the fitness trail bridge should remain in place. I grew up on Waubeek Street, right up the street from the bridge. Now, 40 years later, I was devastated to hear about plans to remove it. It's a place for memories, pictures, and one of my girls' favourite places to cross.

"Mom, can we bike across the bridge?"

"You know that beach with the bridge?"

"Have you seen the view from that bridge ..."

Please let the next generation enjoy it. It's an important landmark.

Mary Youngs

Sent from my iPhone



# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug. 9, 2024

To our Mayor and Council

Town of Parry Sound

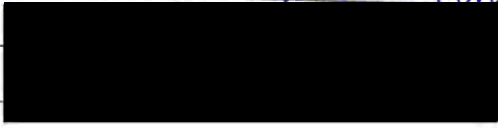
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Name: Elizabeth Maxwell - Turanski

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: E. Maxwell - Turanski

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Comments: Keeping seniors walking is very important!  
Access to community (LOCAL) trails keeps  
people socializing, moving and active!

Name: Aynsley Maxwell

Address: [REDACTED] Newmarket ONT

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: A. Maxwell

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Comments: keep the fitness trail accessible to those of varying abilities.

Name: Lindsay North

Address: [REDACTED] McDougall

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Lindsay North



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Name:

*Jane S. Anant*

Address:

[Redacted]

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

*J. Anant*



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Name: Athena Mintz

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: AM

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Name: BEN MCKINNON

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug 26/2021

To our Mayor and Council

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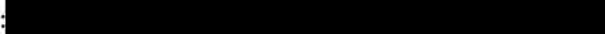
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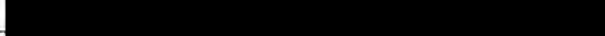
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Comments: Please leave the bridge as it is and fix it  
using the funds already set aside for it.  
Put the infrastructure somewhere else  
where it doesn't impact the enjoyment of  
town residents

Name: Allyson Patterson

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Date 20 Aug 2024

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Name: Anne Goodwin Matthew Goodwin  
Address: [Redacted] "  
Phone: Beloit WI [Redacted] "  
Email: [Redacted] [Signature]  
Signature: [Signature] [Signature]



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Comments:


Heritage ~ 100 yrs CN  
part of History  
good for disabled people  
carriages

Name: Sally Pawless

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

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Name: John Kears

Address:  Seguin

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ .com

Signature: 

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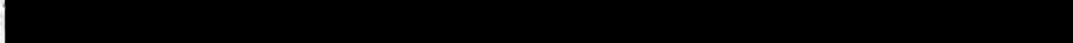
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Name: Jenny Chapman

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# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date 8-20-14

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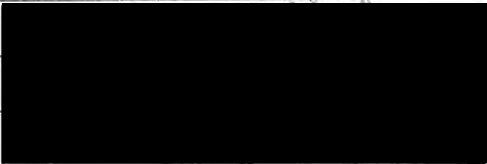
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Name: Michael Dewese

Address: 

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Michael Dewese



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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Leave the bridge as it is. Fix it. Put your infrastructure  
on Waubee

Name: Allison Patterson

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Marion & Glen Antonucci

Address: [Redacted] Seguin

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: Antonucci

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Name: P. PACOURET

Address: Quebec

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

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Name: William Shields

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: William Shields



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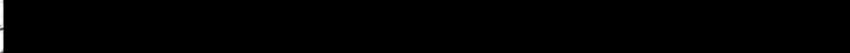
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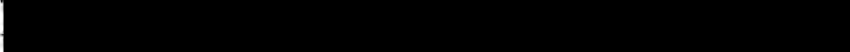
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Name: Marjorie Shields

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Marjorie Shields

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Name: Helen Kunert  
Address: [Redacted] Waterloo ON [Redacted]  
Phone: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]  
Signature: Kunert, H

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Comments: I can't believe this is even a consideration, this is one of our most cherished spots in our little town. It would be a shame to lose such a thing for our town and the people who come to explore our town.

Name: Sheri-Lynn Morgan

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Sheri Morgan

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Name: J. Rubnke  
Address: [REDACTED], McKellar, ON  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Signature: J. Rubnke



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Comments:

DO NOT REMOVE THIS GREAT  
BRIDGE

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

PETER CRAMP  
[REDACTED], PARRY SOUND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Comments:

The Waubaunabe Beach has been part of my life all my life. Please don't get rid of it.

Name:

LYNDA SCHWALM

Address:

SHERBESHEKONG RD

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Lynda Schwalm  
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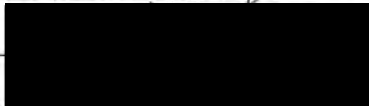



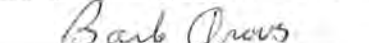
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Name:	<u>Rosemary Welch</u>	<u>Barbara Groves</u>
Address:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Signature:	<u>R. Welch</u>	<u>Barb Groves</u>

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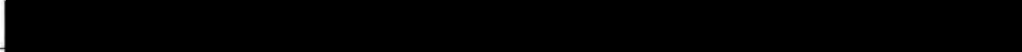
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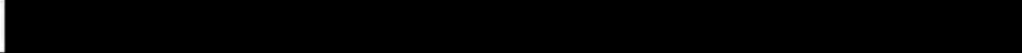
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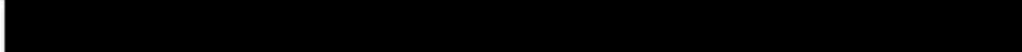
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Comments: It is history, beautiful!  
Handicap people need it

Name: Patricia Cramp

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 



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Comments: This bridge is important for both accessibility as well as it being a historic part of town.

Name: Braedon Quarks

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Name: Carl Braun

Address: [Redacted] Seguin

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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- Trail should be preserved.

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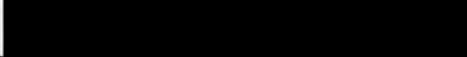
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Name: Carol Braun

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Carol Braun

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Name: KAREN ZAING  
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Phone:   
Email:   
Signature: K Zaing



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Name: Laura Steinland

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Laura Steinland

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Name: MARK STEINSLAND

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Stephane LeBlanc

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Shawn Bergmann

Address: [REDACTED] Port Colborne

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Jordan DeSilva

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

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SAVE THE BRIDGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Judy Olson

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

J Olson

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Name: Sue West Spinney

Address: [Redacted] Nobel.

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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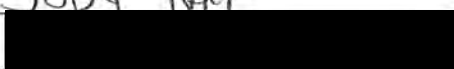
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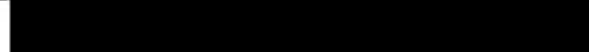
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Name: JODY NAI

Address:  SEGWIN

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Name: Vicki Lefebvre

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:  \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 



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Name: Evelyn Marentette

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

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Comments: keep this beautiful path safe!

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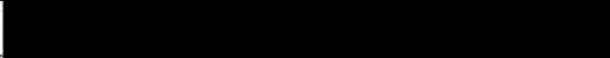
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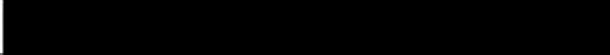
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Name: Brod Weir

Address: 

Phone: 

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Signature: 

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Date Aug 11<sup>th</sup>

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Name: Mary Speer

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Mary Speer

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Name: DAHERIE SHERIDAN

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Daherie Sheridan

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Name: Joan CHRISTIE

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 



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Comments: This bridge is so accessible, safe, and such a big part of this town. It is awesome for all ages of humans (+ dogs!) and the view, don't get me started! I have also heard that repairs ~~from this~~ for the bridge have already been funded. Why tear it down?

Name: Camille B. Cave

Address: [REDACTED] Washington, DC [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: Camille B. Cave

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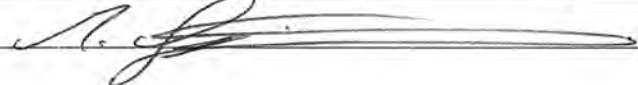
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Name: Matt Spider

Address: WOLFE ISLAND, ON

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Name: L. Seguin

Address: PS

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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Name: Charlotte Carr  
Address:  Washington DC  
Phone:   
Email:   
Signature: ~~Ms~~ Charlotte Carr

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Name: Calista Cave

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Calista Cave



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Comments: this bridge has always been part of  
my childhood

Name: Adam Labath

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature: Adam Labath

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Name: Heba Juma

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Heba

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Signature: AD and Jella Giv

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Signature: K. Bauer

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Name: Leeann Hurd

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: Macrina Boddy

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Macrina Boddy

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Name: Barissa Gibson

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Gibson

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Name: KATELYN MOORE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Katelyn Moore

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Comments: stop Development- keep the bridge  
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Name: Jeff Wilson

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Jeff Wilson

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Name: Emerald Bourke

Address: Route Au Bonil [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]



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Name: Alex Bojor

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Alex Bojor

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Name: LIEN PHAM

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Lien Pham

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Comments: Please no more development — save the  
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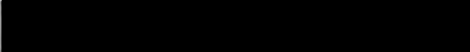
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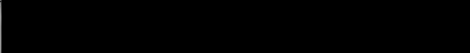
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Name: C. HAXELL

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Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Chris Haxell

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Name: Stephen Ellis

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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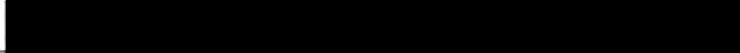
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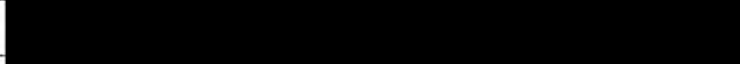
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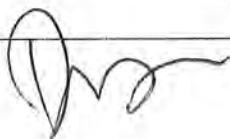
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Name: Dow Colbett

Address: 

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Signature: 



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Name: Alandra Gray

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: A Gray

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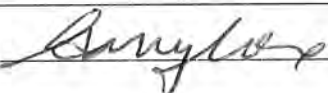
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Name: GARRY COX

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: PETER LANE INGRID LANE ROB LANE

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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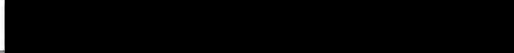
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Name: Robi<sup>^</sup>ca RATRO

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Robi<sup>^</sup>ca RATRO

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Name: David Hart

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: David R. Hart



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Name: Samara Blexan

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Samara Blexan

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Name: Lena Dobson

Address: [REDACTED] Parry Sound, ON

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: 

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Name: Laisa Gillis

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

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Name: Ella Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Ella Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_

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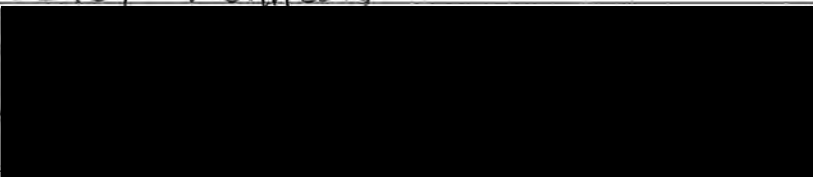
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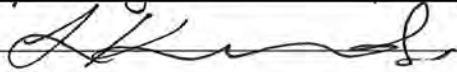
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information.

Name: Lesley Kennedy

Address: 

Phone: 

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Date 2 Aug 2024

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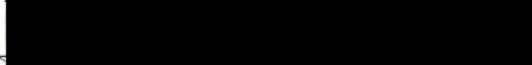
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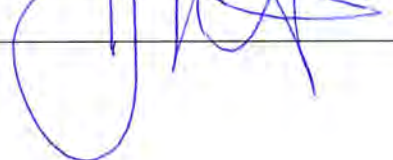
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Name: Jason Smith

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature:  Aug 2/24.

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Name: Audrey Labath

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Audrey @ Labath

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Comments:

*I grew up in this beautiful town, for many years I have been going to the Old Town Beach when I was young up to taking my children & now my grand children to the bridge. It has been a part of Parry Sound for many years. Please just fix it and let everyone enjoy the bridge. Thank you.*

Name:

*Terri Campbell*

Address:

*[Redacted] McDougall, Ontario*

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

*Terri Campbell*

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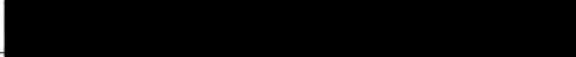
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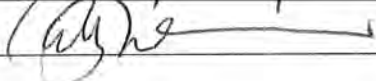
Comments: I agree with  
all of the above —  
Thank you !!  
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Name: Cathy Nash

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

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# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 26/24

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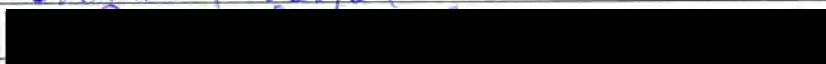
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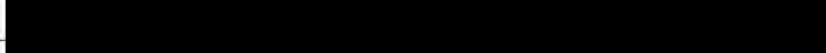
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Name: Kathleen Frenkel

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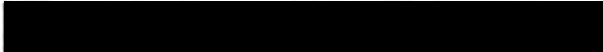
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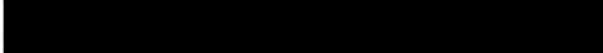
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Name: Dave Martin

Address: 

Phone: 

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Comments: As a frequent and long-time visitor to Parry Sound  
(20 years+) I cherish the fitness trail and spend every  
day of my visits using it. Please maintain this trail in its  
current, historic and picturesque state for future  
generations to enjoy as I do, and for me to enjoy as I  
grow old and ~~and~~ begin to find hills challenging!

Name: Hilary Ivey

Address: [REDACTED] Ottawa ON K1S 0V3

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: 

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Comments: This bridge safely separates pedestrian and car traffic; keep the trail at grade is better for disabled persons. This bridge is a piece of Parry Sound's history. Why would anyone want to disrupt this gem. I think a plaque should be erected to honor its age and service!  
PS. Can anyone articulate what the problem is with the current bridge?

Name: Andrew Ibery (former resident)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: [Signature]

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Name: Joanne Higgins  
Address: [REDACTED] McDougall, ON [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Signature: Joanne Higgins

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Name: Michael Brunton  
Address:   
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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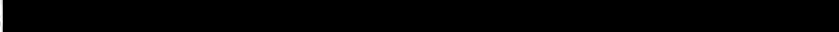
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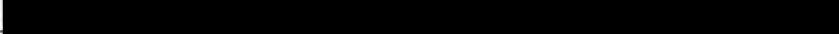
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Comments: I was born raised in PS and have since moved back. ~~As a~~ Throughout my entire life, the bridge has been a part of my daily activities. As a child, I learned how to ride my bike on the trail across the bridge. ~~As~~ Since I've moved back, I walk daily on the trail across the bridge. I've met tourists on the bridge admiring the view but the most important thing is that I see the elderly being able to be active on the trail. =>

Name: Cara Brunton

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Cara Brunton

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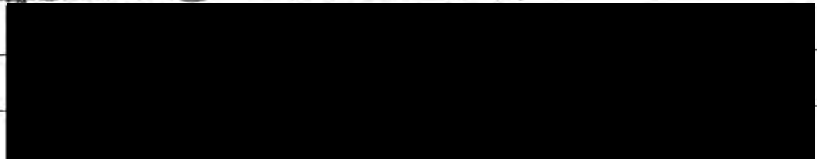
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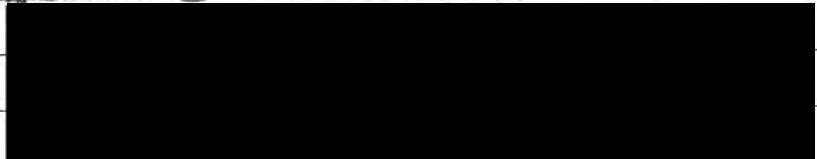
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Comments:

Such an iconic historical feature  
of Parry Sound. Lets preserve it.

Name: Joanne Brunton

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Joanne Brunton

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date 2024/08/01

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Name: STEVE STON

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Date Aug 11 24

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Name: John Nery  
Address: [REDACTED] Hwy 557  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug 1/2024

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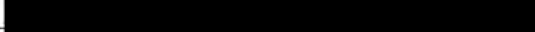
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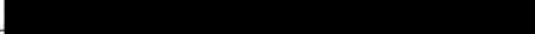
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Comments: The public waterfront with accessible and gentle inclines  
for bike and walk is a major feature in our town  
that supports outdoor exercise and exposure to our natural beauty  
I feel removing the bridge for future development would be an impediment  
to this

Name: Owen Richard

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 



# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date JUNE 29, 2024

To our Mayor and Council

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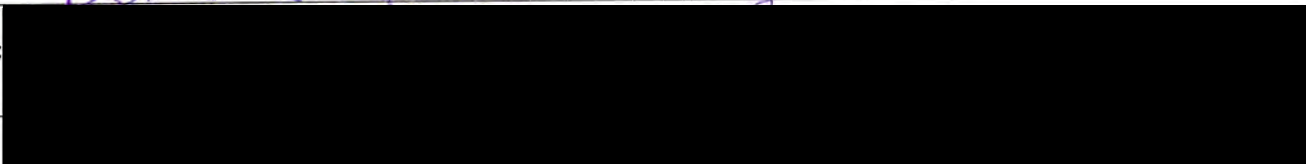
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Comments: I am devastated that the town of Parry Sound is planning on getting rid of trestle bridge on our beautiful fitness trail. This trail is used by many people of all ages and provides a safe place for all people to walk because it is level. Can't the town for once listen to the people of Parry Sound to leave this bridge as it is.

Name: Doris Gregoire

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Doris Gregoire

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 30, 2024

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Name: Lisa Gregoire

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

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Name: M. Nelson  
Address:   
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: M. Nelson

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug 12 2024

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Name: Johanna Hamby

Address: [Redacted] Ryder Drive

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]



# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date 7/25/24

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: Stephanie Weeks

Address: [Redacted] McLaughlin

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]



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Name: Kim McCormick  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: 

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 25 2021

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Comments: Accessibility is key for citizens, don't take  
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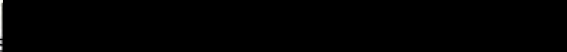
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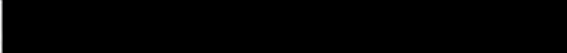
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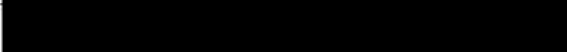
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Name: Meaghan Lunnelland

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: M Lunnelland

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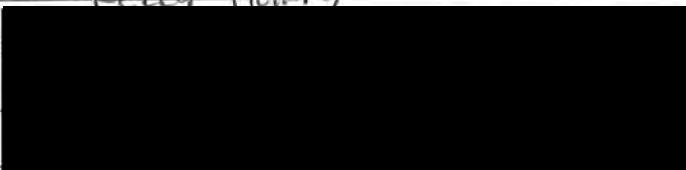
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Comments: MANY CONCERNS AS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PARRY SOUND

- 1) SAFETY OF PEOPLE WALKING.
- 2) ACCESS TO BEACH
- 3) PRESERVATION OF WAUBUNO BEACH + ACCESS BY PUBLIC
- 4) PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT + IMPACT ON PARRY SOUND (CURRENT) RESIDENTS TO ACCESS WAUBUNO BEACH.
- 5) HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OF WALKING BRIDGE
- 6) ACCESSIBILITY TO WALK TRAIL ON FLAT SURFACE (NO RAMPS) FOR DISABLED, ELDERLY, PARENTS WITH CHILDREN, CHILDREN CROSSING.

Name: KELLY HURRY

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Kelly Hurry

- 7) INFRASTRUCTURE CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS
- 8) IMPACT ON ASSESSMENT VALUES
- 9) IMPACT ON PROPERTY TAXES.
- 10) OVER DEVELOPMENT OF WATERFRONT,
- 11) DECREASED ACCESS TO WATERFRONT FOR RESIDENTS + VISITORS.
- 12) LACK OF PARKING.

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 24/2024

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Comments:

Including persons in motorized wheelchairs

Name: ANGELA How

Address

Phone:

Email:

Signature: Angela How



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*tourist that has been visiting for over 34 years*

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Comments: *I was so saddened when I was told about the proposal to Council to remove your Historic bridge. I am a dedicated audience member of the Festival of the Sound and an advocate for as many peoples I can tell about Parry Sound and the Festival of the Sound. I take the same beautiful pictures every year and the BRIDGE is Always one of the best! I have watched your community grow and change and I treasure that there is always something new but I*

Name: Ailene Wittstein [REDACTED] London, Ontario

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: Ailene J. Wittstein

*\*especially respect how you have treasured, restored and kept in service - those heritage treasures that I know, like myself, we look for and photograph and talk about all year until the next time we come back! You have such a treasure in this Historic Bridge and I hope you realize it, before it is too late!*



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Name: Rebecca Fritz

Address: [Redacted], McDougall, ON [Redacted]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: R. Fritz

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Name: Kyle Fritz

Address: [REDACTED], McDougall (N) [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Kyle Fritz

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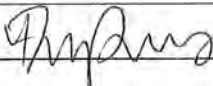
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Name: Franco Du Preez

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 



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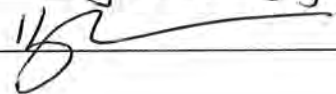
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Name: Kathie Jacklin

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 



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Comments: unsafe for my children to bike down steep slope  
toward a road. Not safe for the aging population or people  
using electric wheel chairs or scooters and young families with  
babies in strollers.

Name: Alexandra Glover

Address

Phone:

Email:

Signature: Alexandra Glover

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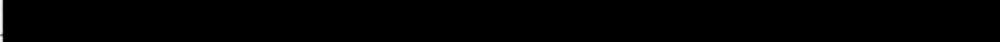
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Name: FRANCES STARKEY

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Frances Starkey

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Comments: I enjoy walking the fitness trail & do not want to get rid of the Bridge. Many people with mobility issues use the fitness trail, and rely on the bridge for safety/accessibility. Removing it would impede tourist community greatly.

Name: Andy Kurelek

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Signature]

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date 25/7/24

To our Mayor and Council

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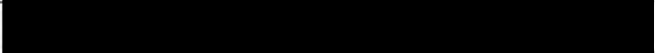
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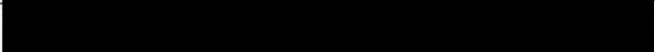
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Name: JOHN B. HUNKIN

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# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 25, 2024

To our Mayor and Council

Town of Parry Sound

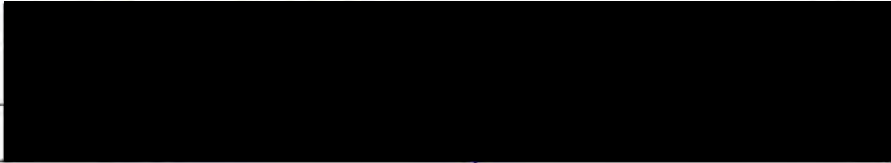
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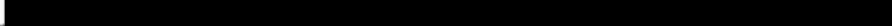
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Comments: The bridge is a historical landmark. It has great sentimental value to the people of this town. Removing it would also interfere with continuity and flow of our beautiful trail. The view is unmatched. I have many iconic photos taken from this bridge.

Name: Flora Hunkin

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Flora Hunkin



# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: *I have walked the fitness trail & lingered on that bridge savoring the view for more than 25 years. The bridge & trail speak to the history & character of Parry Sound - what makes it stand out from generic Georgian Bay towns. Is it to be sacrificed on the altar of development & profits?*

Name: Maureen Thompson

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature: *M Thompson*

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

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Name: Katie Hunkin

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Katie Hunkin

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Date AUG. 8 / 2024

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Comments: THIS BRIDGE IS A VERY IMPORTANT, HISTORIC AND INTEGRAL PART OF PARRY SOUND'S SHORELINE. IT PROVIDES A MULTITUDE OF FUNCTIONS, ALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS. IT SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED! IT SHOULD BE RESTORED!

Name: NOËL POULIOT

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature: Noël Pouliot

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Name: EDIE SCOTT

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Edie Scott



# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date August 07/2024

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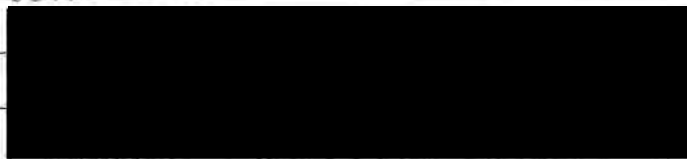
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Name: John Power  
Address:   
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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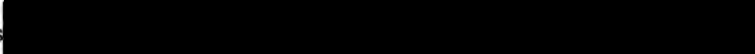
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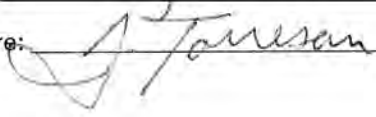
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Name: Alana Torresan

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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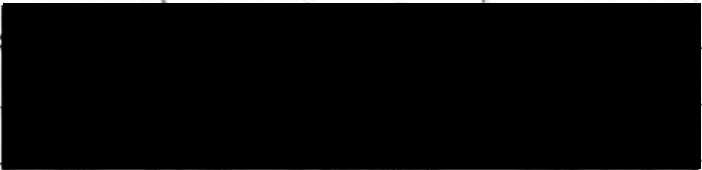
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Name: Nancy Hind

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Nancy Hind

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date 01/08/2024

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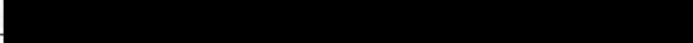
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Name: Ata Kanani

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date 07 Aug 21

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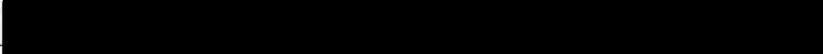
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Name: Sheila Hardie

Address:  , McKellar

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Sheila Hardie

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Name: Deanna Jackson  
Address: [Redacted] Hwy 124  
Phone: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]  
Signature: Deanna Jackson.



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Name: CARL RAMSAY

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Carl Ramsay

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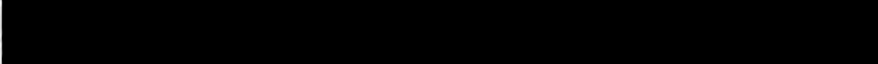
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Name: DEANIE RAMSAY

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Deanie Ramsay

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Date 8/5/24

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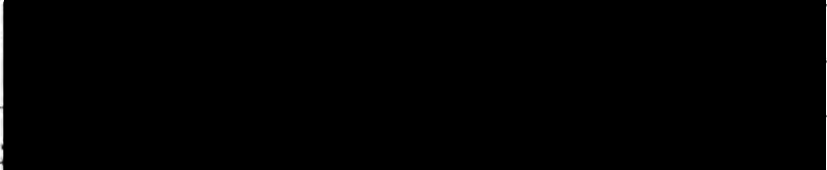
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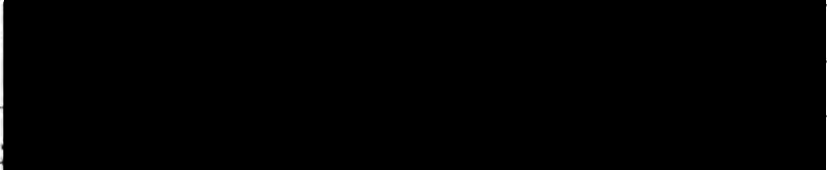
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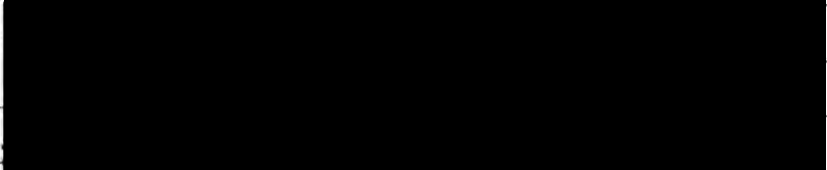
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Comments: This trail was left to the people of Parry Sound, please stop taking "bites" out of it. If you remove the bridge it will destroy more trees + vegetation (eg. the red sand bldg) and confine people in wheelchairs + wheel chairs to one narrow section of the trail. Fix the bridge!!!

Name: Shirley Stott

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: SScott

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date

AUG 12 / 24

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Name:

Mrs. M. Palmer

Address:

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Signature:

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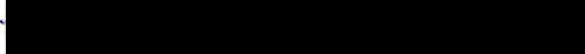
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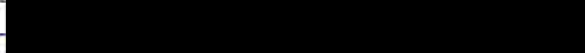
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Name: TAURA Palm

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

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Comments: I use this bridge every time I visit  
my family in Parry Sound. It is  
essential to accessible walking  
trails for the town + its visitors

Name: Shannon McCracken

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Name: Carolyn Major

Address: 

Phone: 705-712-1111

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Carolyn Major

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12/08/24

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Not fair to the handicapped  
people using the trail for recreation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WAYNE MAJOR

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Major

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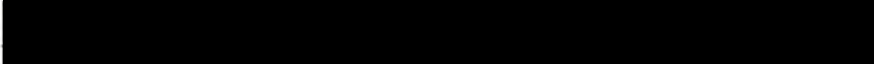
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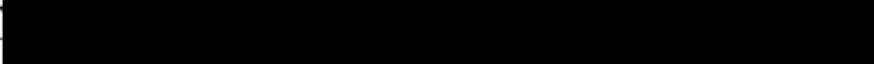
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Comments: Accessibility is critical to keeping the trail open to ALL citizens and visitors of Parry Sound.

Name: Sarah Woolner

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Sarah Woolner



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# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 20, 2024

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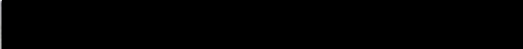
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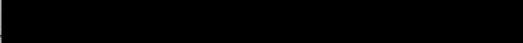
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Name: SCOTT MORRIS

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Phone: 

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Name: Allison Morris

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Signature: Allison Morris

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Name: ROSETHA ENTZ

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Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: R. Entz

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Name: JAKE ENTZ

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Name: KATHRYN HULCOOP

Address:  \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: K Hulcoop

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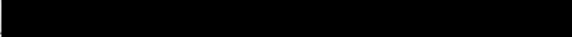
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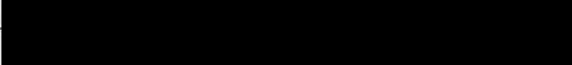
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Name: Liz Sims

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Liz Sims

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Name: D Wood D. Wood

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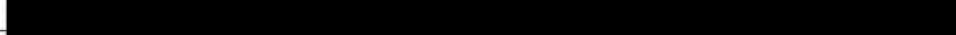
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Name: Alison Marsden

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Alison Marsden

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Comments: My father is using a walker now  
the Fitness trail is flat as it is.  
my father sees many friends who are older like  
himself using this part of the trail.  
I think changing it will discourage seniors  
and other people with mobility issues from  
getting fit. please think about what you  
are doing seriously. At this point there is no  
where else for these people to walk. we have no mall

Name: Suzanne Gingrich

Address:

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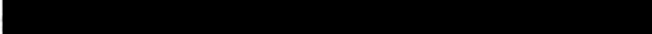
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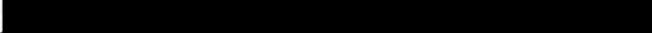
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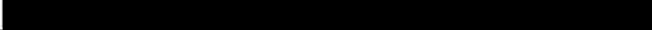
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Comments: THIS WOULD ELIMINATE THE TRAIL FOR MANY DISABLED PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS WALKER ETC.

Name: DAVID STOTT

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

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Comments: I think the town should stay with the original plan to repair the Bridge. It is a historic part of this town and seems like the safest option for crossing over the road to the beach.

Name: JOSH WOOLNER

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature: Josh Woolner

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Date 8/9/24

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Name: BONNIE COPLAND

Address: [REDACTED] HWY #124

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: *Bonnie Copland*

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Comments: I have walked this trail for many years and stand on the bridge marveling at our beautiful Georgian Bay sunset. Now as a senior it is very important for me to have a safe area to stroll and enjoy nature. I feel there has been far too much development along our shores, so I strongly oppose the removal of this beautiful bridge.

Name: FERNE WYLIE

Address: 

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Email: 

Signature: Ferne Wylie



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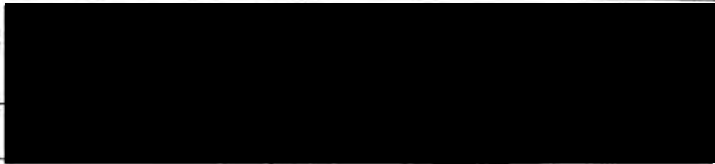
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Comments: We have coined the slogan "Parry Sound - Jewel of the 30,000 Islands". Our fitness trail is integral to being part of that "Jewel". As I grow older and experience mobility challenges, I am very grateful that a truly exceptional trail is available to me and all who come here - to live or just to visit. Health is so much more important than money. Quality of life makes it or breaks it. And this bridge enhances the quality. Please put people above money - The Universe is watching - Love - Peace - Harmony

Name: ANDREA McINTYRE

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Andrea McIntyre

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Name: Jackie Adams

Address: [Redacted] Long Lake Rd

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: Jackie Adams



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Name: Sarah McLennan  
Address: [Redacted] Blue Jay Cres  
Phone: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]  
Signature: Sarah McLennan

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Comments: The leadership of this community needs to demonstrate a willingness and recognition of the need to protect assets and unique public resources for the benefit of people, the community, and quality of life. Why are they so willing to literally "pave the way" for development and sacrifice our precious waterfront biosphere? Let's fund the "public good".

Name: Anne Marie Koelscher

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature: Anne Marie Koelscher

*Please do the public and the community a service by preserving and maintaining the waterfront trail in its current form.  
Thank you.*

*Anne*

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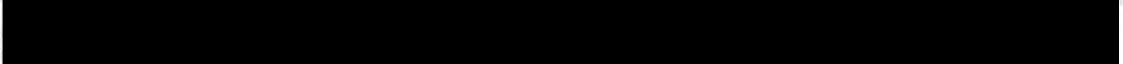
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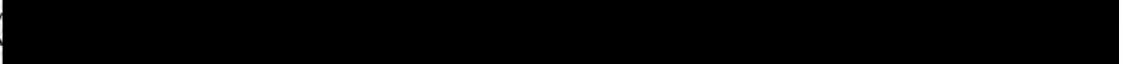
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Name: Karalee Smith

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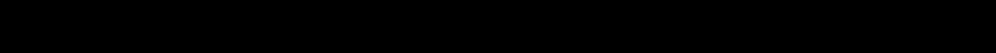
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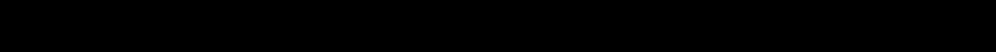
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Name: S. Madhu Krishna  
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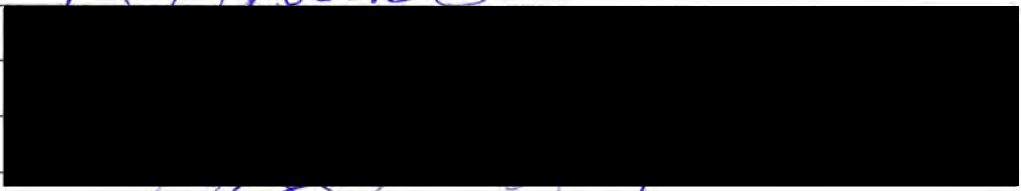
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Public safety should be  
your #1 priority  
I have all aging!

Name: K Walker

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Date AUG. 13/24

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Comments: Developing this "protected" area is  
damaging in so many ways! I walk this trail  
3-4 times per week, and have seen many others leave  
their ship and explore our nature beauty!

Name: Tom POTOCNIK

Address: [REDACTED], MEKILLAN, ON

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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Name: Isabelle Smith

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Isabelle Smith

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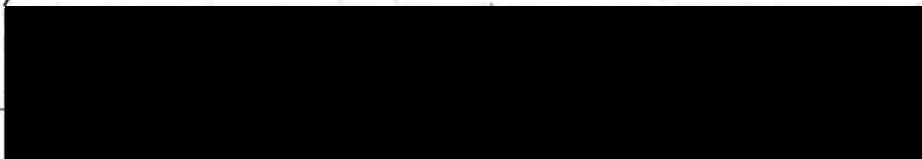
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Name: Laura Walker

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: L Walker

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Name: Megan Pavuk

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 



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Name: DALE POWERS & Mary Powers

Address: ULSWATER

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: D Powers Mary Powers

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Comments:

I come here specifically to walk this trail, its  
beautiful and part of history

Name: Robyn Lacey

Address: [Redacted] Kearney

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: R Lacey

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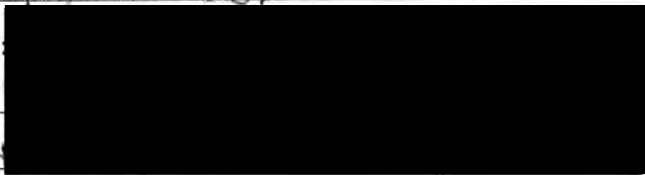
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Name: Holden Cooper

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Holden Cooper

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Comments: please don't destroy a perfectly good  
bridge

Name: S McIntosh

Address: [REDACTED] McDougall rd

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Stevie McIntosh

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Comments:

*It is disappointing that the proper channels & procedures were not followed concerning the bridge. The secret need for infrastructure is a sorry reason to destroy a 100 year old landmark used by hundreds of people each day.*

Name:

*Kelly Crowhurst*

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

*K Crowhurst*



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Comments: I always come to this beach when I'm in Parry Sound.

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Name: MARLENE GOSLING

Address: [REDACTED] Rivergate Way

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

To our Mayor and Council

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As a small business owner, tax payer and resident of Parry Sound it brings great sadness to hear about the possible removal of the historic bridge at the Old Town beach. There are so many reasons why this should not happen but mine is a little more personal. Our family has been in the area for over 40 years. About thirteen years ago my father suffered a severe stroke that left him with a lot of mobility issues. They lived in Seguin at the time but moved on to Georgian Bay Avenue in Parry Sound about 8 years ago. The fitness trail gave him back his independence with the use of his scooter. Sadly about 5 years ago my mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Before my mom passed away she paid to have a bench with a plaque placed along the trail overlooking the bay and the Stockey Centre. Not only was it her hope that others could sit and enjoy the beauty of our area that she saw but she knew my dad would also be able to visit that bench on his scooter any time. This brings great heartache to my father, myself, and my family knowing that this may no longer be possible. I think my mom made a great choice in choosing a bench in her memory and its beautiful location. I just hope that the town makes the right decision as well.

Sincerely,

The Family of Shirley Skinner

*c/o Sandra Ruggles (D.E.)*



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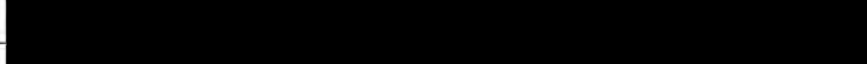
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Name: Mark Sandra Ruggles

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: S. Ruggles

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Comments:

*This is a Rotary legacy that should remain in fact.*

Name: *Phil Black (as President-Elect Rotary)*

Address:  *McDougall*

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Name: Sue Whitley

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Sue Whitley



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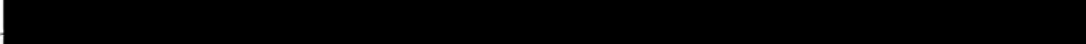
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Name: DINDA CHASE

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: *Dinda Chase*

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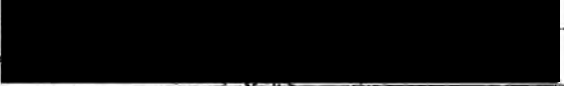
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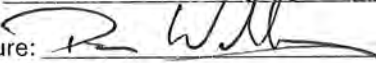
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Name: DAVE Williams

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Name: Debbie Stivins  
Address: [Redacted] Seguin, ON [Redacted]  
Phone: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]  
Signature: D. Stivins

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Comments:

*Every time I walk down the trail I see many elderly people enjoying the scenery of Georgian Bay. It would be a shame to see the bridge removed.*

Name: LLOYD WYLIE

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: *Lloyd Wylie*



# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 29/24

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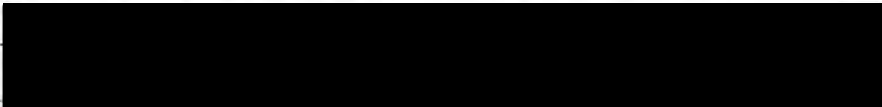
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REMOVAL OF THIS BRIDGE WOULD BE LIKE CUTTING OFF  
"THE TOWN'S NOSE TO SPITE ITS FACE"

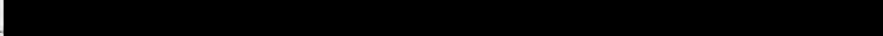
THIS IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BATH TRAIL IN ALL OF CANADA  
AND THE BRIDGE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT, MEMORABLE PART OF  
THIS TRAIL! I HAVE PASSED PEOPLE ON W/C, CANES, WALKERS  
AND PARENTS, BY THE SCORE, PUSHING BABY BUGGIES, ETC. ON THIS TRAIL.

ALONG  
BEAUTIFUL  
GEORGIAN  
BANK

I SUSPECT, AS USUAL, THAT GREEDY DEVELOPERS HAVE TOO  
STRANGELY AND WRONGLY INFLUENCED OUR TOWN COUNCIL AGAIN.

Name: SARAH I GARDNER- Sarah I Gardner

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: S. I. Gardner



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Date 2024/08/09

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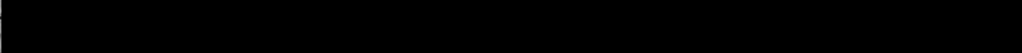
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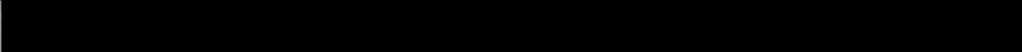
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Comments: As for me personally I go jogging every day, and every day I use this bridge. It is always nice to feel safe and free knowing that there are no vehicles around so I can focus on my exercise. In addition it's one of the most peaceful parts of the trail. And the bridge perfectly fits in, I can't imagine the scenery without it.

Name: Astem Izmaylov

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: 

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Comments: Town should stick with original plan to fix or  
build new bridge To take it down would be a shame

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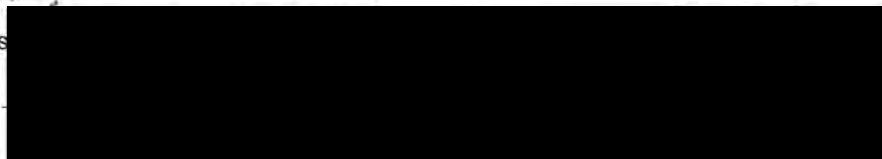
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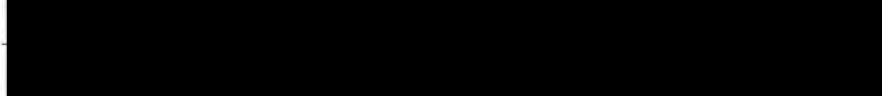
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Name: Matthew T Meglio

Address: 

Phone: 

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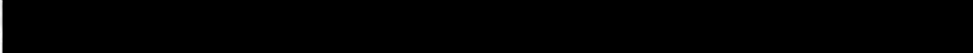
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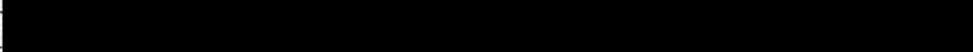
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Comments: I am going to be 87 by the end of this year. Walking on the trail is one of the most pleasurable & spiritual fulfilling I have left in life. Please allow me to continue this fulfilling activity giving me physical activity, socially healthy, a spiritually fulfilling activity.

Name: Marilyn Stokari

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Marilyn Stokari

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Date 10/08/2024

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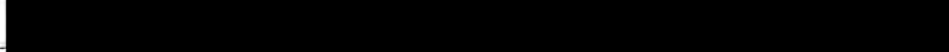
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Name: T. Senthosb kumar

Address: 

Phone: 

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Signature: T. Senthosb kumar

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date Aug 9 / 24

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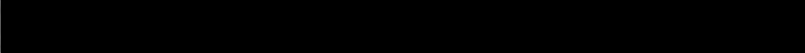
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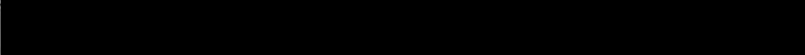
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Comments: All ages of walkers stop at the bridge to enjoy the view at any time of day.  
- A true highlight of a great trail  
- Trail flat and safe for all walkers now  
- P.S. is a TRAIN TOWN tourist attraction - Don't mess with that  
- will become car VS pedestrian with no bridge  
The trail is perfect as it is now - don't wreck it!!

Name: Bill Slater

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Bill Slater



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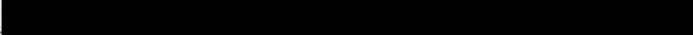
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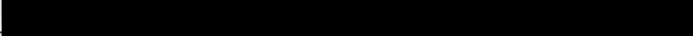
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Comments: I agree with the above concerns. My husband and I walk this trail frequently and are regularly impressed by the number and variety of people keeping themselves fit and mobile. Elderly citizens with canes or walkers, young mothers with strollers or kids in tow, very young children on bicycles, those recovering from surgeries or illness. There is also a not insignificant amount of vehicular traffic in and out

Name: JUDITH SLATER

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Judith A. Slater

of the beach area and sailing club.

I think removing the bridge would deter many of the citizens from using the trail at all.

Please keep or reinforce the bridge as it is ~~now~~ now!

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date July 30/24

To our Mayor and Council

Town of Parry Sound

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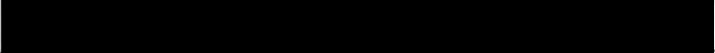
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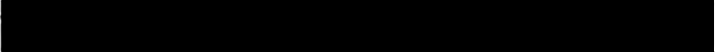
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Name: Lola Este

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Email: 

Signature: 

# Concerned Citizens for the Preservation of The Old Town Beach Bridge

Date May 12/24

To our Mayor and Council

Town of Parry Sound

52 Seguin St., Parry Sound, P2A 1B4

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Name: Mary Duck

Address: [Redacted] McKellar [Redacted]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Mary Duck

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Date Aug 12/24.

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Name: Melissa Jacklin

Address: [Redacted] / Seguin

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: *mg Jacklin*

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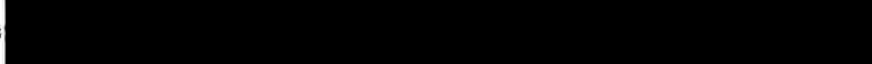
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Name: Janet McEwen

Address: 

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Janet McEwen



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Comments:

To SAS save our shoreline!

Name:

Kori Carmie

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Kori Carmie

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Name: ADAM VILLAZOR

Address: [REDACTED], seguin, ON

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

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Name: Madison Hooby

Address: 

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: M. Hooby

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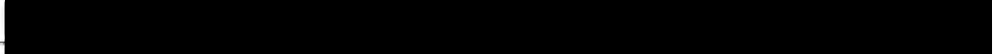
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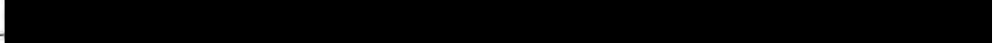
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Name: Katie Villazor

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Date Aug. 17, 2024

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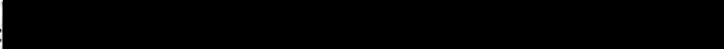
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Comments: This bridge being a Historic Bridge would lead me to think it cannot be removed.  
We have been blessed to have such a beautiful trail here in Parry Sound. Removing the bridge doesn't make any sense. It just destroys part of our recreational trail.

Name: YVONNE HEAMAN / HEAMAN DEVELOPMENTS LTD.

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: 

Signature: Yvonne Heaman



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Name: Zane Andres

Address: [Redacted] Hamilton ON [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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Name: DOUG ANDRES

Address: [REDACTED] BOLTON ONT

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: [Signature]

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Name: John Bensch

Address: Carly

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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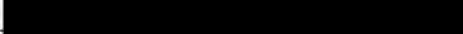
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Comments: This trail was given to the Town of Parry Sound for the purpose of a trail, and the town needs to maintain it for that purpose.

Name: LORAIN McKEWEN

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Loraine McKewen

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Comments: Seniors & handicap need this access  
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Name: Kim Jackson

Address: 

Phone: 

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Kim Jackson



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Name: BOB WHITE

Address: 

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Comments: Seniors, handicapped and baby carriages  
need access.

Name: Shannon Macivor

Address: [Redacted] Vine St.

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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Name: RUTH HAIG

Address: [REDACTED] STERNER DR.

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: R Haig

## 4.5b

If you would like to comment on the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge condition issue you may leave a response here. \*

This bridge is a historical piece and beloved by many residents and visitors to the area. It is a unique spot and a place my family loves and recognizes as part of the fitness trail. It is a landmark and a gateway to the beautiful "old town beach". Please support leaving this bridge intact.

# Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge Condition Issue

On June 18th, 2024, a report went to Council from staff addressing the current condition of the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge. As directed by Council, the opportunity for public consultation on the proposed project is to occur. There are three choices to address the current condition of the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge including removal and sloping down to grade, replacing the bridge or repairing the current bridge. Below are links to further information.

[OSIM Summary Report Waubuno Bridge](#)

[Recreational Info Guide](#)

[June 18th, 2024 Report to Council](#)

An engineered drawing was also requested to illustrate the proposal which has not yet been received. Once staff receives it, it will be posted here.

Feedback received via email will also be accepted. Emails may be sent directly to [publicworks@parrysound.ca](mailto:publicworks@parrysound.ca)

**First Name \***

Laura

**Last Name \***

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**Address \***

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**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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The bridge is a safe passage across a steep incline on both sides and roadway. It is used daily by young and old. Please keep it. We use it regularly for fitness and to reach the waterfront from the Salt Docks area.

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Please repair the current bridge. This bridge is part of Parry Sounds history and things like this makes the town special in it's own way. It's perfect the way it is. Thanks Lori Perry

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As a concerned citizen, I object to the Town's Public Works Dept's proposal to Council to remove this Historic bridge. I agree with and support the Council's original decision which is to use the available funds budgeted and approved to proceed with any repairs to preserve it.

I use this trail almost daily to run and exercise. The bridge is a highlight of the run and makes it easy to continue on the trail. The view over the beach is beautiful and it continues to provide the safest form of transit over a roadway for people of all ages and abilities, people on bicycles, families with young ones in strollers, senior citizens out for a stroll, even snowmobilers avoiding to come in contact with vehicular traffic at yet another dangerous, sloped crossing along the trail. The bridge provides the only level, uninterrupted, safe walking path in Parry Sound from The New Town Beach all the way to The Stockey Centre. I see no reasonable way that the trail could continue to be operational without significant changes and interruption to the path. Please allocate the appropriate funds to fix and issued and preserve the bridge.

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Strollers, mobility-walkers, children's tricycles, even motorized wheelchairs use this wide, flat, famous waterfront trail. A grade down and up again will block usage for so many residents and visitors. Even our tourists are older with new titanium hips and knees that appreciate our rare, accessible trail. Please consider the economics of losing this historic draw to folks from all over, let's keep that amazing view too!

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The old bridge is problematic in several ways. For one, it's ugly as sin. For another, the gaps between the decking boards are unsafe - bicycles are easily destabilized. For yet another, it's low height and length mean that access to old town beach on waubuno rd is problematic: a single small car can sneak through fine, but more vehicles or larger emergency vehicles would have trouble. Finally, if the engineering reports are to be believed, the bridge is unsound anyway.

Clearly the old bridge should be removed, but what to do in it's place?

Having no bridge and simply re-grading the trail is a horrible idea. The slope and elevation change will make the trail less accessible for seniors or the disabled.

Replacing it with a similar bridge would solve the engineering problem, but not the additional issues i mentioned.

Instead, this is an opportunity to build a great new bridge. Something that would be a show piece, something that would attract people, something people would take pictures of.

Build a longer bridge, and that will allow waubuno to be widened to a proper width. Put a slight arc in the bridge design, and you can increase the height clearance on waubuno to allow things like fire trucks to clear. Put a stair case at one or both ends and you increase pedestrian access to old town beach. Put some thought into the design of the railings - perhaps some light stands - and you can make it beautiful and a tourist attraction. This is an opportunity both to fix problems and create something good. Or you could go the typical parry sound route and muddle it up with something lame and mediocre.

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As a concerned citizen, I strongly oppose the proposal by the Town's Public Works Department to remove this historic bridge. I stand by the Council's original decision to allocate the approved funds for necessary repairs to preserve it. This bridge remains the safest transit option over the roadway for people of all ages and abilities, including cyclists, families with strollers, senior citizens, and snowmobilers who want to avoid dangerous, sloped crossings. It offers the only level, uninterrupted, and safe walking path in Parry Sound, stretching from The New Town Beach to The Stockey Centre, with ample parking available at both ends.

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Hello, my name is Robert West. I am on a community mental health team here in Parry Sound. My job is to meaningfully interact and engage our clients year round within our community. I can say with confidence our team works more in the community than any other. I can tell you I walk this trail countless times with those who depend on getting a nice dose of Georgian bay fresh air, stretch their legs and ease their minds. This trail is literally good for the soul. I can tell you HALF our clients could not walk the proposed grade should the bridge be removed. This is the only flat spot by the water and it serves a higher purpose than budget alignments. Not only is this structure unique across our great province, but serves an endless bounty of goodness to everyone who lives here. If this bridge gets removed I guarantee it will impact negatively our clients ability to engage/interacts and experience this treasure we call Georgian Bay. I am more than happy to advocate further for this should you need a voice from the community.

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In reviewing the documentation and council report, I can now understand why the recommendation of the bridge removal was put forward. I have enjoyed the fitness trail pedestrian bridge for many years and will be a little sad to see it go, but I can also appreciate the need for future infrastructure progress. Not to mention emergency vehicle accessibility to the Old Town Beach and Sail Parry Sound. It would be faster for first responders to reach the scene of an emergency right at the Sail Parry Sound building, instead of trying to transport the victim all the way down to Waubuno Road, possibly wasting precious life-saving minutes. As a historical railway bed, it was nice to have a bridge over the road as a pedestrian crossing but we must also think of the inevitable future and how infrastructure is changing. Thank you for the background information and for the work your department does for Parry Sound!

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I support keeping the bridge and doing the work to repair it. It is an important part of our local history and adds to our town's appeal. When I had young children, I pushed the stroller and my son ride his bike. We were safe from traffic and the trail was manageable for a young person and myself with the baby because it was flat. Adding a slope at this point is not desirable.

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As a resident & tax payer I am writing this email to share my opposition to the removal the pedestrian/fitness trail bridge located over Waubamik Rd. It is my understanding that there is a proposal to demolish it to “make things easier” for future development. It is also my understanding that it may be in need of some repair; if that is the case I hope that the town has inquired with parties that utilize this bridge such as snowmobile clubs and the Park to Park Trail association - I understand from parties involved that they (Park to Park trail) have money to spend. In either case, I don't feel as though enough public consultation has gone into this decision given the significance of this bridge to Parry Sound's history and landscape. Melissa McKeown, 4 Beatty St, Parry Sound

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Please keep the bridge in place as it is currently. It is an important part of our history. The bridge means something of value to many Parry Sounders.

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I love that old bridge. It's a functional piece of local history. I think it would be great to see any necessary repairs done to preserve the bridge.

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It needs to be repaired and left as close to original as possible. This is a piece of our town, a piece of our towns history. Newer isn't always better.

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Keep the bridge. It is charming and good for people with mobility issues. If need money take down the traffic calming barriers because they are unsightly and cause people to drive in outside lane anyway.

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Please work to keep the current bridge, whether it be by repairing the current bridge if possible, or replacing it an esthetic to replicate the current bridge. Safety is of course the number one priority, but to keep this historic feature as best to ability, is also a priority. Any other option, would limit accessibility for so many who use our fitness trail, and definitely erase another piece of our small town charm.

As a side note, have the powers that be considered a lift bridge, that would then allow emergency vehicle access as well?

Thank you

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The fitness trail is a wonderful spot for walking, especially for our elderly folk and those with mobility issues. It's flat and makes for ease of walking or use of chairs, strollers etc. the Waubuno pedestrian bridge maintains the flat walking area and as well is a beautiful place to stop along the trail and take in the views. I would love to see the bridge stay.

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Don't get rid of the bridge just fix it people who use the trail would hate to see it not be there especially me

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Repair if possible and cost-effective.  
Provide a replacement if repair not feasible.  
DO NOT remove and lower to grade crossing!

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I think the bridge should be left as is? Why are we so concerned about erasing our history? True, if the bridge goes, there goes the ease for walking with those who have walking issues or those who are confined to wheelchairs - they are able to navigate the trail from Bay Street at least to the new town beach. Please don't take that away, it's difficult enough getting around in this town and the trail gives people a beautiful view to enjoy while navigating a good flat stretch of walking.

Thanks you.

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Please save this pedestrian bridge!!! Seniors with walkers and health conditions need it! It is also historical! Please don't take the bridge down!!!

Regards,  
Maryanne Schnock

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Please preserve this amazing part of our town. I was under this bridge many times a day as a kid during the summer and it's a great spot to stop and reflect. What can we do to help?

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I would hope that the decision to repair or even replace is the decision made. That trail is such an important part of our town and is used by all people of all physical abilities. Taking it out and having the grading of the path slope down and up would affect the elderly and handicapped users. Lets do the right thing. 1. Repair 2 Replace. Please dont take it out!

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I do not agree with the idea of the bridge being taken down. The bridge is apart of history and as I spent a lot of time at Old Town Beach in the summer I see a lot of tourists stopping on the bridge to look out at the water and enjoying the view. Taking this away will be taking away a piece of history and a tourist attraction.

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I would vote you keep & repair the bridge. It has historical value to Parry Sound.

I moved out of the area 2 years ago, but still consider the Parry Sound area home as I lived there for almost 30 years

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This is an iconic bridge, that is often stopped at for pictures or a peaceful lookout over the old town beach, from a romantic point of view. I think we are losing all of the beauty of our waterfront, which is the only tourist draw Parry Sound has. On a different note, I question the safety of pedestrians that cross if it is levelled, as it's a narrow road with poor visibility. The crossing near the water treatment was somewhat questionable before being closed to through traffic.

My only assumption is it will eventually be turned into a fully developed intersection for said safety, which will truly be a ploy to create access to the not yet developed green space, to build more condos between the crossing and the stockey centre. I feel like this is indirectly implied in the report's reference to utility infrastructure. If that is the objective, the waterfront does NOT need anymore development. As someone who's lived here all my life, chose my career to be able to stay here, and loves the rural environment/outdoor recreation, I'm crushingly disappointed with the Town's developmental choices. I will likely be looking to leave the area if the decisions continue in their current trajectory.

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I think the town should look into the alternative of repairing the bridge. Possibly, in a way that an emergency vehicle could get underneath, as that would solve that issue which seems to be the main focus, other than cost and maintenance. The slope to road would provide multiple issues for people with any sort of mobility issue. The traffic currently going under the bridge can be quite busy so having to stop for pedestrians or animals would be a concern. I can think of many cons not listed as to why removing the bridge is not a good idea for the overall feel of the town.

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It's important to keep this trail as level, and smooth as possible so that people using wheelchairs, walkers, canes, mobility scooters, and strollers can all enjoy our waterfront.

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Waubuno Bridge is a historical landmark in Parry Sound. Before I was a permanent resident in town, the bridge was a point we made sure to visit when going around town. This is shared by visitors and locals alike. Users of the fitness trail also enjoy having the crossing and it is simple and a classic Parry Sound spot. It makes the Old Town Beach unique. An ambulance is able to drive under, but I do understand there are some limitations to the fire response.

Leveling the area to grade poses a great deal of issues for people with accessibility/mobility needs. This would also affect those riding bikes if the path is changed.

The towns money should be going to projects the residents would like rather than catering to those trying to develop and not living here.

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It is important to keep the trail level all the way ,like it is now . People use scooters and wheelchairs , walkers, and strollers to enjoy a walk on the trail.

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It will be great to keep the old town bridge. It's one of the charm our town. A lot of people used this bridge everyday.

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I would much prefer that we look into a repair option than removing it. It is a part of our history. It is a great tourist attraction and it keeps the trail accessible to everyone

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I would like to see this bridge repaired and residents can continue to use this fitness trail safely. As an aging resident I use this trail daily from the Salt Docks to the Stockey and back. I rely on this trail because it is flat and safe.

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Save our bridge. It's a piece of Parry Sound history! Stop trying to turn our beautiful town into just any other big city. Keep the heritage.

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We need to repair the bridge, it is so important to the trail. Besides it helping the trail to remain easily accessible for disabled patrons, it is also a beautiful piece of infrastructure. I just recently took an out of town friend along that trail for the first time and they commented on just how incredible it was with the large beams.

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The pedestrian bridge is fine for use. It is safe. What is wrong with it? What repairs are necessary for pedestrian bike a scooter use?

If it is a groomer issue stop grooming. Divert the groomer or hand groom the bridge.

Do not remove the bridge.

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The condition of this bridge is perfectly fine and should be left alone. The town needs to put the focus on where it's actually NEEDED, such as all the parks in this town that are cracked and in barely useable condition, the parks have once again got ignored another summer.

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The Rotary Algonquin Fitness Trail is an integral part of Parry Sound. As a person with a disability (I walk with a walker) it is a safe barrier free walk. To break up the fitness trail would be a mistake. Sure, it costs money to repair the bridge but you're helping all the walkers, people with strollers, physically challenged individuals who are all taxpayers. The bridge is an important part of Parry Sound's Heritage. Thank you for your time.

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Please do not remove the bridge and slope the trail down/up. Accessibility and safety will be reduced.

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That bridge has been there since i was a child and i think we should keep it if structure is safe. It is historic and a nice memory of our past.

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As frequent walkers on the fitness trail...it amazes me just how many people use this trail daily!  
Perhaps the town councilers should walk the trail to see the people and how safe we feel walking there..  
Removing the Bridge would be a cruel thing to do to our Town residents...  
It is the one Free Social event that we have left ....and the little Beach is ONE place the tourists dont know about!!!  
If the fire trucks have to go in there let them build a ramp from the Coast Guard side down!

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My concern is that removal of the bridge opens up an accessible avenue for further shoreline development, again reducing natural spaces and increasing environmental impact. I am less concerned about the bridge and more concerned about the possibility of development offers on the table that have not been made public. To this regard, I strongly oppose removal of the bridge, despite the significant cost, to maintain a long term vision of public access to shoreline and fitness trail. What's happened on the other end of the trail cannot be allowed to happen on this end.

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The bridge should stay and be repaired. Removing it would be a mistake. Part of parry sound history and theme .

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Please repair and keep this unique pedestrian bridge..It is accessible and safe for pedestrians. It also affords a stunning view of the beach and Sound.

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Historic items in any town contribute to the persona of that town. Without. The expenditure of large sums on engineering, it should be possible to determine how much money would be required to keep this structure in usable condition for the trail. Perhaps a sub committee with approval to investigate and raise funds might be appropriate instead of just abandoning any consideration.

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I think a plaque should go on the bridge deeming it a Parry Sound historic landmark

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This bridge is a part of Parry Sound history and should be repaired.  
I was born in Parry Sound and grew up there. I go there often to walk the waterfront trail.

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I'd like to see the bridge remain for the ease of pedestrians, especially elderly/wheelchairs, and children/infants/strollers. Having that part of the trail dip to the road and back up would be a hindrance for those walking, using that trail as a safe space. Thank you for the consideration.

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Thanks for providing this feedback form!

This is a historic part of the waterfront trail, and in my opinion should be fixed up if possible. Having the proposed slope down to the road and back up would really break up what is now a very accessible trail for older folks or people with handicaps.

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Repair and or replace bridge. Don't tear it down. It's been around for over 40 years. It's the landmark of that beach. Easier for people with mobility issues to get across to other beaches and or town docks who don't want to travel through a busy town to get there. I was a resident of parry sound for many years and would hate to see this landmark be tore down with no replacement bridge

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I think it is in fine safe condition for the current use. A valuable recreational asset for the community now and generations to come.

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Fix the bridge! Getting rid of it not only removes a piece of the towns history, but it makes it inaccessible to those with mobility issues on the trail (those with walkers, scooters). Spend the money to fix it! Make it work for everyone!!

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Save it if it's possible!

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Repairing the existing bridge should be acceptable to pedestrians and bikers.

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Repair or replace the bridge. Removing and adding a grade takes away from this trail being accessible to everyone, it is a fitness trail, everyone should be able to use it. it also creates another road crossing which is not kid friendly. We walk this trail multiple times a week, and did not even notice that there is anything even wrong with the bridge.

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Please consider repair vs replacement or removal. It's a piece of history, it's a beautiful addition to the fitness trail. Having it completely redone in metal or removed will have many of us very sad.

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The bridge is part of Parry Sound. Please do not destroy that beautiful bridge where people enjoy their walk every day.

I'm sure it would be more economical to fix it then to tear it down and replace it with something new and ugly.

Thank you

M Kauppinen

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I do not support taking the bridge down. It is a beautiful part of the trail that i can use safely with my son in the stroller without having to go up and down sloped hills. In the winter the sloped hills to the road are slippery. Cars also are not respectful to people crossing the road. Stopping and looking dose not sto0 a driver from speeding down the road, my neice was almost hit once because of a situation like this. The government can provide funding to cover costs to fix the bridge. It should also be looked into having the bridge deemed a historical site. Everything in this town is being modernized but at the cost of the parry sound charm that everyone come here for.

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Please just repair the bridge as is.  
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I understand wanting to be fiscally responsible and wanting to explore other cost effective solutions, but IMO putting in anything other than a bridge takes away from the trail, its users and would possibly create other problems.

Other things to be mindful of if going ahead with a new bridge is to make sure it is weight rated for at least the weight of an industrial snow groomer with a drag as this trail is important to the winter/snowmobiling economy. Also when the bridge is being built, make sure it is wide and tall enough so that emergency services such as fire apparatus can access through the street below if services are needed at old town beach or Sail Parry Sound building etc.

For that, I am in favour of a new bridge being built with those other factors in mind.

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It needs to be there for access to the walking trail and for snow mobiles. I find it a charming addition to my walk. I'd rather it be repaired than replaced and keep access below for emergency vehicles to fit through

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Many people use the bridge as easy access to continue on the fitness trail. It's been a landmark and has been in noticed in tv shows for our small town. It be such a shame to tear it down. Some things should be left untouched.

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Please, please, please just leave it the way it is. The trail is the most stunningly perfect part of the Town. If we take a step back with the trail it will be an infamous and backwards decision that will be remembered for generations to come.

The trail is a space where kids learn how to walk, run, and ride bicycles. We need MORE green spaces that are completely devoid of cars and safe for children. We shouldn't even consider the possibility of adding a car crossing to this beautiful and perfectly designed trail.

We need leadership on this issue. Please protect our trail!

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Fix our 260  
This is nonsense.  
Smarten up.

I live at the top end of Victoria Avenue.  
I have lived here since 2007.

My street is horrible.  
Isabella rail crossing is once again a nightmare, no matter how many band-aids you put on it.  
Upwards on Isabella towards PSHS is insane.  
People are now driving up onto the sidewalk to avoid the hazards left there by the salt trucks.

I have just recently been given a 1200 dollar bill to fix the exhaust system on my car that snapped off going over that same spot everyday for the past 4 years.  
I'm tempted to ask you to pay the bill.

There are plenty other spots that I could mention, but not only do I think that you do not care, but I also do not expect you to do anything about it.

You're too busy thinking about a pedestrian bridge that only a handful of people use and/or appreciate.

I'd like to see the bridge saved.  
I grew up here.  
It's part of my youth, riding my bike down to the beach to use the High Dive with my friends, often.  
But this is stupid.

Fix our streets.  
They are a costly embarrassment.  
You can do better.



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I want to walk on a level trail. I do not want to walk down an incline, across a road and up a hill on the other side. I especially do not want to do that in winter.

I would ask that the bridge be maintained and repaired. If it deteriorates to the point of no return, it should be replaced.

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Sloping down the grade not a solution. This bridge either needs to be fixed or replaced. This bridge has been featured in the Movie Riot Girls and has always been the cymbol of Waubano Road and its trail system and each year I always looked forward to coming home to it. I suppose whatever will be will be but seeing it gone when I come home every year to toe exploring my roots it would be sad to see this piece of Town history gone which used to be the spur line for CN and was seen in the movie Riot Girls and Waubano Road would never be the same without it.

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The bridge should be replaced...and the road below widened.

This would improve the whole area. Proper parking and mirrors below to see cars in both directions is also needed.

Our cottage road bridge needed replacing (private road) and we use this firm. They happened to have a bridge that was commissioned but not used. It saved us a lot of money - not that the project was cheap.

<https://northernmat.ca/>

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The bridge ensures that this portion of the trail is the most accessible to strollers, wheelchairs, walkers and more. If use of the trail was monitored it would most definitely note that this section has the highest use from those with accessibility challenges, compared to the sections between Waubano beach and Salt Dock road, where steep inclines and road crossings pose challenges. Removing the bridge with a decline to street level and incline back up would limit many individuals abilities to use this portion of the trail.

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I am strongly opposed to the slopping option. I don't think that's a very accessible or pedestrian safe option, especially considering the needs and realities of young families. I'd much prefer a replacement or repair, whichever is cheaper.

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Above all, safety and ease of use should be prioritized. I think the safest easiest to use option is to keep the path level and have a bridge there. Whether it is a historic or new bridge is not as important to me.

I will say that I think the existing bridge adds so much character and touches on Parry sound's history. We are a tourist destination. Our history has a role to play in the tourism economy and the decisions that are made around our infrastructure.

That said, things change and such is life. It's just a bunch of wood and metal and dirt.

To reiterate: doing away with any bridge entirely is, in my opinion, a foolish and unsafe option. I already have had a few close calls with fast drivers at the waubuno beach crossing and my children. New or old bridge is not as important to me.

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Please keep the bridge. One of the things i fell in love with when i decided to move to parry sound is the history and the pieces of that history that still remain.

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It would be an absolute shame to remove this historic bridge.  
Many fond memories.  
Please....Leave it Alone.

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Hi there, I'm a wheelchair bound individual and this bridge is extremely important to me and others who also travel by wheelchair as we do a weekly trail ride, I believe all efforts should be taken towards saving the current bridge because replacing it would mean months off our very limited outdoor time and activities. Secondly the bridge is used for the snowmobile trail in the winter and complete removal of the bridge would then require the snowmobiles to stop in that spot to cross the road which could lead to accidents.

If it were to be sloped down to the road any people using the bridge would then need to cross the road and again introduce a risk of accidents.

On a less important note, it also gives a good view of the water for trail users and is a good place to stop since it's wide enough to allow people to pass.

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Repair/replace

Removal will impede accessibility for those with mobility issues. The fitness trail is a great trail for users of all levels of mobility and health.

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I think the bridge should be repaired.

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Love the pedestrian bridge - love the waterfront walking trail. Whenever I'm the area we walk the trail and enjoy a stop from that bridge!

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The bridge is a landmark and its removal would be detrimental to the history of the town. Repair is the best option for the bridge.

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I've already sent an email to Rebecca Johnson with my thoughts on the bridge but after reading comments on the "Save the Bridge" Facebook group, I'd like to add something. From what I read in the report posted there, the cost is the main concern but it is not that much greater to repair or replace than to remove and make a sloped crossing. For what it's worth in my opinion, the current bridge is a unique and historic structure that should be preserved if at all possible. The subject of an infrastructure corridor that has recently come to my attentions seems like a whole other area of study. More information about that is needed if it is to be part of the decision but I feel that the convenience of an infrastructure corridor along the fitness trail shouldn't take priority over the enjoyment and usability of the trail for all Parry Sound citizens.

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Please repair the bridge. If you remove it and grade the trail it will still be too steep for some users.

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Please dont remove the bridge it would make the walking trail harder for wheelchairs and it's historical this bridge has been here my whole life and it would be a shame to have it removed.

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Given the age, historical and generational significance of the bridge.... I feel there really should only be one option on the table, and that is to fortify and preserve the existing bridge. I would go further and even suggest it receive historical landmark status and a plaque of history be installed as well.

Thank you,

Ericka

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Leave the bridge for many of reasons

1. Safety the crossing at the new beach is horrible with cars and anyone using the trail system, I'm shocked more people are not hit there. The bridge is perfect at keeping all that separate, plus people drive too fast and it's a bit of a blind spot. I would rather someone hit the bridge for going too fast, then a person.
2. The trail is great for all ages and conditions because it's flat, which makes outdoor exercise available to everyone.
3. It's a huge part of the history of the town, which too much of that is being erased from everywhere.

Now if the bridge is unsafe and in need of major repair then let's see the cost to fix or maintained, vers the cost of this new not to bright of an idea.

Thank you!!

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Repair the bridge or replace it. Its a staple in this town.

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Just remove the bridge

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Please consider other options instead of the current fitness trail service corridor. The bridge is an integral part of the trail experience and should not be taken down.

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The bridge is extremely sturdy and is used constantly and used year round. I think anything that promotes enjoyment, and health and fitness to your community members is worth keeping. Removing it would make using the fitness trail much less appealing.

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I think the bridge should either be repaired or replaced. Driving down to the beach is already challenging. It would be far worse with pedestrians there.

It's also an iconic parry sound landmark and we should be preserving what history we can

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I understand that repairing the existing structure may be putting good money over bad, wood doesn't last forever.  
Removing it will likely invite more vehicle traffic to the area which would adversely impact the beach.  
It appears that we are being asked to express opinions blindly. We need drawings and concepts.  
I lean towards replacing it to maintain pedestrian safety

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We are 100% against removing the bridge and placing hills on both sides of the walking and biking trail into Parry Sound Sail. There are so many older and disabled people who use the trail as it is level and easy to manage. Sail boats have managed, for years, with the bridge and should continue to do so and if the bridge does need a new surface please proceed to do the repairs.

Judy and Terry Ideson

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I am writing to express my strong support for the preservation of the Waubano Bridge and to advocate for a thoughtful approach to development in the Parry Sound region. As a resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I believe we have a unique opportunity to create something truly special while honoring our natural heritage.

The Waubano Bridge is not merely a structure; it is a vital link to our past, a symbol of connection, and a gateway to the stunning landscapes that define our area. Its historical and cultural significance cannot be overstated.

Moreover, our relative lack of intensive development is not a disadvantage but an extraordinary asset. We have the chance to build from the ground up, incorporating principles of equity, accessibility, and environmental sustainability into our plans from the very beginning. This is a rare opportunity to avoid the mistakes made in other regions and to demonstrate that progress and preservation can coexist harmoniously.

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Regarding the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge, the best long-term option is to replace the existing bridge. The reasons to replace the bridge are as follows:

1. Providing access to emergency vehicles. Replacing the bridge will allow emergency vehicles to access the area beyond the current bridge by widening the laneway and increasing the overhead clearance.
2. The Council Report and Recommendation, dated June 18, 2024, states, "...the buried wood components of the bridge structure may require further work once they are uncovered and available for inspection." Repairing the existing bridge will undoubtedly lead to unforeseen and potentially significant expenses that may exceed the \$350,000 estimate. In contrast, replacing the bridge would prevent such cost overruns, making it a more financially prudent choice and a sound long-term investment.
3. A replacement bridge using modern building materials and techniques will provide a better long-term solution. The existing bridge was previously repaired approximately 14 years ago. A repair to the bridge might last another 14 years. In contrast, a new bridge, adequately maintained, would last much longer without needing repairs, thereby saving future repair costs. For example, a steel structure with a reinforced concrete foundation would not have the same issues as the current wooden structure.
4. Replacing the bridge would most likely require upgrades to the road passing under the bridge. While I need to familiarize myself with the infrastructure plans for the north end of town, I propose that preparations for future water and sewage infrastructure installations be included in the bridge construction and road upgrades. This approach could potentially minimize future disruptions to the area and reduce future infrastructure costs by avoiding the need for separate construction projects and the associated disruptions.
5. Although removing the existing bridge and creating a level crossing is the most economical option, there are better options for the long-term growth and use of the Fitness Trail. The Fitness Trail must remain accessible for all community members, regardless of age or ability. Too steep a grade at either side of the level crossing will create a usage barrier for many community members, as evidenced by the level crossing on Waubeek Street. Community members who use wheelchairs (including electric wheelchairs) for mobility have challenges at the Waubuno Road level crossing due to the slope angle and ruts on the Trail caused by erosion. A slope to bring the existing Trail down to the level of Waubuno Road will result in similar accessibility issues.

The Council Report and Recommendation, dated June 18, 2024, notes a current project budget of \$350,000 and states that replacing the bridge, according to an estimate from 2009, will cost over \$400,000 (most likely more now, given increased construction and building costs since 2009).

- a. Has the Parry Sound Town Council investigated provincial and federal infrastructure and recreation grants to assist with funding a replacement bridge?
- b. Is replacing the bridge included in the waterfront improvement plan? Could funds be utilized from the waterfront improvement plan to cover the added cost of replacing the bridge?
- c. Have other community stakeholders been approached about contributing funds to replace the bridge? For example, OFSC members use the Trail and bridge during the Winter. Can the OFSC contribute a portion of their local trail maintenance budget to support replacing the bridge?

While cost is always a significant consideration, so is all community members' continued use and enjoyment of the Fitness Trail. I appreciate the Parry Sound Town Council for providing a forum for community members to share their comments and feedback regarding the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge. I urge the Town Council to thoroughly investigate all viable options and consider all community members' immediate and future needs before making a responsible decision about the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge.



Sincerely,  
Eric Fullerton

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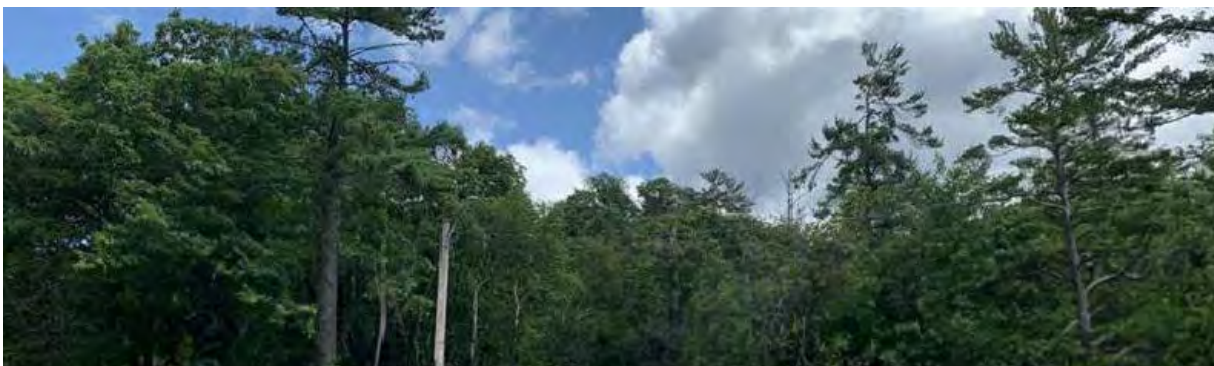
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The bridge is an iconic landmark that shouldnt be torn down, whenever i go on the trail i see so many elderly folk going for a walk throughout the day, imagine how big of a struggle they would have getting past old town beach if it werent for that bridge, it keeps the trail flat and easy to traverse, its an amazing and important bridge. If anything were to be done to that bridge, it should only be refurbished and maintained, not torn down.

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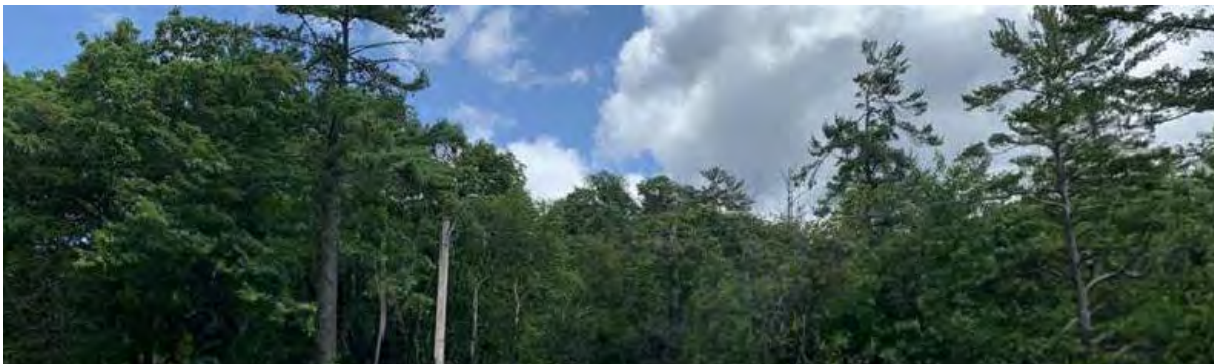
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Coming from a seasonal resident who uses this walking path weekly: Keeping the bridge as is and repairing seems better than lowering the path to grade. People of all capacities walk that path and the accessibility and level crossing makes it more inclusive for strollers and people with mobility issues.

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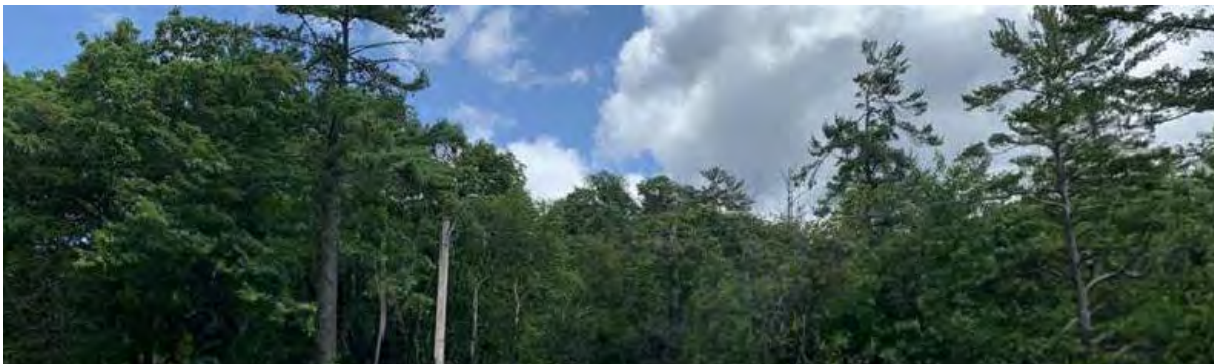
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Keep it original repair the bridge

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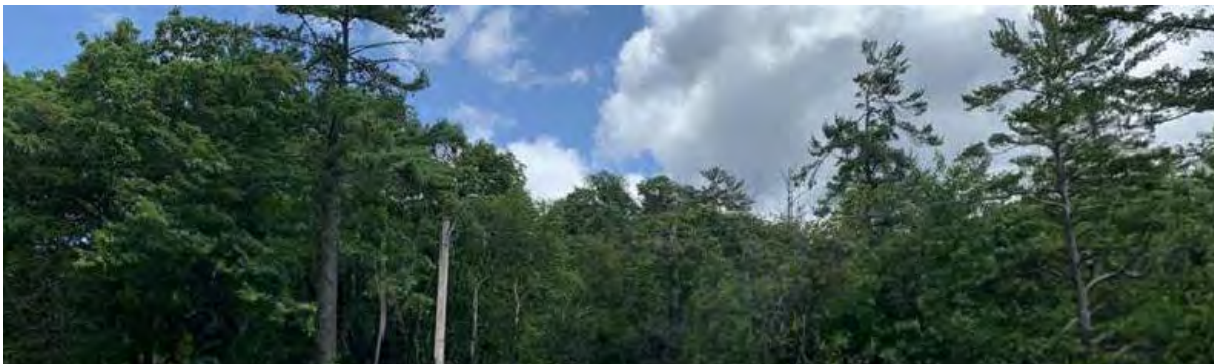
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So many things have been taken away from the people of Parry Sound. Something that is important to them, this a historical landmark, so important to the people who grew up there. I don't see why the decision falls on a few people ( council) People in this town who pay taxes, must have say in it. We feel strongly about this, so we must be heard for once. We all have a story to tell about this bridge

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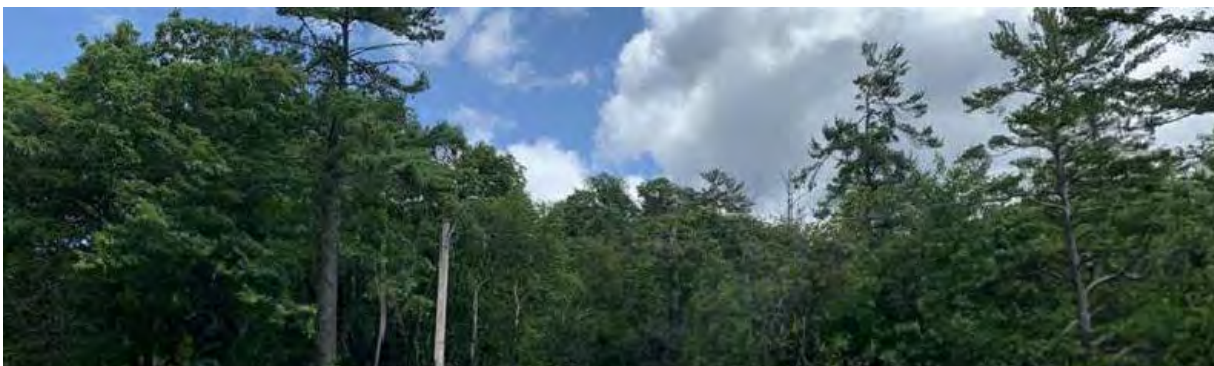
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I grew up and still have many family in Parry Sound. The Rotary Algonquin Fitness Trail is a great asset to Parry Sound. Any idea of removing the bridge over the access to the old town beach is a step backwards. The old rail spur is more than just a trail but a important part of Parry Sound history. Unfortunately today the in thing to do is to remove history and hope it goes away. The spur not only serviced the chemical works that doted the shoreline behind the salt docks but handled other freight. Another big reason for me is a handicaped senior I rely on a mobility scooter to get around. The proposed ramping I will bet does not take into account handicaped persons. The height of the spur at the south end would require a very long ramp to make it accessible to mobility scooters and from the looks of the drawing it will be to steep for most mobility scooters to use !!!

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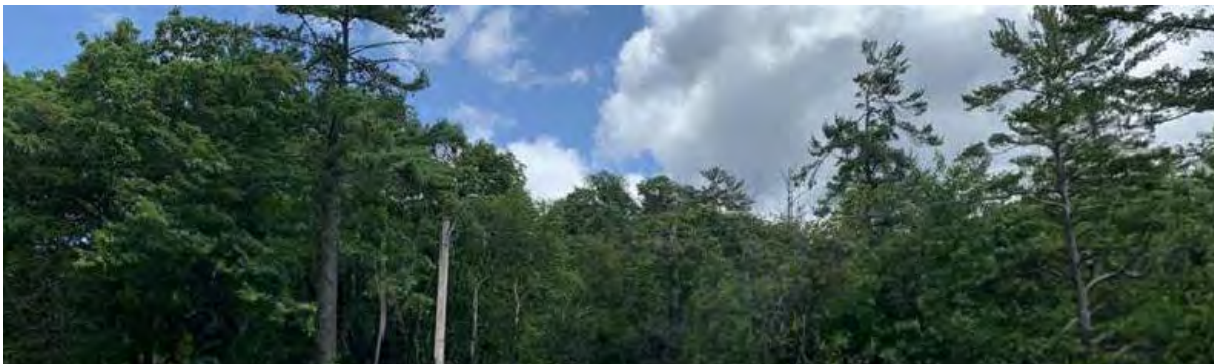
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As a full time resident of the town of Parry Sound as someone who walks the trail regularly, i would prefer to see the bridge fixed or replaced, rather than demolished.

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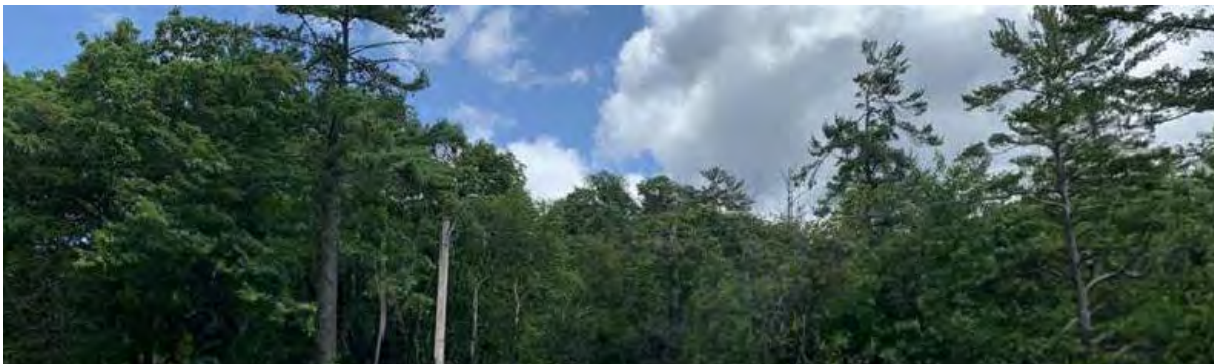
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Due to its significance to residents and its tie-in to the old purpose of the trail, the bridge should be rehabbed, which is also the recommendation of the report.

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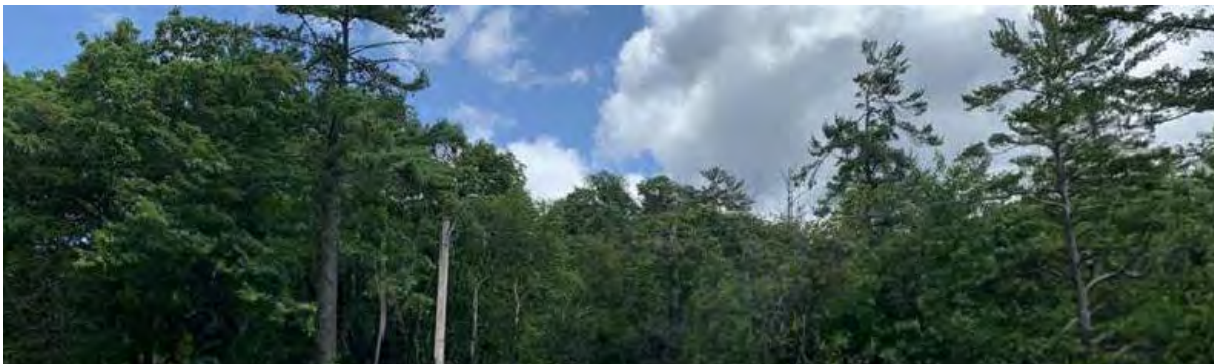
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This bridge is a beautiful piece of history in this town. I remember when I was little, my grandmother telling me how it used to be a train track. I remember learning how to ride my bike there. I grew up here 19 years and I cant imagine our town without it.

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Joseph

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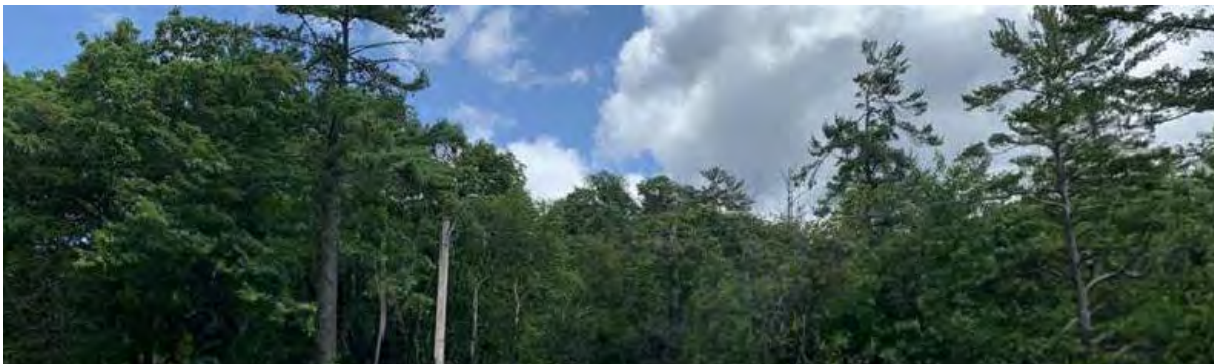
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July 28, 2024

Regarding: Bridge near the Old Town Beach

Dear Mayor McGarvey and Councillors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the preservation of the Bridge near the Old Town Beach on the Waterfront Trail in Parry Sound, with particular emphasis on maintaining the historic walking bridge that offers stunning views of Georgian Bay while keeping the walk flat, safe and accessible to all.

The Waterfront Trail is a cherished gem in our community, providing a rare flat path in our hilly landscape. Our surrounding was shaped by ancient ice age forces and therefore is very rugged. This trail weaves through lush greenery, inviting people of all ages and abilities to enjoy its natural beauty. The historic walking bridge, a reminder of the days when trains ruled, spans safely over a roadway, providing breathtaking and ever-changing views – worth the walk even in the winter.

From the bridge's elevated vantage point, one can often see young sailors honing their skills, their colorful sails dotting the horizon. This sight embodies the spirit of our community and the continuity of our environment within the biosphere. The bridge keeps the route flat and accessible, allowing people to gaze out over the beach and the Bay, revealing the four-season magnificent.

The view from the bridge is a hotspot for connections and creativity (photography and paintings) as it is unobstructed. The view offers scenes of large boats and small boats – power boats and sail boats. Many of us have captured sunsets and scenes of wonder from this bridge, trying to encapsulate the bay's raw beauty. Seeing trees clinging to the rock of the Canadian Shield, bent by the wind, reminds us of the importance of preserving this natural wonder.

The trail is a haven for dog lovers, providing a perfect setting for walking and bonding with their furry companions. These trails offer safe, scenic, and expansive paths where dogs can explore and exercise, enhancing their physical health and mental well-being. The lush greenery and picturesque views of Georgian Bay make every walk enjoyable for both pets and their owners. Additionally, these trails serve as social hubs for dog owners, fostering connections and a sense of community among like-minded individuals who share a

love for their pets and the great outdoors.

Maintaining this bridge is an investment in the future, safeguarding this beloved community space for generations to come. Access to this magnificent view would be lost by the new proposal, which threatens to alter the landscape irreversibly. Now is the time to honor and protect the bridge that allows us to witness the ever-changing beauty of Georgian Bay and maintain our connection to this cherished natural wonder.

There are so many benefits – here are the obvious ones:

Physical Health Benefits:

- Cardiovascular Health: Walking or running on the trail improves heart health by enhancing cardiovascular endurance and the bridge means you don't need to look out for traffic.
- Weight Management: Regular use of the trail helps in burning calories and maintaining a healthy weight.
- Muscle Strength: Walking or jogging on varied terrain strengthens muscles and improves overall physical fitness.
- Joint Health: Low-impact exercise on the trail can improve joint flexibility and reduce the risk of arthritis.

Mental Health Benefits:

- Stress Reduction: Spending time in nature and enjoying scenic views reduces stress and anxiety and there is no need to watch for traffic from the Stockey Centre to the new Town Beach.
- Mood Improvement: Physical activity releases endorphins, which can improve mood and reduce symptoms of depression.
- Cognitive Function: Regular exercise has been linked to better cognitive function and reduced risk of cognitive decline.

Social Benefits:

- Community Engagement: The trail serves as a safe meeting point for community members, fostering social connections and people meet and look out over the Bay than at any other point.
- Family Time: It provides an opportunity for families to spend quality time together in a healthy environment. Parents do not have to yell about the perils of crossing the roads – toddlers squeal as they run free (fun for all).
- Inclusive Activity: The trail can be used by people of all ages and fitness levels, promoting inclusivity.

Environmental Benefits:

- Nature Conservation: The trail encourages the preservation of natural landscapes and local wildlife habitats. The trail is used for educational tours and nature exploration activities for schools and community groups. Numerous is times I have personally seen classes and day camps using the trail for this purpose.

Flora and fauna – anyone?

- Environmental Awareness: Users may develop a greater appreciation for nature and become more involved in environmental conservation efforts.

Economic Benefits:

- Tourism Attraction: The scenic views of Georgian Bay attracts tourists, boosting local businesses. I believe that the Georgian Bay is our secret weapon!
- Learning Population: The availability of the Waterfront Trail and the soon-to-be West Parry Sound Recreational Trail significantly enhances our town's appeal, attracting new residents and much needed health professionals.

Removing the bridge that separates walking traffic from vehicle traffic on Waubuno Road is not advisable due to several key safety concerns. Waubuno Road is characterized by its steep (18 meters), winding nature and is well treed, which significantly reduces visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. The road's oblique angle at the intersection further complicates visibility, making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians and vice versa.

This hazardous environment increases the likelihood of accidents, especially at intersections where quick decisions and clear lines of sight are crucial.

This change is not in the Master Plan for Trails. One of the Master Plan's key objectives is to avoid user conflicts and ensure safety, which this proposal contradicts. Mixing pedestrian and vehicle traffic on such a challenging road raises collision risks, particularly during peak hours or in low-light conditions. Winter ice and summer speeding further endanger shared spaces. The absence of community consultation undermines the proposal's credibility, and removing the bridge without thorough assessment threatens public safety, as it is a beloved community asset providing safe pedestrian passage.

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned that many residents, who spend their entire summer at the cottage or are fully engaged in their employment, will not even be aware of this significant change. These individuals, integral parts of our community, will not have the opportunity to voice their concerns or contribute to the discussion. It is crucial that we involve all members of our community in such important decisions to ensure that the trail, which holds such immense value to us all, is preserved and enhanced in a manner that aligns with our collective vision and needs.

I urge you to consider these multifaceted benefits and the profound impact on our community as you deliberate on the future of the Waterfront Trail and the historic walking bridge. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda West and Charlie (the dog)

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Linda

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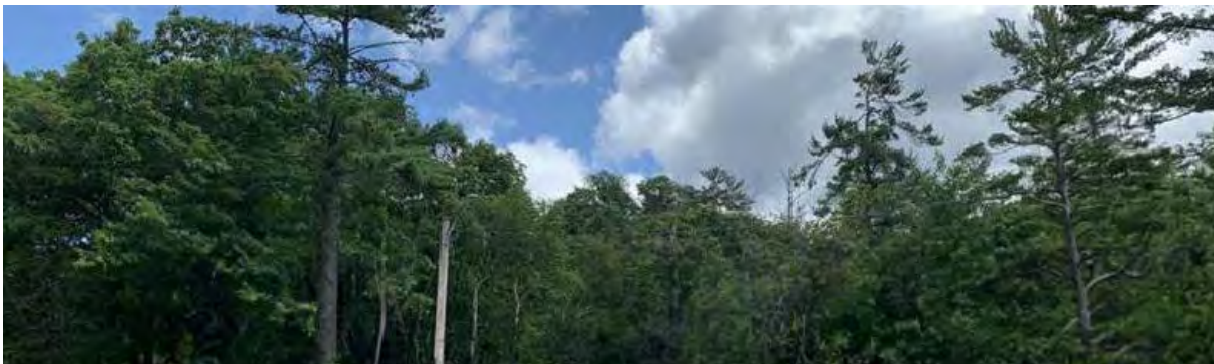
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Keep the Bidge, please!

This is the only totally accessible stretch of the Trail alongside the Bay from the NTB all the way to The Stockey and back that is....level.....safe .....picturesqe.....and provides a relaxed atmosphere for taxpayers and tourists alike while being enhanced with the natural beauty of this stretch.

Citizens of all abilities, ages, families with strollers, little ones on trikes, wheelcharists, cyclists, runners, snowmbilers enjoy the safety , level stretch. Many purposely park at either end of the stretch because it offers a safe, level experience and cannot otherwise use other hilly stretches.

I have spoken to many, many people in the past week along the trail and at least 35% are Touists that have come to Town to experience the Trail either before and are returning or are visiting for the first time because of the Trail, and every one of them are puzzled. When they go home, they will share their experiences with others and make recommendations for this reason to come visit, let's not dissapointment but maintain what we have and enhance what we have to encourage them.I have seen many stop to snap pictures of the view the Bridge provides .

Think about it, what do you seek when you travel ? Don't you share and recommend to others to go and experience what you have in your travels??

No matter what plan for a sloped approach intersecting with traffic yet to be recommended to Council, it will NOT be as safe or be able to replace the safe intersection The Bridge does now.

No matter what plan might be recommended to Council will never replace the benefits that are provided by the Bridge overpass now.

No service or emergency vehicles, if and when they are ever needed, are prohibited from accessing the OTB now. eg Coast Guard Rd access for oversized ones.

The latest estimate to conduct Bridge maintenance was received in November 2023 and just posted to the Towns website. A contingency for overruns is even included. New materials and methods of preserving longevity will be included. Accordingly, the work can be completed well under budget from the funds on hand which were received from the Federal and Provincial Gov'ts to conduct work for the Bridge.Far below what was estimated and reported and presented to Council. It even includes replacing those " environmentally hazardous, creosote soaked bases with ever lasting concrete ones!

We have the funds and know the benefits to all citizens, let's get it done !

" Don't it always seem to go, That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone , Ooh, bop-bop-bop-bop, ooh, bop-bop-bop-bop " - Joni Mitchell

Except We know what we have and it's not gone! We have the Funds, Let's do the right thing for the benefit of all and keep the Bridge.

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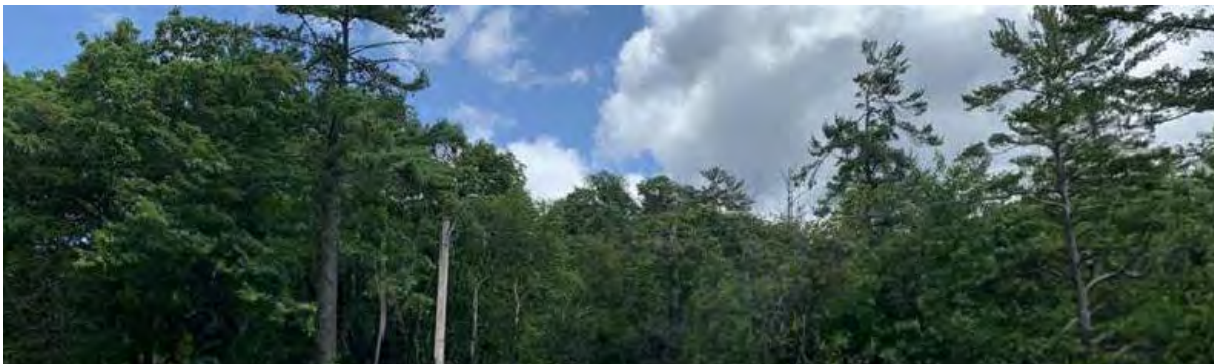
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I think it is time for a new Master Trail Plan - Here are some of the questions coming up:  
So many questions.....

1. Why is it that pedestrian traffic is cautioned at crosswalks where they have the right of way and vehicular traffic does not have similar signage?
2. Why were the fitness stations removed from the trail without replacement?
3. Why was green space removed on the trail to make way for condo development?
- 4 With the removal of the bridge accessibility will be reduced.
5. When will the health and wellness of Parry Sounders and our visitors be a priority?

And comments like:

Matt, I have copied your post because you disabled comments and this is quite disturbing. I wanted to point out that this contradicts the Highway Traffic Act in Ontario that states Pedestrians have the right of way. Further, it states for automobiles to: "Be alert as you come to intersections and look carefully for pedestrians, cyclists, other motor vehicles, yield signs, stop signs and traffic lights. Be sure to scan any sidewalks and paths/trails as well as the roadways. Bear in mind that children are often unaware of traffic laws and also that cycling on the sidewalk may be permitted by local bylaw. "

This is in the licensing handbook. The Town of PS needs to be informed of road and traffic law and fix this signage to reflect the law that protects pedestrians.

The stop signs are pointing the wrong way and need to be directed at the vehicles to stop - NOT the pedestrians. I have written to the town about this. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Please pay attention to the Save the Old Town Bridge - Facebook Page. Everyone is talking and very concerned. This trail is truly loved - I would think of it as the third rail - touch it ...

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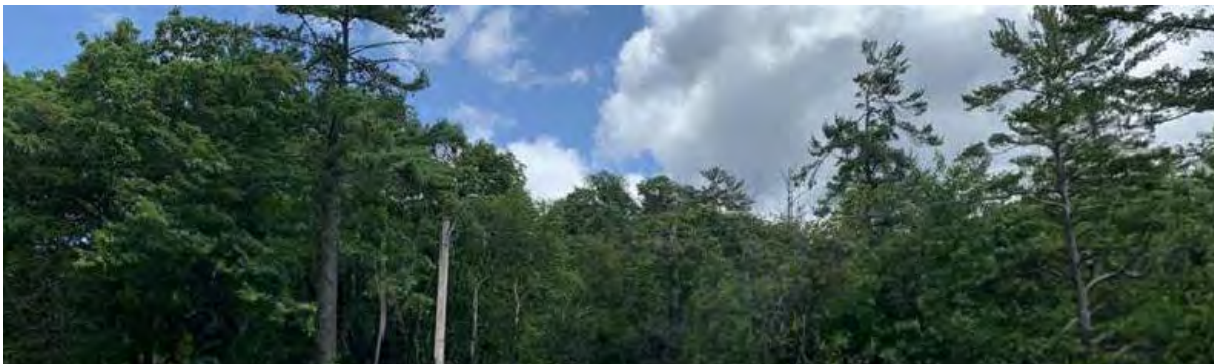
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Fix the current bridge as it's a part of history!

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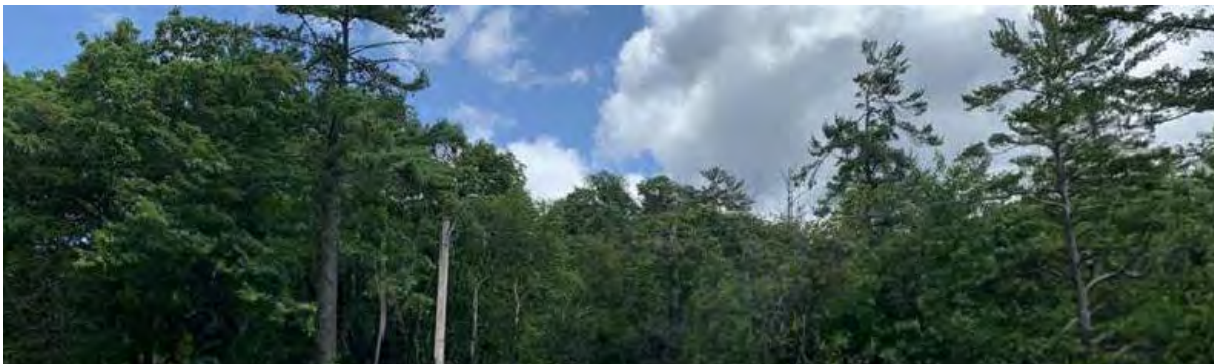
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I fully support keeping and repairing the bridge on the fitness trail. The fitness trail and the bridge provide access to the beautiful Georgian Bay.  
More development in this area is not only not needed but harmful to this green space.  
Stop the development of our waterfront.

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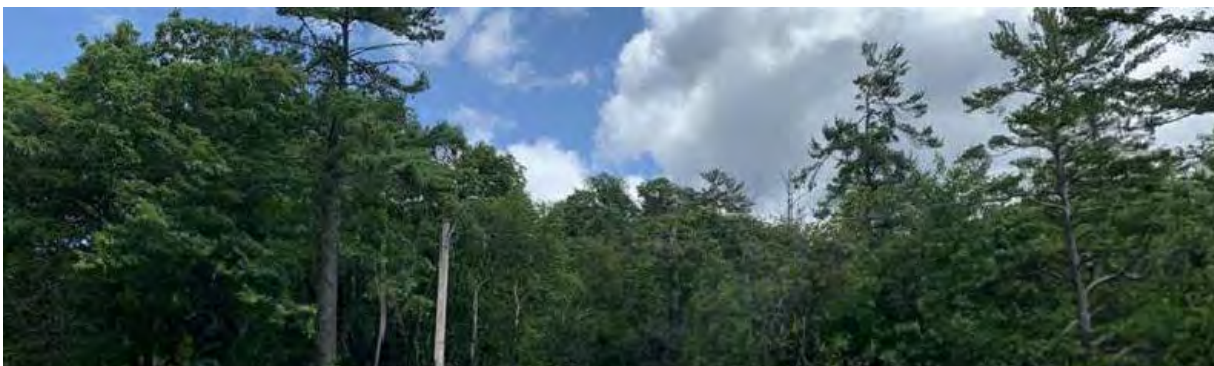
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I think that the bridge should be repaired for the safety of the trail users. I use the fitness trail a few times a week (alone and also with my children) and I have had some close calls with vehicles where the trail crosses the road at the Waubuno Beach. I can't imagine the trail needlessly crossing another road, and especially one where blind corners exists.

The fitness trail is used by people of all ages. I can't imagine the huge dip in the trail that the removal of the bridge would cause. A dip would make the trail more difficult for people of all ages to use the trail (especially elderly people and disabled people)

I am in favor of keeping a bridge at this location.

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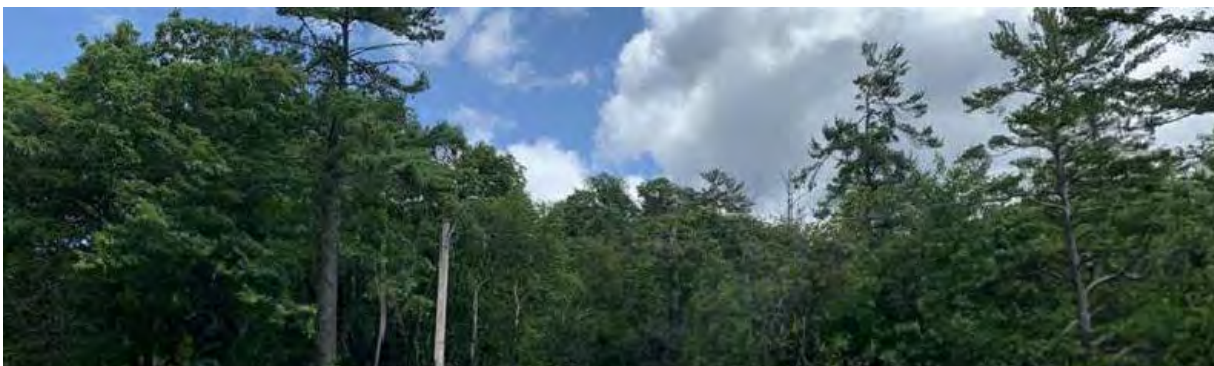
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Please take into consideration the fact that many people enjoy the availability of walking along the flat portion of the walking trail between the Waubuno Park and the Stockey Centre. This portion of the trail is paramount to them getting the exercise & enjoyment of the outdoors & waterfront. People with breathing, balance & need to use walkers, canes, and other assisted means are unable to have the advantage of climbing the slopes and rocky terrain that the rest of the trail entails.

In the winter, a sloping walking trail would further impede the walker. May I also point out that the run off from rains cause constant repair as is the case at the trail on Salt Dock Road as the slope from the road and landscape are a constant concern, causing deep ruts. This is a beautiful trail why must it be modernized for the convenience of those who definitively would make use of the proposed sloping . (Skate boarders, motorbikes, ). Please listen to the people who use the trail.

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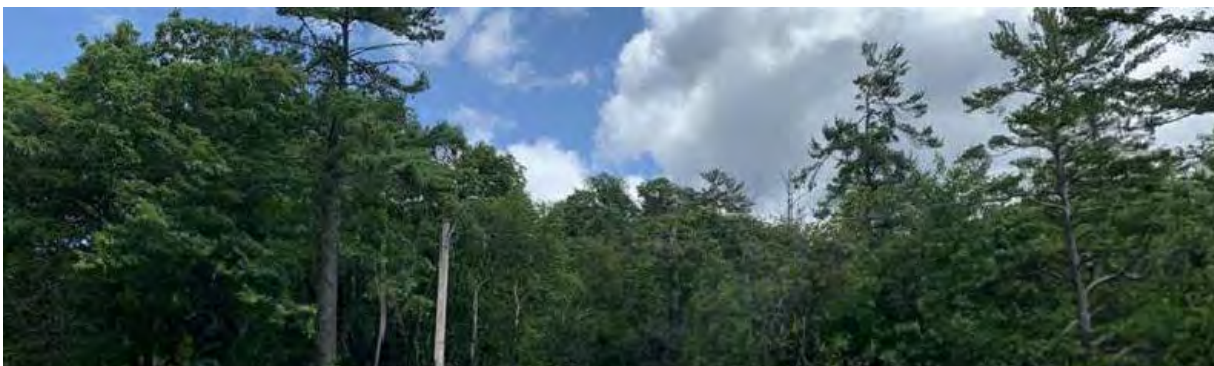
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I believe a comprehensive and transparent review of the OSIM engineering report, full disclosure of all plans for the area, and a robust public consultation process to ensure that all voices are heard and all options considered before any final decision about the bridge's future and the beloved Trail as a whole.

This bridge is not only an important part of our community's history, but also a crucial link for ensuring safe and accessible access to the trail for everyone. I believe the community deserves a more transparent and inclusive discussion about the bridge's future, with a focus on maintaining its accessibility and protecting pedestrian safety.

The Town of Parry Sound has an obligation to show full transparency in their decision-making!

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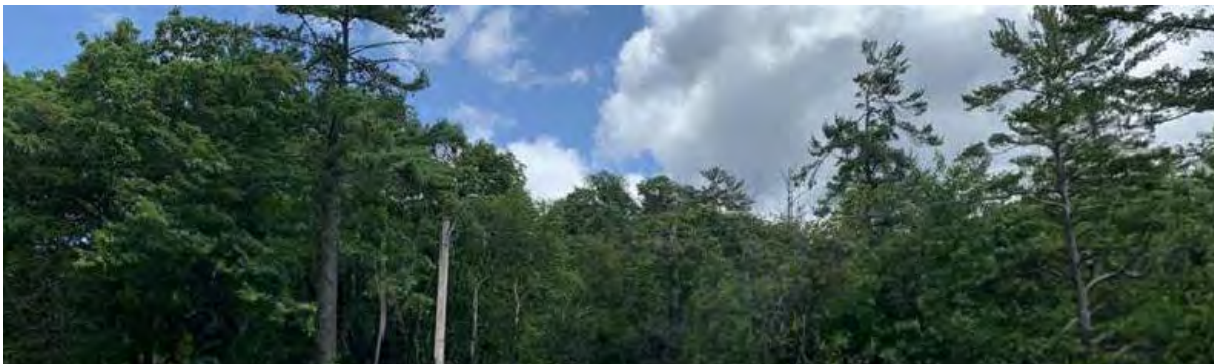
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If you take the bridge down ....the plow in the winter time would do exactly what it does now on Prospect...it leaves a snow bank on either side of the road that people on the fitness trail have to climb over...and the side walk cleaner does the same thing...seniors with walkers can't get to the parking lot to continue their walk as they leave a snow bank....

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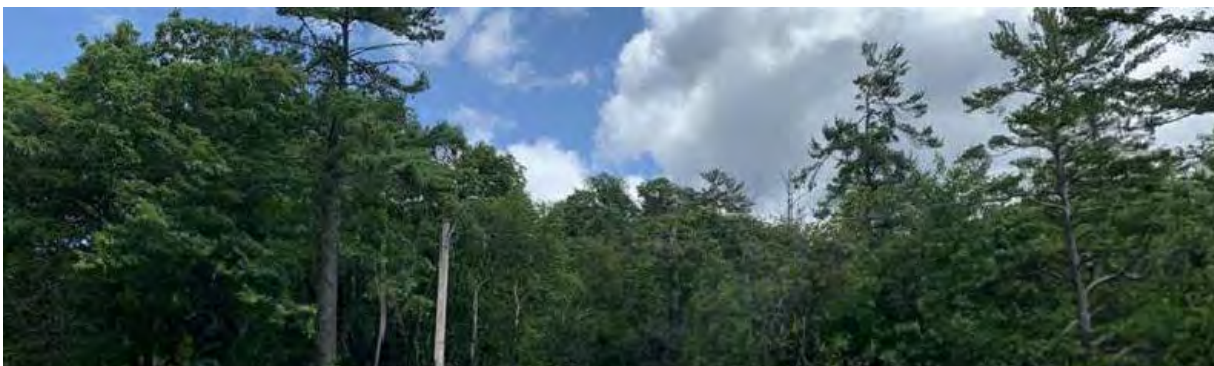
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The entire trail needs to be preserved as park space including the bridge and the old town beach. This is a tourist destination and is equally as important to our economy as infrastructure development which can be relocated with proper planning.

We have already lost green space to condo development it is time we make the health and well being of all our citizens a priority.

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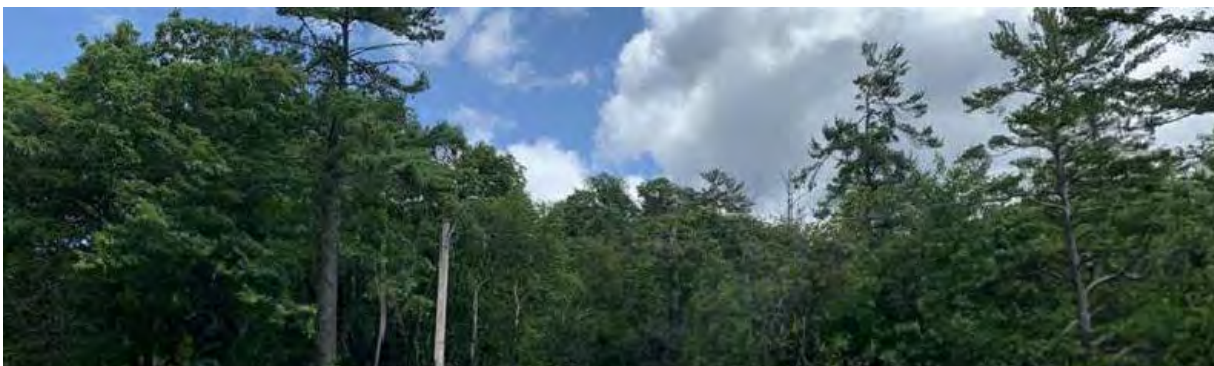
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I am honestly appalled at the idea of the town removing the pedestrian bridge. How disrespectful can an entity be to the ratepayers of the town? The Rotary Algonquin Trail is a treasure for the town's people. It is flat and easily traversed by ALL citizens. It is so wonderful to meet people with mobility challenges enjoying our paradise of nature and Georgian Bay. Any construction that adds barriers or difficulties to anyone's enjoyment of the trail is shameful! Please carefully consider your decision.

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Heather

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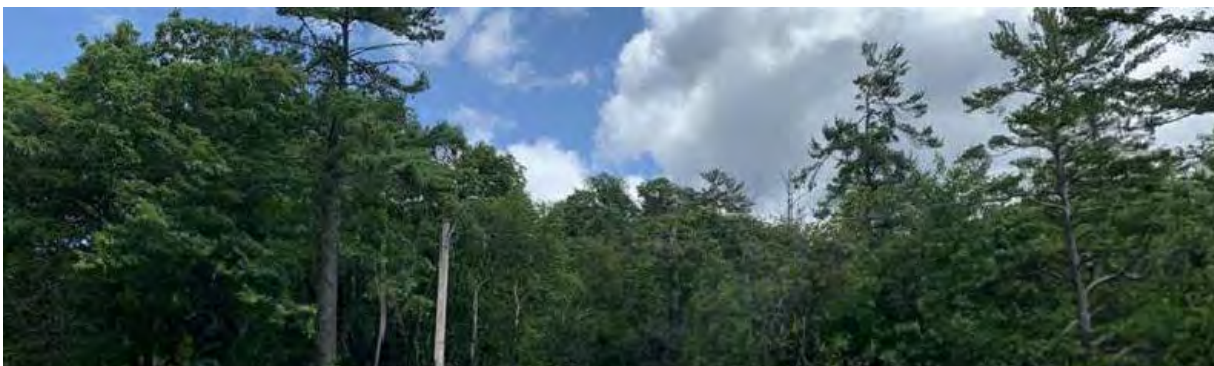
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The Walking Path is a great feature of Parry Sound and the bridge is a reminder of the history when the beach was the main attraction of the town. The riots is necessary to allow access to the Sailing School. My request is that we keep the bridge by fixing it up or if that is too expensive then replace it with a pedestrian bridge. Recognize the current and future importance of having a great walking trail for residents and tourists

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Gordon

**Last Name \***

Shields

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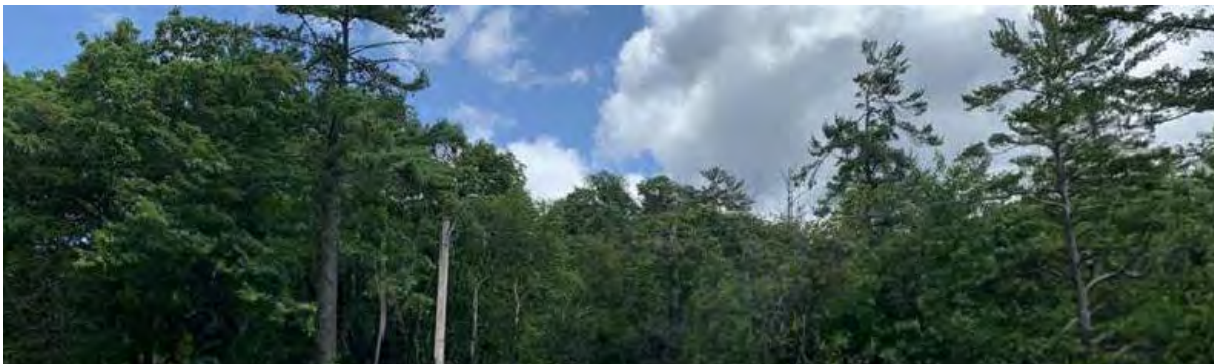
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Repairing or replacing the bridge are the only options in my opinion. I have grandparents who walk that part of the trail and the sloping would make it inaccessible for them. It would also make me uncomfortable with taking my kids biking there.

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Emily

**Last Name \***

Bell

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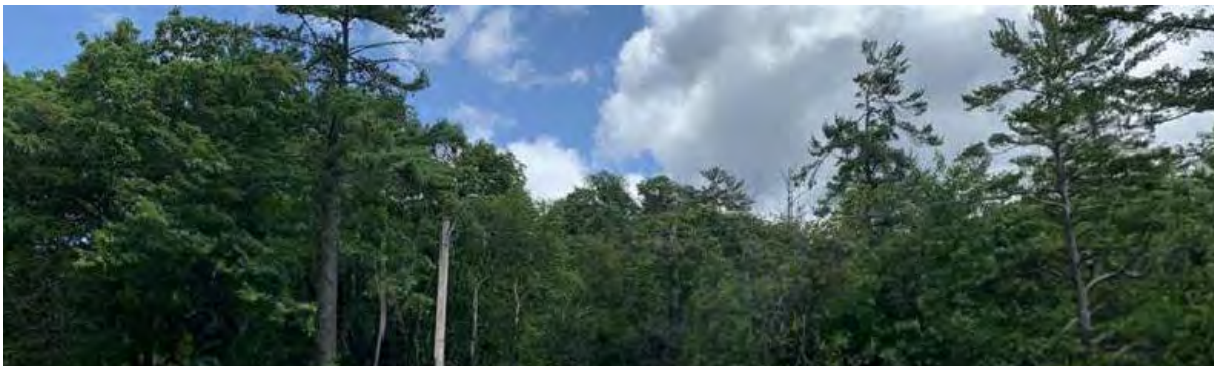
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I have been to the old town beach many times over this summer. Every single time I was there people stopped and enjoyed the bridge. I still feel that the town needs to propose an alternative solution that saves the bridge well allowing for their infrastructure to develop. Maybe while fixing Isabella street by the double train tracks they could tap into whatever they need to develop the land past the salt docks.

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Becky

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Adams

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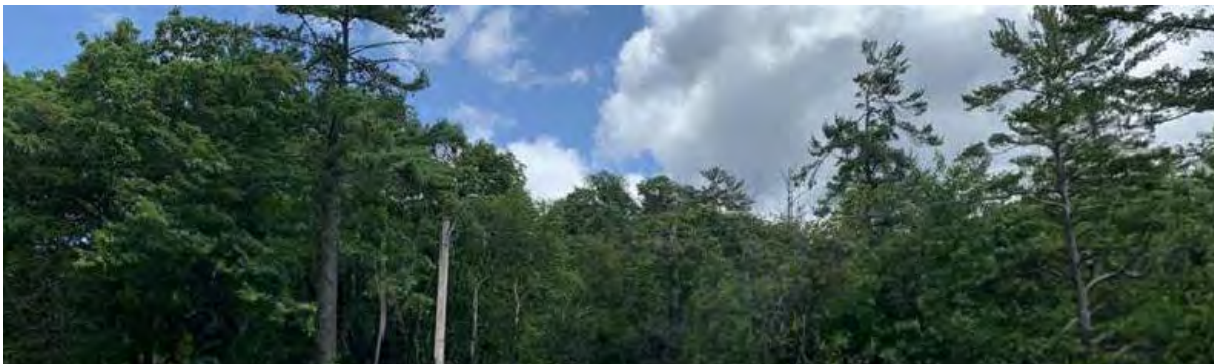
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#### The Heartbeat of Parry Sound: Our Beloved Fitness Trail

Nestled along the serene shores of Georgian Bay, the Fitness Trail (aka Waterfront Trail) is more than just a pathway; it's the emotional heart of Parry Sound. As you stroll along its flat, welcoming expanse, you're not just walking – you're connecting with the very essence of our community. It's a place where the spirit of "caring for people in place" truly comes alive, echoing the ethos inscribed on the Georgian Bay Biosphere sign.

#### The Georgian Bay Biosphere: A Sacred Connection

The Georgian Bay Biosphere, one of Canada's 19 UNESCO-designated biosphere reserves, is a testament to the deep, harmonious relationship between people and the land. This unique area spans 347,000 hectares of shoreline and is a living laboratory for biodiversity conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainable development. It's a region where Indigenous heritage and wisdom interlace with contemporary ecological practices, fostering a profound respect for nature and our place within it.

The Fitness Trail is an integral part of this biosphere. It's where the rugged beauty of Georgian Bay meets accessibility, allowing people of all ages and abilities to experience its wonders. From toddlers taking their first unsteady steps to seniors enjoying a leisurely walk, this trail is a lifeline for many. It's flat, safe, and inviting – a rare treasure in a world often marked by barriers and obstacles.

#### A Sanctuary in Times of Struggle

During the some of the most challenging times of my life, the Fitness Trail has been a sanctuary. For example, as I navigated family health crises and the loss of my mother, the last of her generation, this trail offered solace. It is a place where I can meet friends and neighbors, share my burdens and joys, and find comfort in the gentle rhythm of nature.

On this trail, I found not just physical exercise but emotional healing. I walked beside superstar runners and those with physical disabilities, all moving at their own pace but united by a shared appreciation for this beautiful space. Young children ran freely, their laughter mingling with the calls of birds, while frail seniors found a place to walk with dignity and ease.

#### The Threat to Our Trail

Despite its importance, the Fitness Trail is under threat. Practical considerations and budget analyses suggest changes that could undermine its very essence. If we allow it to be repurposed or neglected, we risk losing a vital part of our community fabric. Hundreds of people rely on this trail every day for their physical and mental health and as a place to connect with others.

The Fitness Trail is not just a route from point A to point B. It's a bridge – not just a physical one, but a



metaphorical bridge connecting us to our past, our community, and our natural world. Losing it would be a tragedy, and no argument could bring it back once it's gone.

### A Call to Action

I'm heartened by the engagement of our community. People are signing petitions, filling out surveys, and voicing their concerns on social media. Yet, there's a palpable confusion about the trail's future. We need clarity, dialogue, and a unified effort to preserve this precious resource.

### Organizing a Town Hall Meeting

To address this, I request the Town organize a town hall meeting. This will provide a platform for open discussion, allowing all voices to be heard and fostering a collaborative approach to protecting our trail.

Here's how we can do it:

**Invite Stakeholders:** Encourage community members, local businesses, and trail users to attend. Everyone who loves and uses the trail should have a say.

**Prepare Presentations:** Highlight the trail's historical significance, usage statistics, and community support. Provide clear information on why preserving the trail is crucial. (This could be done by both the Town and those supporting keeping the trail – as is)

**Showcase Testimonials:** Share personal stories and testimonials from residents who benefit from the trail. These heartfelt accounts will underscore its importance and rally support.

### A Legacy for Future Generations

Our predecessors gifted us this trail, and it's our responsibility to pass it onto the next generation. Imagine a well-developed town dock where people can gather, enjoy the view, and then cross the road to enter the pristine beauty of the biosphere. This balance of development and preservation is what makes Parry Sound unique.

Not everyone can tackle rugged trails or venture out on the bay, but the Fitness Trail offers an inclusive space where everyone can find joy. It's a place where families, friends, and dog lovers coexist harmoniously, creating a tapestry of community that's rare and precious.

### The Fitness Trail: A Unique Community Treasure

Having traveled the world, I can say with confidence that our trail is special. Where else do people greet each other with a smile, say "good morning," and genuinely inquire about your well-being? This sense of community, fostered by the trail's natural beauty and accessibility, is something we must cherish and protect.

### Conclusion

Let's come together to ensure that the Fitness Trail remains a sanctuary for all. Please create a town hall meeting where we could share stories, and help us craft a future where this trail continues to be the emotional heart of Parry Sound. Together, we can preserve this legacy, honoring the past and embracing the future with open hearts and minds.

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Linda

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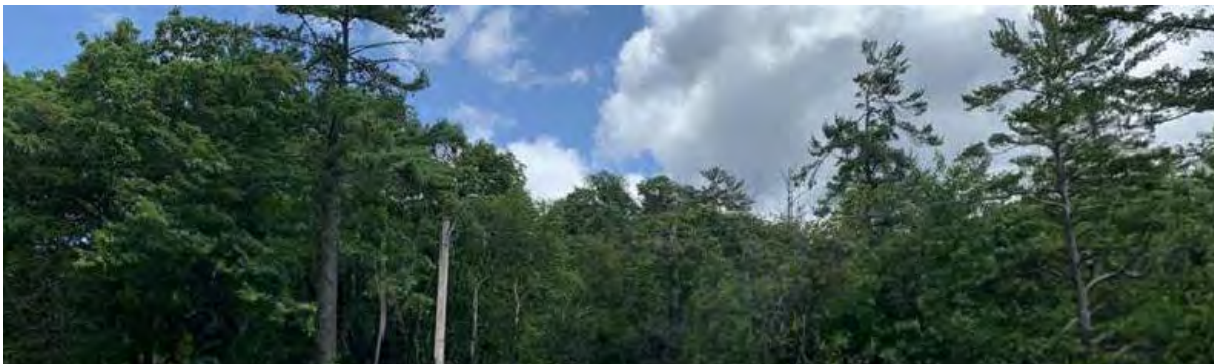
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Please keep the bridge. It is a landmark that has been there from our youth, parents youth, grandparents and so on. It would be a shame to not see it there anymore. Some things are worth more than just the dollar aspect. I grew up in Parry Sound, have visited many times since moving away after college

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Tina

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Tuck Dowdall

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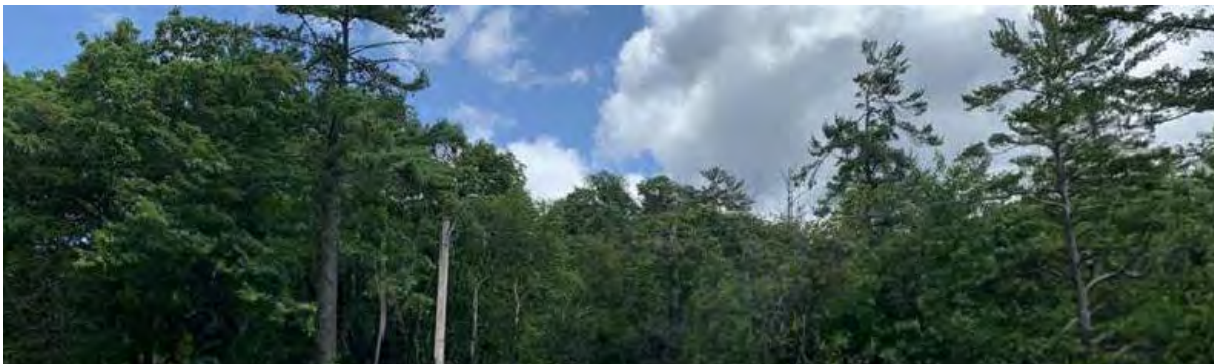
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In 2009 council voted to save bridge .....now save it !!!!!

**First Name \***

Ken

**Last Name \***

Godfrey

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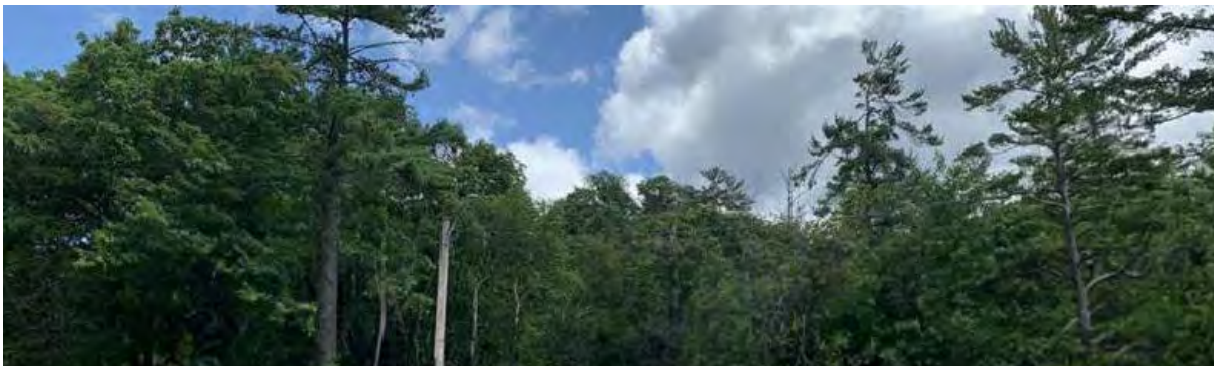
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Just off the trail where people were talking about making the current bridge a pedestrian bridge only. The statement was that with some work the current bridge could last decades.

This report seems to agree -

OSIM Waubuno Bridge Summary Report Several Contractors and an engineer are suggesting that with some work the current bridge could be used for years if it was used for pedestrian traffic only. Waubuno Street Bridge: Safety and Costs for Pedestrian Traffic – I tried to extract only that information from the report. Safety Overview The Waubuno Street Bridge, as per the inspection report, exhibits several structural issues primarily due to rot in its timber components. The key findings regarding safety are: Timber Members with Rot: Key structural members such as piercolumns, stringers, and the deck have significant rot.

Recommended Replacements: Various timber elements like planks, curbs, stringers, and columns need replacement to ensure safety.

Load Capacity: The bridge's current load capacity for pedestrian traffic remains, but the extent of rot suggests potential risks if left unaddressed.

Recommended Rehabilitation The bridge requires the following repairs within the next 1 to 5 years to maintain safety for pedestrian traffic: Replace Rotten Timber Planks Extent: Severe rot in 10 planks. Cost: \$2,000 Replace Rotten Curbs Extent: Severe rot in 6.0m of curbs. Cost: \$5,000 Replace Rotten Stringers Extent: Significant rot and bulging in multiple stringers. Cost: \$50,000 Replace Timber Columns Extent: Full height rot in several columns. Cost: \$11,000 Replace Ballast Wall Extent: Severe rot in the south ballast wall. Cost: \$12,000

Associated Costs

Additional associated costs include engineering, contingency, and mobilization/demobilization: Engineering and Contingency: \$15,000

This is much less than any other prices and making the bridge available for pedestrians would be a major step forward.

Could we go back to the Inspector and Engineer to see if this is possible?

Thanks

Linda

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Linda

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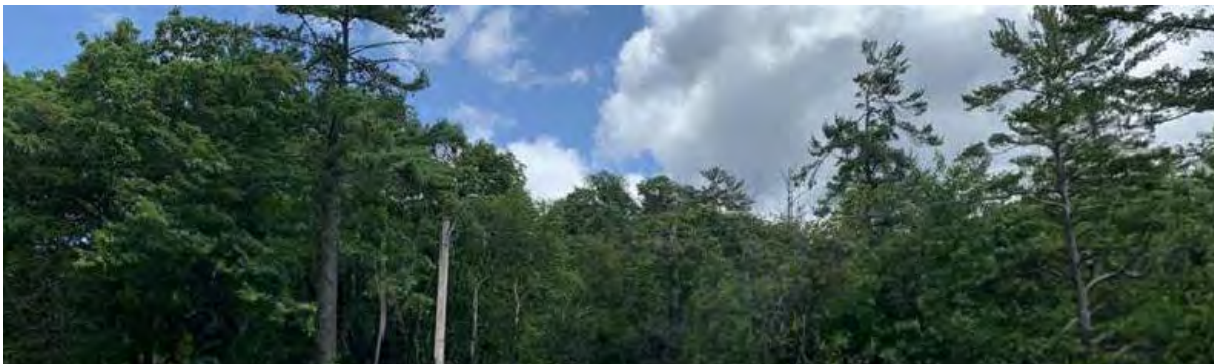
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Do not remove the bridge.

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Keith

**Last Name \***

Duncan

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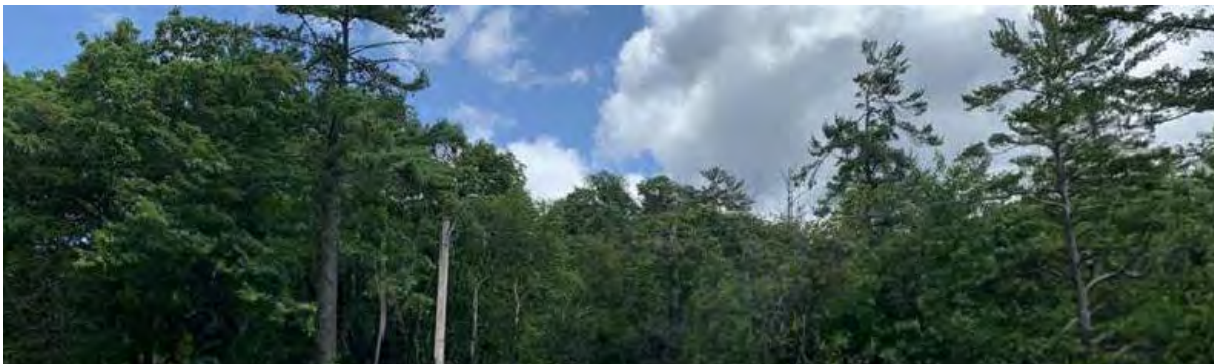
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It's would be good to renovate but not removing it

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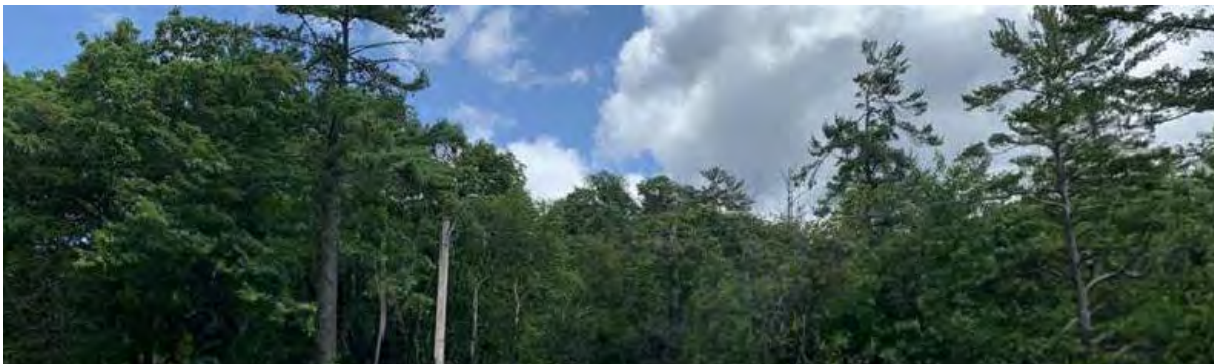
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I think the bridge should be repaired. It sounds like many changes are planned for the future and it is important to keep a piece of the past.

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Lindsay

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Adams

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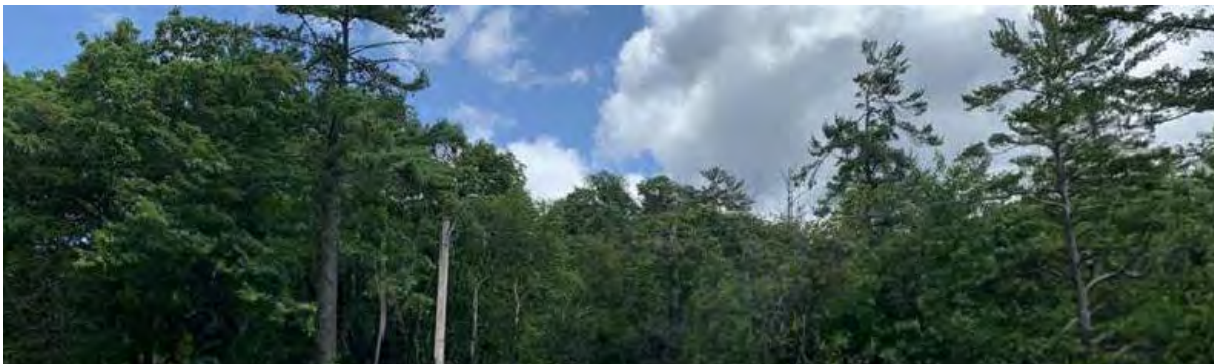
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This bridge must be saved, it is integral to the accessibility of the walking trail.

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Darlene

**Last Name \***

Miner

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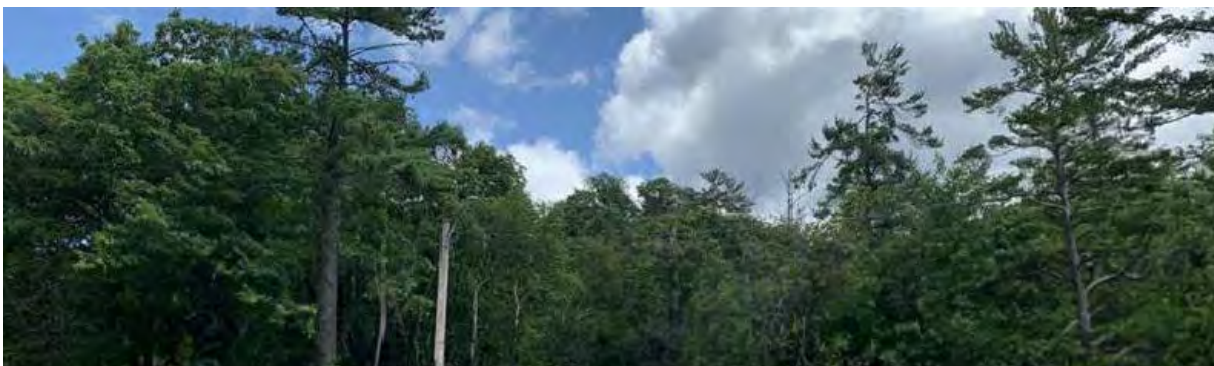
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Don't take away our bridge!

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Lissa

**Last Name \***

Wilson

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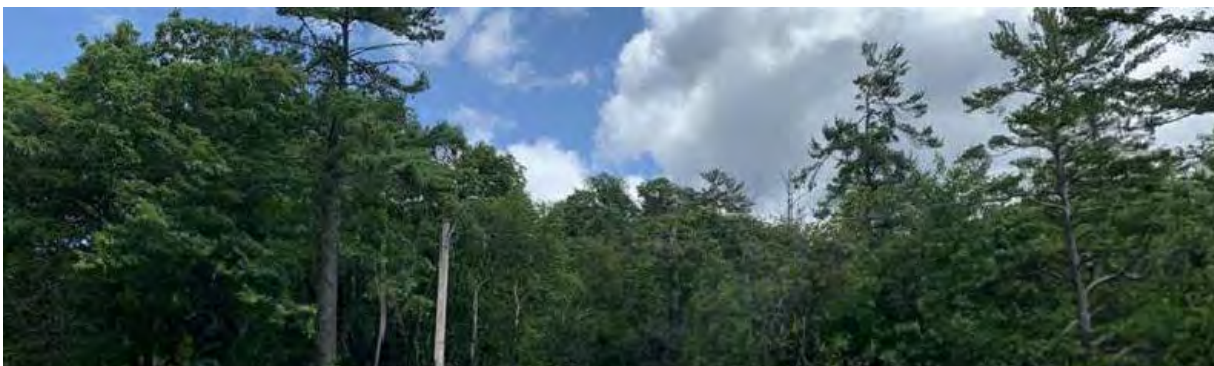
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Fix the bridge!!! We can't lose this .. it's a piece of our heritage.

**First Name \***

Joshua

**Last Name \***

Johnson

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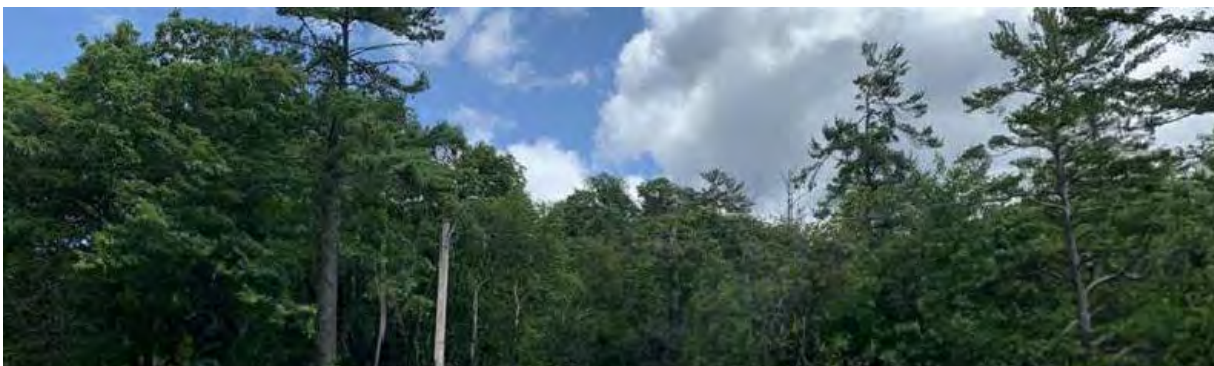
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It would be nice and make sense to remove the old bridge and bring down the walking trail path to road grade level, maintenance free. Thanks

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Erik

**Last Name \***

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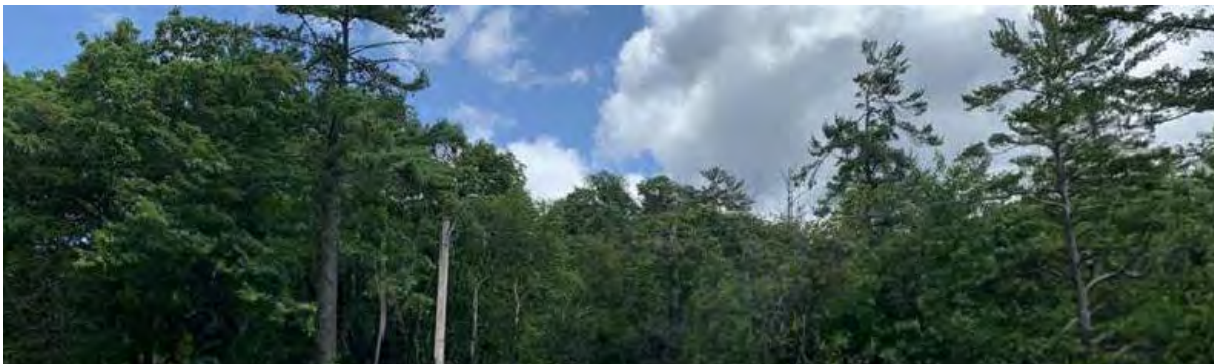
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The bridge is an important part of the fitness trail, Parry Sound waterfront and the history which makes this community. We enjoy walking the trail and in particular always stop on the bridge for photos, to enjoy the view and meet residents and visitors enjoying our beautiful and unique town. It is my hope that the bridge can be repaired and enjoyed for future generations.

First Name \*

Jane

Last Name \*

Moggy

Address \*

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Town/City \*

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Phone Number

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Email

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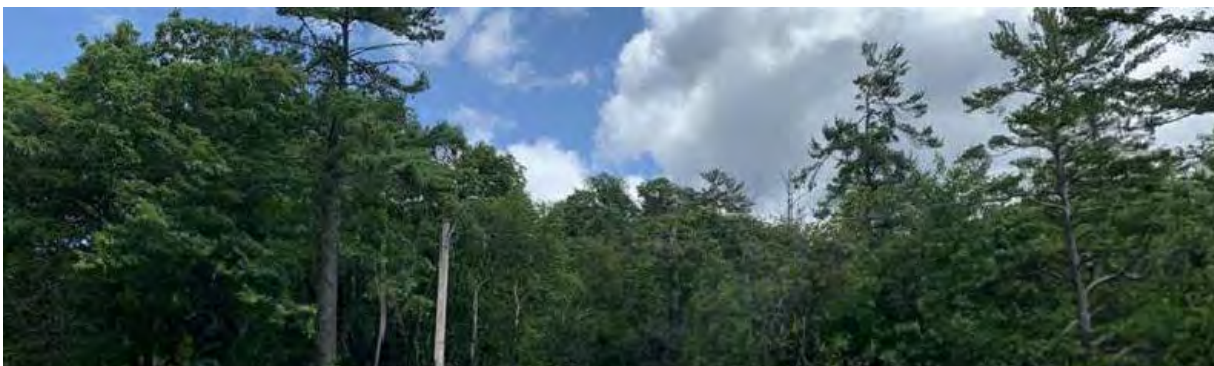
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I understand the recommendation to remove and grade. My concern is with the slope is the risk of someone may not stop at the bottom to check for traffic before crossing (eg. children on bikes).  
Has there, or could there be consideration of a barrier to ensure people stop before crossing?

**First Name \***

Stacy

**Last Name \***

Dodds

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

[REDACTED]

**Email**

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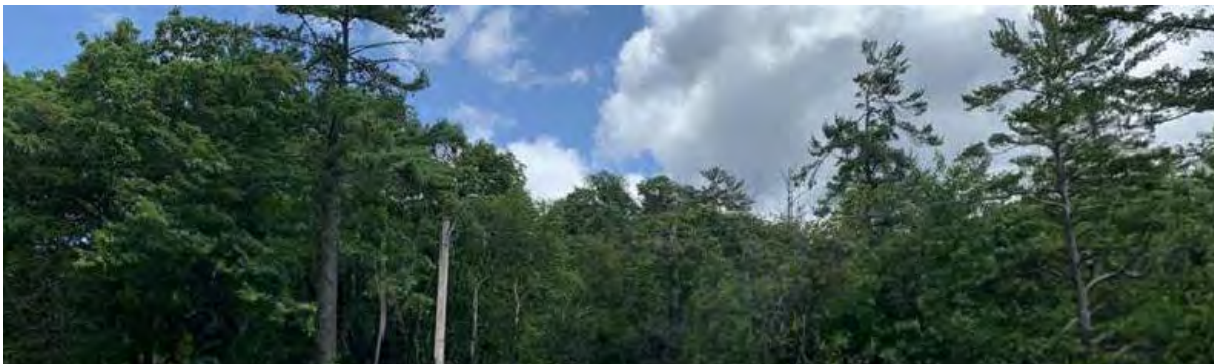
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I would like to voice my support for the removal of the Waubuno Pedestrian bridge. I believe that the less expensive option of removing this structure will allow taxpayer money to be spent in areas that are much more significant. Removing the bridge and grading the fitness trail appropriately on either side will continue to allow people of all ages and abilities to utilize the trail while making the waterfront more accessible in this area.

**First Name \***

Malcolm

**Last Name \***

Thompson

**Address \***

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**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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**Email**

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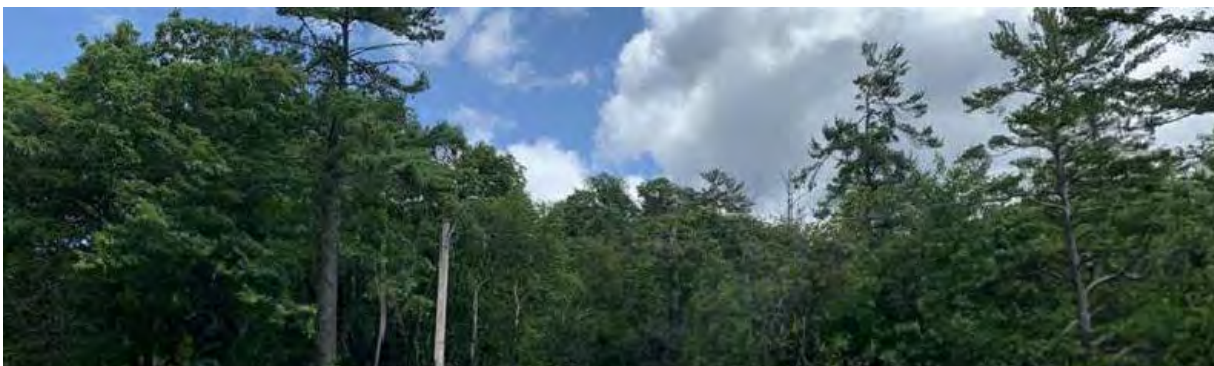
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Please leave the bridge as it is Not all history has to be destroyed .

**First Name \***

Faye

**Last Name \***

Hanna

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

[REDACTED]

**Phone Number**

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**Email**

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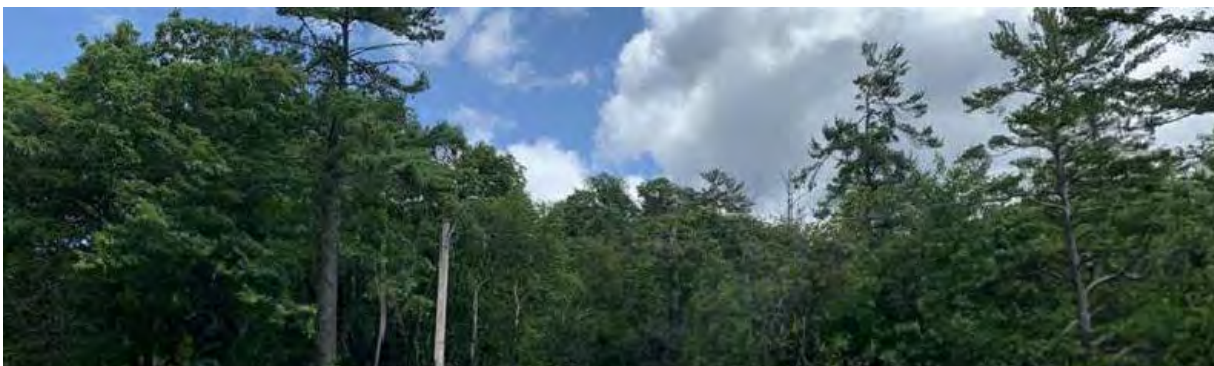
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Please replace the aging structure so that those with mobility issues have the ability to continue to use the trail safely. Grading the current trail causes serious washouts (like the one at Waubeek Street) that make it next to impossible to navigate.

**First Name \***

Susan

**Last Name \***

Poole

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

[REDACTED]

**Phone Number**

[REDACTED]

**Email**

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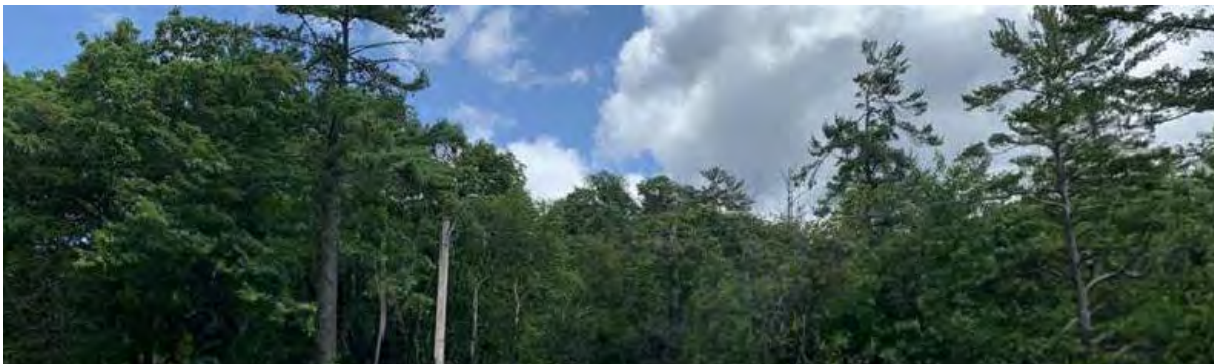
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Only replacing or repairing the bridges are valid options in my opinion. Sloping will present a danger to any children biking or walking the trail and will decrease accessibility for people with issues walking.

**First Name \***

Duncan

**Last Name \***

Bell

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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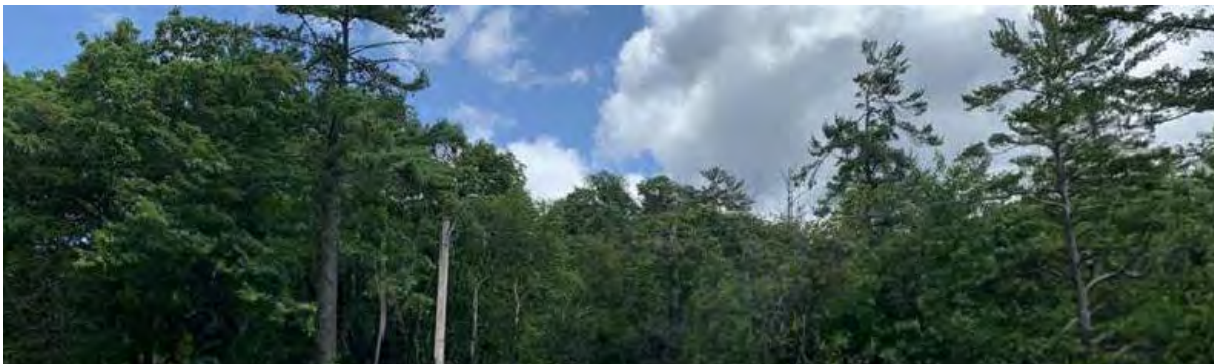
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This iconic bridge needs to be preserved for future generations

**First Name \***

Maureen

**Last Name \***

Melady Connelly

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

Scarborough

**Phone Number**

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**Email**

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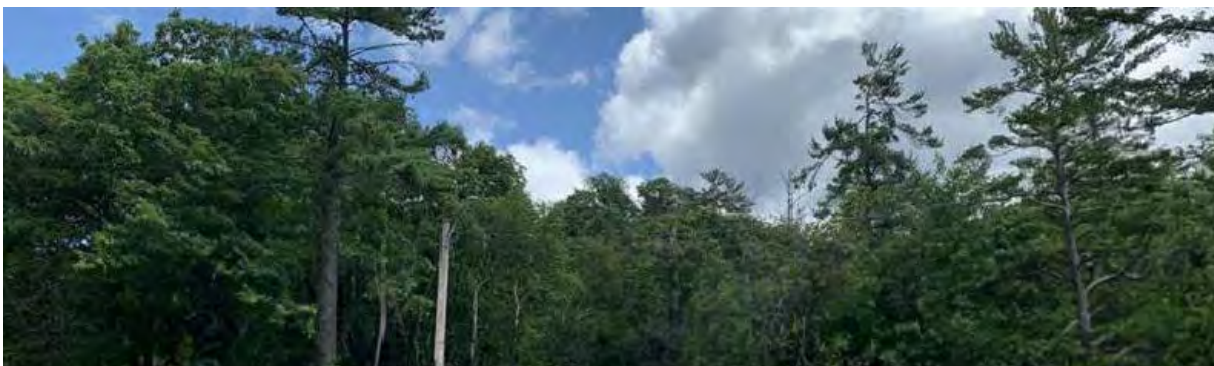
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I like many are in disbelief that this is even a topic of discussion. Fix the bridge and leave it. It is an integral part of Parry Sound's waterside and fitness trail.

**First Name \***

Nicole

**Last Name \***

Ramsay

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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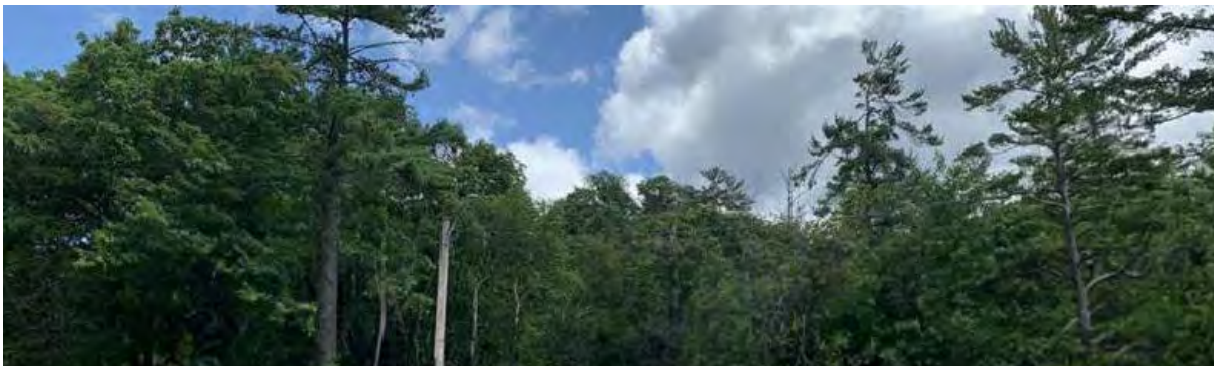
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its already in the budget to fix it. I love the bridge. It will destroy the trail if you take it down. Can't they find another way to get the utilities to the new development?

**First Name \***

MICHELLE

**Last Name \***

HUDOLIN

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

McDougall

**Phone Number**

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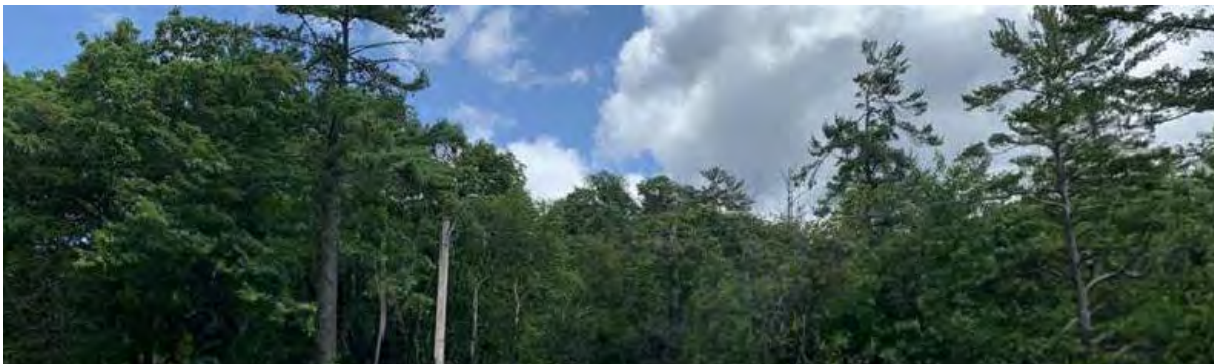
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I request that the Town hold a public meeting to discuss future planning on the waterfront, and particularly addressing the issue of the Waubuno Bridge.  
Thank you.

**First Name \***

Riali

**Last Name \***

Johannesson

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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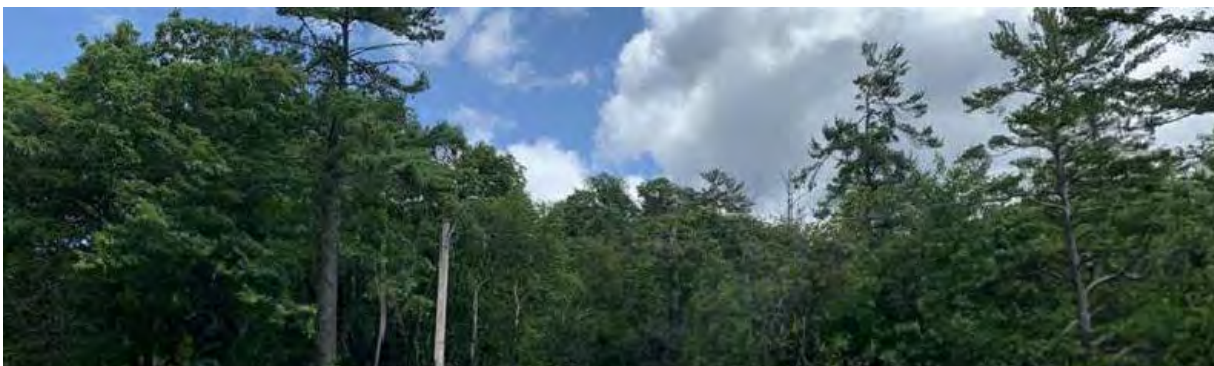
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In 2009 town council voted to save bridge and in 2021 repairs were to be done but cancelled stating too costly , why the 12 year time lapse ,why sudden urgencyy to demolish it ,what devepment are they talking about , is sail parry sound land leased from the town and if so when is it do, Big Sound Marina lease is do in 2025 and there is a 19 page report on pros and cons for the town to take over management or not, is there a connection to the Waubuno Bridge and beach area .....yes a few years i supported town council and trusted the council but not anymore ....

**First Name \***

ken

**Last Name \***

godfrey

**Address \***

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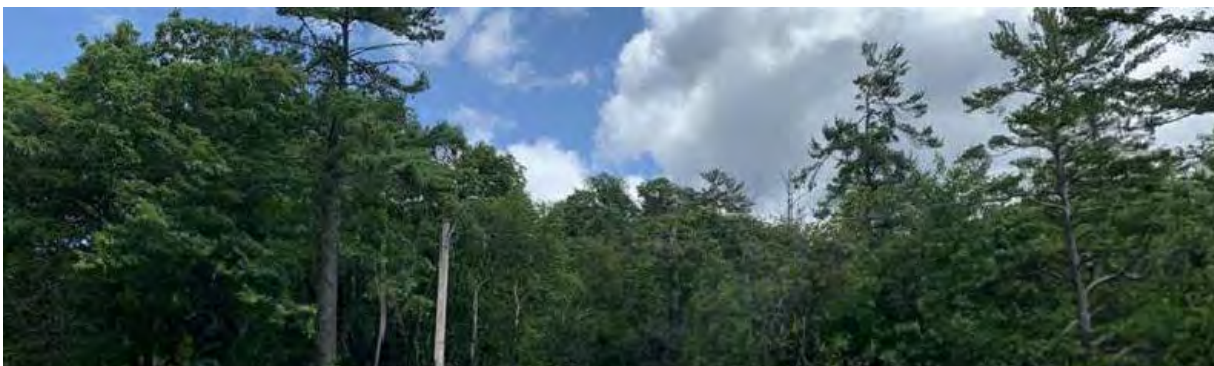
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The recreational trail is integral to Parry Sound, access to Georgian Bay, and fitness in our town. I worry the plan to remove the bridge without a specific plan for replacement would have detrimental effects. Not all Parry Sounders have access to Georgian Bay, many of us do not have boats or cottages and the fitness trail, including the bridge, allow us to access the Bay. I use the trail almost daily and see people with varying mobility on the trail, people with strollers, crutches, walkers, walking poles, power chairs, and everything in between. A slope in that area instead of a bridge would severely impact the most vulnerable fitness trail users which is absolutely unacceptable. Finally, fitness is a wonderful preventative health measure. Eliminating the bridge, would again reduce accessibility of the trail and free source of fitness for many including those most vulnerable from a public health perspective. I am not so attached to the old bridge, I think I would accept a new bridge, but removal of the bridge without replacement, and instead instituting a slope there, is not appropriate. I worry council has not taken the time to consider those who would be most significantly impacted by such a slope on the fitness trail. Further, I would like there to be plans in place for a replacement before council made their final decision.

**First Name \***

Margaret

**Last Name \***

Frere

**Address \***

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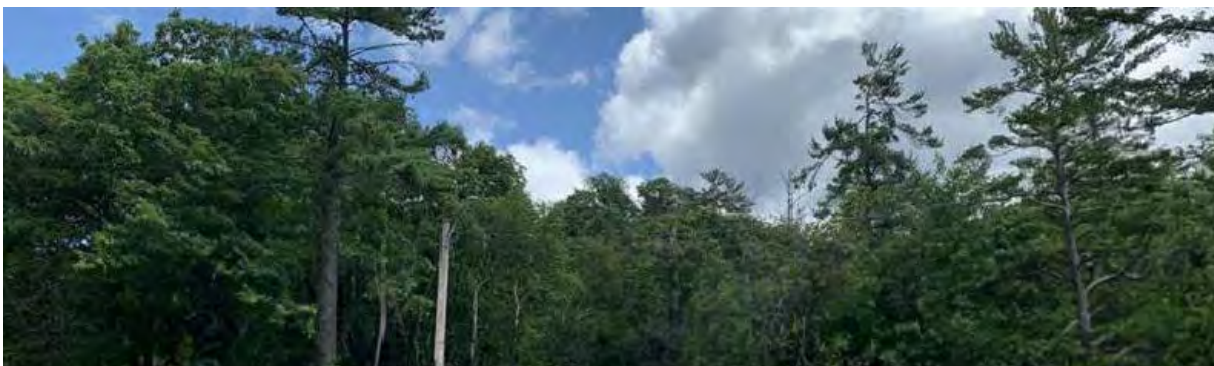
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We need detailed information about the proposed “infrastructure corridor” and the future north end development. Also a thorough and public discussion of alternatives to disrupting a walking trail regularly used by hundreds of local residents. This trail is a town jewel.

**First Name \***

Maureen

**Last Name \***

Casey

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

[REDACTED]

**Phone Number**

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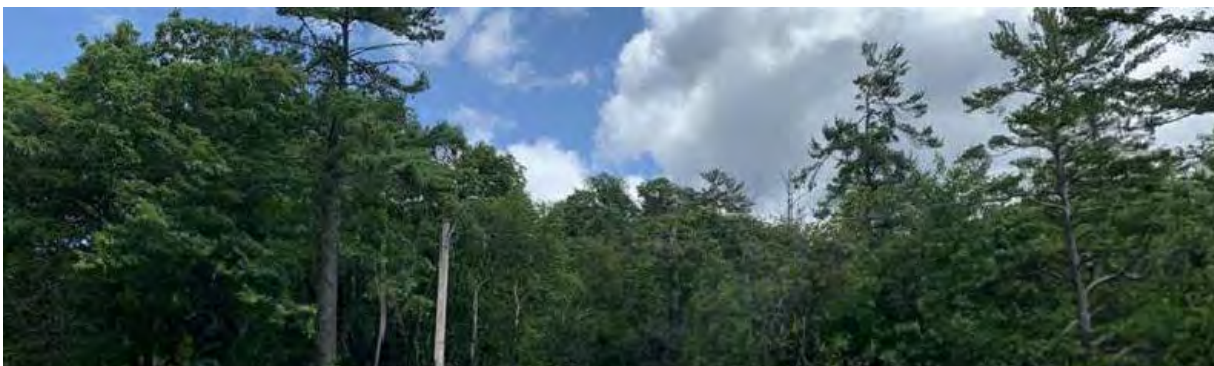
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Save our historic bridge. Preserve our waterfront, respect our history, save our memories, and the beauty of Parry Sound.

As a community member I ask for:

1. Transparency
- 2.) Preservation of our waterfront, the culture of our beautiful town, and our history
- 3.) Open, honest, communication with community members

**First Name \***

Mollie

**Last Name \***

Moloney

**Address \***

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**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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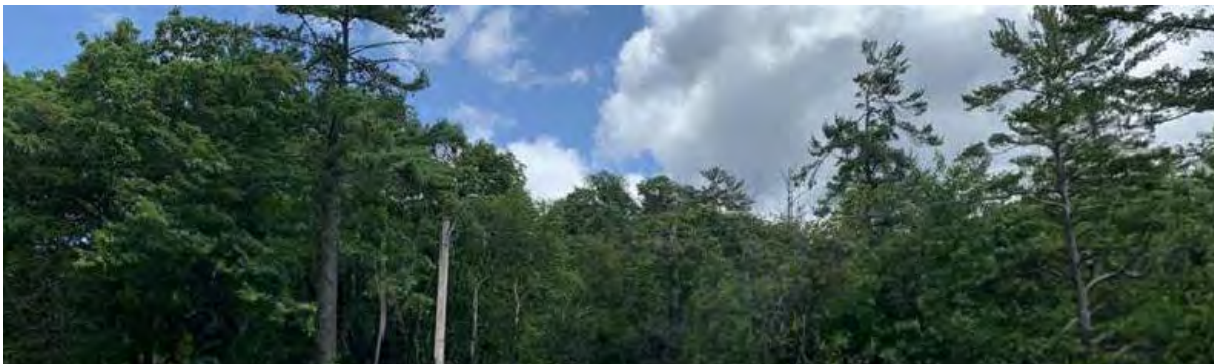
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I vote YES in favor of restoring the bridge and against destroying it!! It is such an important and useful piece of our trail. People have come to love this bridge and it's views. Destroying it would be like taking something away from our town!

**First Name \***

Wendy

**Last Name \***

Potter

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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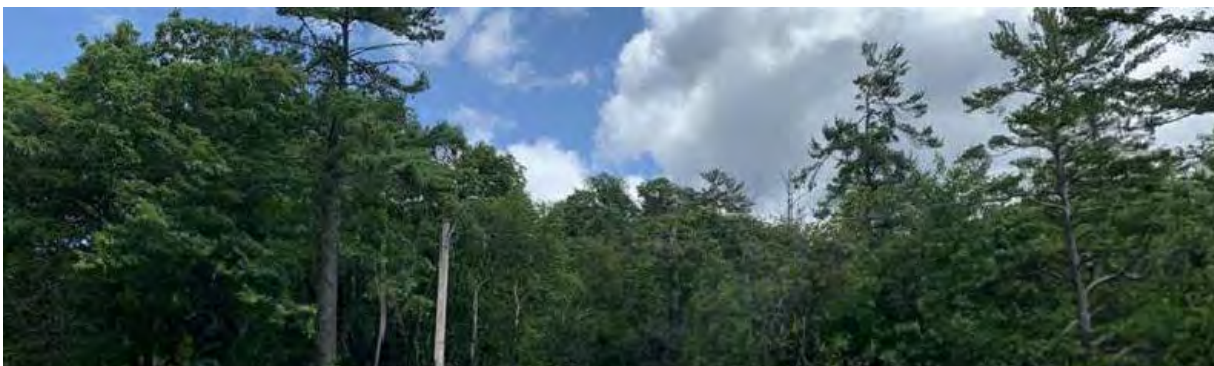
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I use the bridge almost every day, connecting my neighbourhood with downtown on a route that is safe, quiet, and beautiful. I see so many different users of different ages and degrees of mobility.

While I don't have a stance on the choice to repair or replace the bridge, I firmly believe that some form of pedestrian bridge needs to remain in place. Any grade would be so steep as to make the path inaccessible to so many who use it.

Furthermore, I believe that what makes this path exceptional is the relative lack of interaction with cars. Not only would removing the bridge force people onto a steep grade, but it would force another road crossing, with the dangers inherent in any interaction between vulnerable road users and vehicles.

I hope you will ensure that a bridge remains in place.

Thank you,  
David Kitai

**First Name \***

David

**Last Name \***

Kitai

**Address \***

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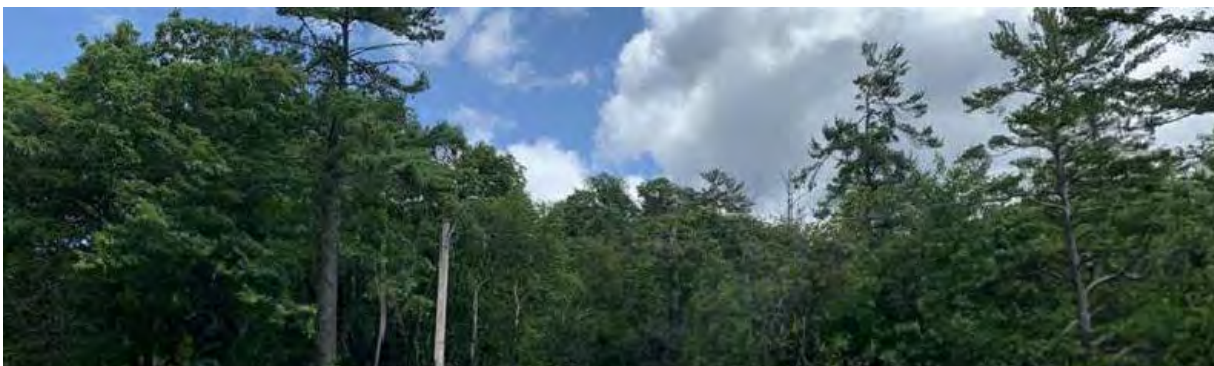
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Keep the bridge.

There's no reason not to, except for whatever planning process you may have that will put more condos down there, and I understand it means a bigger tax base.

I do have some questions about how you are spending that as well, I'll address that at a different time.

The bridge is a wonderful part of an awesome walk along an area that already represents the history of our town.

**First Name \***

Bruce

**Last Name \***

McLeod

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

[REDACTED]

**Phone Number**

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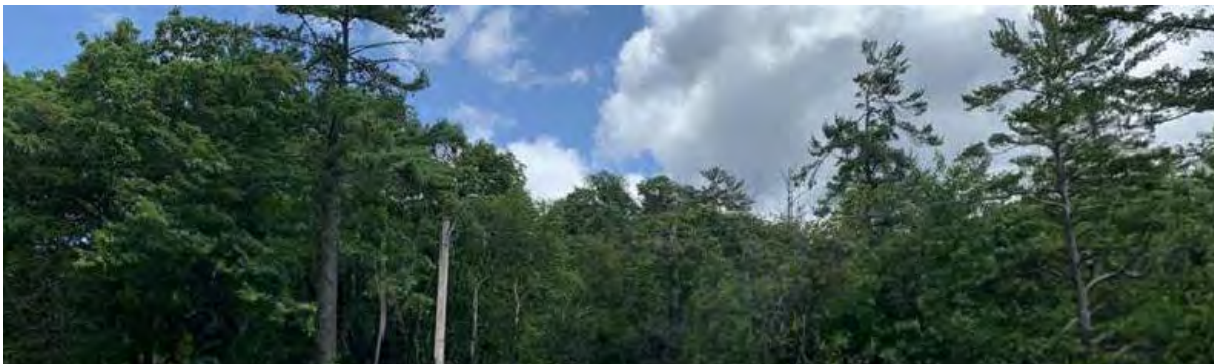
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If you would like to comment on the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge condition issue you may leave a response here. \*

Save our bridge

**First Name \***

Harold

**Last Name \***

Kewley

**Address \***

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**Town/City \***

Bracebridge

**Phone Number**

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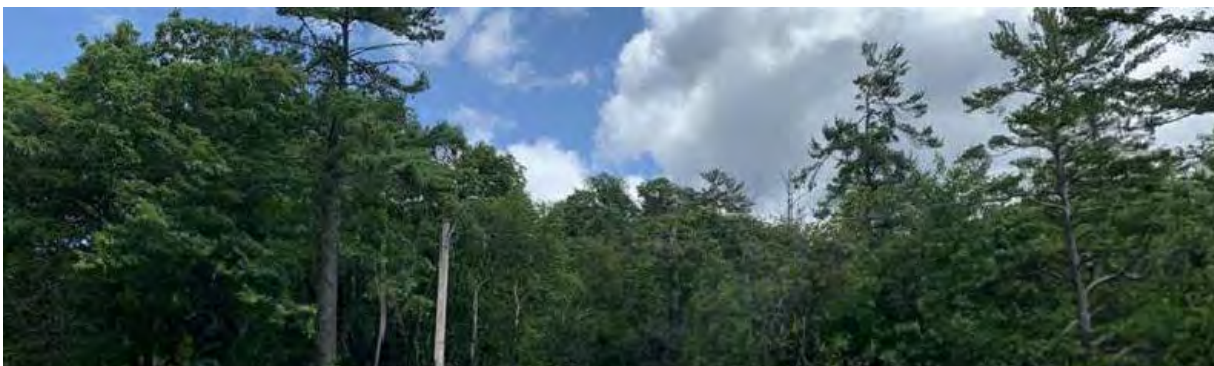
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I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining the Waubuno Pedestrian Bridge in its current state. This bridge is not only a distinctive feature of our waterfront trail, but also holds significant historical value for our community. Additionally, it serves as an important accessible element of the fitness trail, providing necessary access for all members of our community.

As the Chair of the Waterfront Advisory Committee, I was deeply disappointed that this recommendation was not brought to our Committee for review and comment. If our Committee is not given the opportunity to weigh in on matters related to the waterfront, I am left questioning the purpose of our involvement.

Given the considerable public interest and community support for this issue, I urge Council to make a decision that reflects the voices of the residents who elected them.

**First Name \***

Alana

**Last Name \***

Torresan

**Address \***

[REDACTED]

**Town/City \***

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**Phone Number**

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**From:** [John Este](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Johnson](#)  
**Subject:** Trestle over Waubuno Road / Beach Access  
**Date:** June 21, 2024 1:37:27 PM

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Hello Rebecca,

To Parry Sound Town Council,

Seeing that the Mayor is looking for feedback regarding removal of “the Trestle”, I suggest doing a “low key Environmental Assessment”. Consider various options, with cost estimates, and select a preferred option.

Clearly one of the goals ought to be to maintain the trail as a barrier free public space. This would mean grades less than 1:12, preferably less than 5%. There are probably many more, “things to consider”, so, start putting down “solutions” for consideration.

John Este  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda September 3, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Review of Operating Procedures with respect to Site Alteration Matters

**TOMRMS File Number: N/A**

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Jeremy Rand, Manager of Planning; Allison Kreuger, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer; Development & Protective Services Department

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To address Council's request to bring information forward in dealing with future site alteration concerns resulting from site alteration during construction at 32 Great North Road.

#### **Resolution 2024 -**

That the September 3, 2024 Report entitled *Review of Operating Procedures with respect to Site Alteration Matters* be received for information purposes.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan:

## **Background:**

Through the review of Consent Application B23-02 (32 Great North Road), discussion took place regarding the ability of staff to address concerns that arose due to site alteration that took place prior to the application on the subject lands through mitigation or enforcement. The site alteration was undertaken by the property owner to facilitate the construction of townhouses.

It should be noted that this report is referring to site alteration as a result of small scale residential development only. Residential over 10 dwelling units and non-residential development are subject to site plan control. A detailed review of site alteration matters is undertaken during the site plan control process. This review would include pre and post development controls in addition to mitigation measures that would be applicable during the construction phase of development.

The Town's Property Standards By-law (2012-6103) contains general statements regarding "safe conditions" around holes and excavations. These sections of the Property Standards By-law apply to situations that have been created in some manner and not to address natural landscaping features. After extensive review by staff and legal counsel, it was determined that this clause would not apply to the situation at 32 Great North Road as there was an existing natural hazard on site.

The property owner has since addressed the perceived hazard by filling and landscaping the lower portion of their property where the rock blasting took place, and the neighbours' concerns have therefore been satisfied.

Staff have reviewed this situation, as well as other similar instances, from a number of perspectives and taken into consideration input from the Town's solicitor.

It was determined that taking action on this matter would not be consistent with the intent of the existing by-law and would fundamentally change how the Town enforces site alteration matters throughout the municipality, specifically where there is an existing hazard. Given the rocky terrain of Parry Sound, it is difficult to draw a firm line in the sand or provide specific standards in instances where hazards already exist.

Staff are satisfied that given existing law and discussion of options with the Town's solicitor, that future situations will continue to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Following discussions with the Town's solicitor, staff have come to the conclusion that these changes would provide little additional benefit in terms of public safety and liability for the Town. Further, the Town already has the tools in place to deal with man-made hazards and situations where no hazards currently exist.

**Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

Staff through legal consultation are of the opinion that the municipality has the tools required (i.e. procedures and by-law) to enforce matters where new hazards are created or hazards are significantly exacerbated.

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

Nil.

**Included in Current Budget:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

**Director Approval DT; Date: Aug 27, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes



The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda September 3, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

2024/2025 O.Reg 588/17 Compliant Asset Management Plan

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

F06 - Assets; F11 - Grants and Loans

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title & Department**

Stephanie Phillips, CPA, CMA - Director of Finance/Treasurer

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To update Council on asset management progress in accordance with O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; and

To seek approval and support from Council to proceed with the next steps of enhancement to the Asset Management Plan for facilities, land improvement/parks, machinery/equipment, and vehicles; and

Further enhancement of the plan to include proposed levels of service for the 2025 deadline.

#### **Resolution:**

Be it resolved that Council accepts the Asset Management Plan update in accordance with the Town's Strategic Asset Management Policy and O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; and



Be it resolved that Council directs staff to proceed with Phase 1: 2024 O.Reg 588/17 compliant Asset Management Plan and Phase 2: 2025 Proposed Levels of Service and 2025 O.Reg 588/17 compliant Asset Management Plan with PSD Citywide at a total cost of \$58,500 (plus HST) in an effort to expedite the advancement of the asset management plan update to meet regulatory requirements.

### **Identify Relationship to Strategic Priorities:**

Core Service - Yes

New Service, Project or Program - Yes

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: all

### **Background:**

"On December 27, 2017, O. Reg. 588/17 was released which regulates asset management planning for municipal infrastructure," and as part of O. Reg. 588/17, municipalities were required to adopt strategic AM policies by July 1, 2019, update them at least every five years from that date, and provide an annual update to Council on the Asset Management Plan progress.<sup>1</sup> On June 18th, 2020, the Town adopted their Strategic Asset Management Policy which has been provided as Appendix B of this report. The regulatory requirements include monitoring progress and providing an annual update to Council on Asset Management Plan progress.

In August 2022, the Town of Parry Sound adopted their updated Asset Management Plan for core infrastructure.

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<sup>1</sup> Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario,  
[http://mfoa.on.ca/MFOA/Main/MFOA\\_Policy\\_Projects/Strategic\\_Asset\\_Management\\_Policy\\_Toolkit.aspx](http://mfoa.on.ca/MFOA/Main/MFOA_Policy_Projects/Strategic_Asset_Management_Policy_Toolkit.aspx)

## **The Timeline for Deliverables relating to O. Reg. 588/17**

- July 1, 2024 - Deadline to expand asset management plans to cover all infrastructure assets
- July 1, 2025 - Expand asset management plans to provide further details for all infrastructure assets and proposed levels of service

Source: Strategic Asset Management Policy Toolkit, Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario

The Town's current asset management plan does include assets in addition to those core assets such as roads, water, sewer, and storm. However, the requirements of the regulation include expansion of detail to include determining current levels of service for the remaining non-core assets. The 2025 activity will include determining proposed levels of service within the asset management plan through stakeholder engagement and a 10-year financial forecast showing the impact of those proposed levels of service.

### **Asset Management Planning Activity Update:**

Back in 2020, the Town participated in a program called AMP it Up 2.0 offered through MFOA and Ministry of Infrastructure, which involved an assessment of the Town's current asset management planning activities to ultimately develop an action plan that identified steps to be taken to progress the program towards the enhanced requirements.

Through the first Asset Management Plan Update, many of the action plan items were completed. Over the past year, the software has been expanded with the maintenance manager work order system. That included integration of the Town's GIS mapping with the assets within the citywide software. The benefit of this function is that roadways or areas can be selected on a map to assist with the prioritization of replacement through selection of condition and risk data for the surface and subsurface assets spatially. This is expected to assist with asset replacement and continued reconciliation between asset

management data and GIS data as well as available maintenance and inspection information.

Staff applied successfully for an Asset Management Planning Coordinator Intern through NOHFC. Recruitment of an intern proved unsuccessful within the timeframe of the program and under the requirements. We were able to hire a part time contract staff person to assist until December 13, 2024, within the available salary budget. Staffing resources have made advancement of the plan difficult. Throughout the demands of the regulatory changes, the need for a full-time Asset Management Coordinator resource has become more evident as data is in constant need of enhancement and updating. The hope is to allocate budget dollars towards a full-time resource in 2025 budget.

This next phase of enhancement to the asset management plan will involve public engagement to assess customer expectations and adjustment to proposed levels of service as required under the regulation.

The Town took advantage of AMP it up 3.0 offered through MFOA and funded by the Ministry of Infrastructure in the spring of 2024, by attending a workshop on the regulatory requirements which involve reporting current levels of service for all assets which we will be working towards in 2024 for non-core assets. This involves identifying services being provided for each asset category, determining the measures (customer/community levels and technical levels on the municipal side), gathering data from managers or work service area experts, and determining the lifecycle activities necessary to maintain the current level of service and their associated costs. The 2025 regulatory deadline will involve setting new level of service targets through stakeholder engagement and assessing the impact of those proposed levels of service through a new 10-year forecast.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that Council approve the next two phases of the update and enhancement to the Asset Management Plan. This involves authorization of the start of

Phase 1, O.Reg 588/17 2024 Compliant Asset Management Plan and Phase 2, O.Reg 588/17 Proposed Levels of Service with the 10-year financial plan to support the lifecycle requirements to meet proposed levels of service targets for all asset categories.

### Project Budget

Professional Services	
Service	Amount
O. Reg 588/17 2024 Compliant Asset Management Plan	\$36,500.00
O. Reg 588/17 Proposed Levels of Service with the 10-year financial plan to support the lifecycle requirements to meet proposed levels of service targets aggregated with the 2024 Asset Management plan for all asset categories	\$22,000.00
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>\$58,500.00</b>

The estimated duration of the entire project is 12-14 months, and the project is slightly delayed in getting underway due to staffing resources.

### Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:

#### Advantages

- Reduces the chance of impacts to provincial and federal funding sources.
- Continuous improvement to the plan creates data for better decision making.
- Utilizing the same consultant, provider of the Town's asset management software, offers many benefits which include continued enhancement to capabilities of the software and data.

#### Disadvantages

- Considerable staff time and resources are required.

#### Alternatives:

1. Delay the advancement of the asset management plan resulting in non-compliance
2. Propose adjustments to the course of action.

### **Cost/Financial Impact:**

This is a large project requiring considerable staff and financial resources. In 2018, we received a proposal to meet the July 1 2021 deadline for the project which totalled \$194,550. By completing the Strategic Asset Management Policy ourselves and completing the AMP it Up 2.0 Project, which provided us with an action plan and a gap analysis, helping us to complete more of the tasks internally, we reduced that cost to \$131,000 (plus HST). We were successful with a FCM grant, and the net cost was further reduced to \$81,000 (plus HST) to meet the July 1st, 2021 deadline (\$113,550 cost savings). Once we complete the two phases recommended in this report, the Town will meet all the regulatory requirements, with a total net cost of \$139,500.

### **Included in Current Budget:**

In the 2024 budget we have \$80,000 for the asset management plan/facility condition assessments

- \$36,500: Phase 1 of the Asset Management Plan (AMP) update - all assets 2024
- \$43,500: Facility Condition Assessments

In the 2025 budget, Phase 2 is expected and will come forward, in addition to, the Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Treatment Plant Facility Condition Assessments:

- \$22,000: Phase 2 Proposed levels of service with 10-year financial plan (will be in the 2025 budget)
- \$50,000: Estimated Remaining Facility Condition Assessments

### **Attachments: N/A**

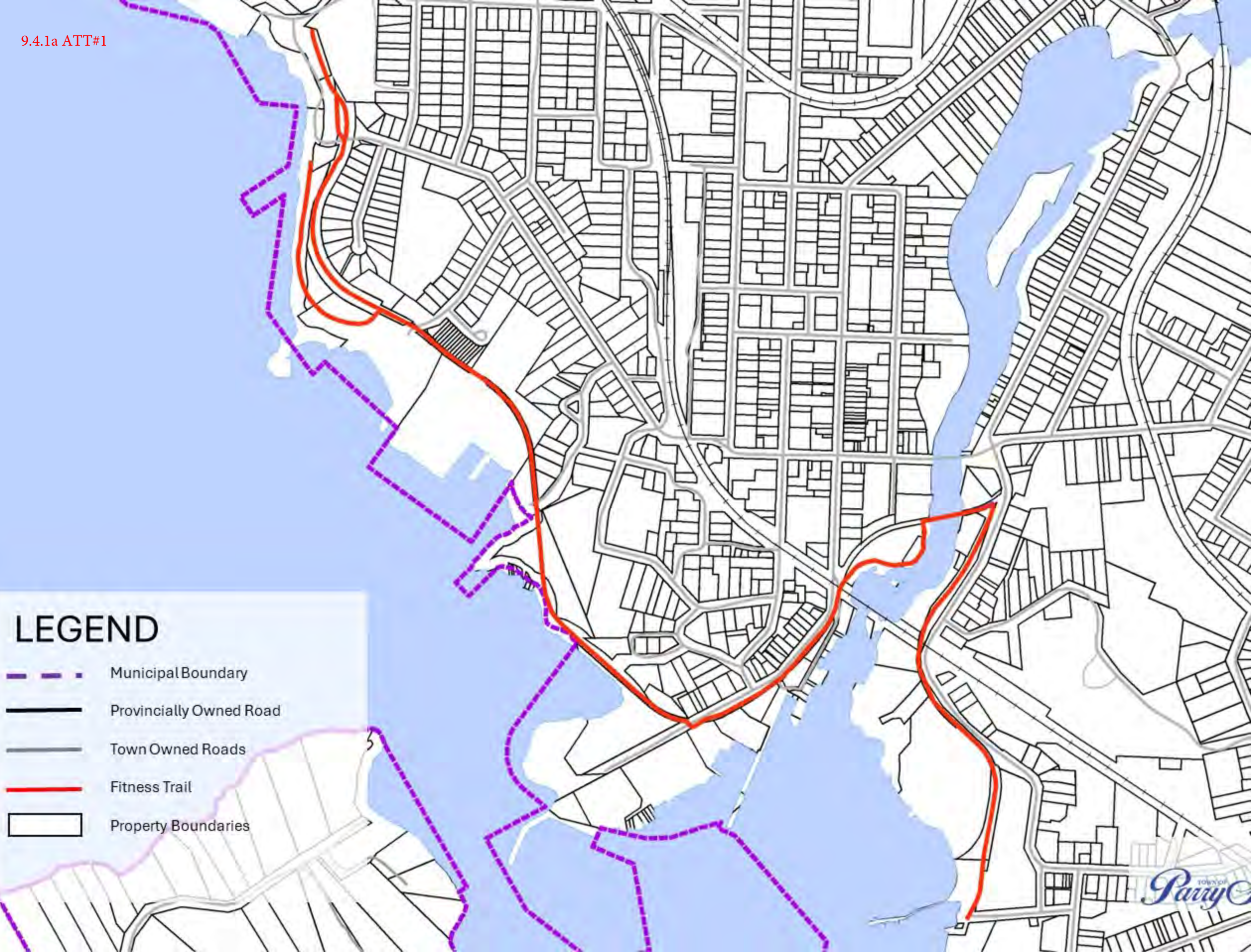
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**Director Approval ; Date:**

### **CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes





# LEGEND

-  Municipal Boundary
-  Provincially Owned Road
-  Town Owned Roads
-  Fitness Trail
-  Property Boundaries





The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda September 3, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Waubuno St. Bridge - Fitness Trail

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Mike Kearns - Director of Public Works

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To provide viable long-term options for dealing with the current substandard structure over Waubuno Road and to recommend that Council ask staff to further investigate the replacement of the structure with a new structure and to report back on specific design details.

#### **Direction to Staff**

That staff be directed to further refine Option 2 - Replace existing bridge at current grade; and Option 3 - Replace existing bridge with increased height clearance under the bridge, for the replacement of the existing structure over Waubuno Rd.; and

That staff report back to Council with additional details regarding Options 2 and 3 prior to any work being undertaken.

#### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service? Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Quality of Life - Economic Growth - Continue to invest in Infrastructure Improvements

## **Background:**

The Town of Parry Sound like all municipalities has a significant amount of infrastructure to repair, maintain and eventually replace. The estimated cost of this work is significant and there is an ongoing challenge to identify the funding for the work that is required. Staff regularly re-assess and re-evaluate infrastructure when major work is required; i.e. is the infrastructure still required, are there alternatives, etc. The Waubuno bridge is an example where staff identified a piece of infrastructure that required a capital investment now and into the future and identified an option that had the least cost to the municipality, which was presented to Council and the public for consideration.

The most recent OSIM (Ontario Structural Inspection Manual) inspection has revealed several deficiencies, and the expected current repair cost is \$350,000 plus engineering to correct the current deficiencies and to extend the life of the structure. After the Council meeting in June, Council asked staff to obtain public input on the potential removal of the bridge.

The majority of the input from the Public indicated a desire to keep a bridge. There were varying suggestions including fixing the existing bridge, replacing the bridge with a new structure and a much lesser number expressing a desire to have the bridge removed.

A new structural inspection is required for 2024 (OSIM), which will provide updated information and expected costs. Given the time of year, the bridge inspection will need to proceed as any remedial work will not be possible in 2024.

Staff have identified four (4) options related to the bridge as follows:

### **Option 1– Repair existing structure.**

The existing structure is made of wood and has undergone various repairs over the years. The structure is a combination of beams soaked in creosote and pressure treated wood. A number of the upright creosote posts have seriously decayed and sound hollow inside. Creosote is a toxic material that is not recommended for use with public infrastructure. The original estimated costs are expected to rise as buried portions of the structure are anticipated to be in very poor condition – current repair estimated Cost = \$350K

After the repairs are complete wooden portions remaining will continue to deteriorate, resulting in ongoing inspections and capital costs.

### **Option 2 – Replace existing bridge at current grade.**

A replacement option has been researched that has estimated costs close to the required repairs for the existing bridge, but would reduce future costs by eliminating wood being in contact with soils etc. while providing a new structure that can be easily inspected in the future as required.

This option would continue to have substandard clearance under the bridge, would allow for a wider span underneath increasing vehicle/pedestrian safety under the bridge and reduce future capital repairs, refer to Attachment 1 sample bridge photos.

The proposed replacement bridge is modular in construction, ensuring minimal trail use disruption as the placement of the new structure can be done quite quickly while replacing the existing structure with resilient and environmentally responsible materials.

### **Option 3 – Replace existing bridge with increased height clearance under the Bridge**

There would be a marginal increase in cost over Option 3 above, but it would ensure that clearance height under the bridge can be maximized while having a minimal impact on the trail slope. The actual bridge would be the same as in Option 2, refer to Attachment 1 sample bridge photos. The existing bridge has a restricted clearance

height of 2.96m while the legal maximum height for vehicles in Ontario is 4.26m. Maximizing the clearance height would result in an overall height increase of the bridge deck platform of 1.3m

The existing bridge height restriction makes the area inaccessible to vehicles such as a standard delivery truck, municipal equipment such as a loader/backhoe, cement trucks and other specialized vehicles in addition to some emergency fire trucks.

Using local data sets, there are areas of the trail between Prospect St. and Bay St. (approx. 1000m) that reach a maximum slope of 7.3% and has an average slope of approximately 2.25% with a low elevation of 178.3m and a maximum elevation of 186.4m. Slopes as a result of increasing the height of the bridge must comply with applicable provincial accessibility requirements

There appears to be an opportunity to provide a raised clearance height while maintaining an acceptable grade on the trail. Similar to Option 2, future capital repairs would be reduced.

#### **Option 4 – Remove the bridge**

The least cost option is to remove the bridge. Removing the bridge also avoids the costs of future inspections and repairs. However, removal of the bridge would create an at grade crossing where the trail crosses Waubuno Road. The removal of the bridge regarding the slopes must comply with applicable provincial accessibility requirements.

Much of the public input indicates that an at-grade crossing is undesirable.

#### **Conclusion**

Should Council wish to maintain a bridge over Waubuno Road staff recommend Options 2 and 3 be further explored and a report be brought back to Council prior to any work being undertaken.



### **Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

- Replacement of the structure ensures continued grade separated crossing of Waubuno Road.
- Replacement of the structure ensures that existing materials can be properly managed and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Proposed construction of new bridge would include concrete and steel materials ensuring longevity.

### **Alternatives:**

Rehabilitate the bridge and investigate further possible deficiencies

### **Cost/Financial Impact:**

Final costs will be determined once final replacement design can be completed

### **Included in Current Budget:**

Yes - \$350,000 Included in 2024 Capital Budget

Project will not be completed in current year

### **Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Sample Bridge photos

(Accessible format available upon request)

**Director Approval MK ; Date: August 28, 2024**

### **CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes

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The Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound

## **Council Report and Recommendation**

### **Open Council Agenda September 3, 2024**

#### **Subject:**

Renaming a Section of Parry Sound Drive

#### **TOMRMS File Number:**

#### **Spokesperson(s) Name, Title, Department**

Clayton Harris, CAO; Mike Kearns, Director of Public Works

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To recommend the renaming of a section of Parry Sound Drive and the renaming of that section of the road be used as an opportunity to raise funds for the new Recreation and Cultural Centre.

#### **Resolution 2024**

Whereas two exits off Hwy 400 with the same name can cause confusion for visitors to the area and emergency response vehicles;

Whereas a section of Parry Sound Drive has no municipal addresses assigned;

Whereas roads that provide access to and from a 400 series highway are high visibility;

Whereas the significant exposure has commercial value;

Whereas the new Recreation and Cultural Centre is currently undertaking a fundraising campaign with Moose FM where monies raised by November 24, 2024, will be matched up to \$100,000;

Whereas the renaming creates an opportunity to generate net proceeds for the new Centre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to issue an RFP for the renaming of the section of Parry Sound Drive set out in the report; and

THAT the net proceeds from the renaming be donated to the new Recreation and Cultural Centre; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Association, promoted through social media, the Town's website and other available opportunities.

### **Relationship to Strategic Plan:**

Core Service?        Yes

New Service, Project or Program? No

Identify the Relationship to Council's Strategic Plan: Organizational Excellence

### **Background:**

There are currently 3 exits off Hwy 400 into the Town of Parry Sound, Bowes Street, Parry Sound Drive near Mill Lake and Parry Sound Drive at Hwy 124. In consultation with staff, having 2 exits off Hwy 400 with the same street can be confusing to visitors to the area and for emergency response.

Attachment 1 is a map showing both sections of Parry Sound Drive, one section highlighted in green and the other highlighted in red. The section of Parry Sound Drive that is recommended for renaming is highlighted in red, and runs from the intersection of Joseph St., Mall Drive and Parry Sound Drive to Hwy 400. It's timely to rename this section as there are no municipal addresses that would have to be changed.

This section of Parry Sound Drive is an exit off Hwy 400 with significant exposure to all traffic travelling north and south on Hwy 400 and creates a unique opportunity for the business community. Staff believe there is a commercial value associated with the



renaming and view the renaming is as an opportunity to raise funds for the new recreation and cultural centre. The objective is to complete the renaming prior to the end of the current fund-raising campaign for the Recreation Centre where funds raised up to \$100,000 are matched.

Staff have contacted MTO and they have advised the cost to change the signs would be the responsibility of the Town, therefore funds donated would be net of the cost to replacing the signs. Staff are working with MTO to estimate that cost.

It's recommended that an RFP be issued to solicit bids for the renaming of that section of Parry Sound Drive. The RFP would include information such as the following:

- highlight that net proceeds will be donated to the new Recreation and Cultural Centre;
- reference the exposure and visibility of signage on Hwy 400;
- request bidders to provide a preferred name and at least one alternate name;
- a minimum starting bid of \$45,000;
- when the funds are payable;
- reference that the responsibility of changing the signs rests with the MTO and the timeframe is uncertain;
- how the winning bid will be determined;
- the process for vetting names, including checking for duplicate names or names similar to an existing name, and advising First Nation communities of the name change;
- the closing date for bids.

Should there be a reason to not proceed with the name change Council has the option to cancel and not award the RFP.

### **Advantages and/or Disadvantages of Staff Recommendation:**

The renaming reduces confusion for those visiting the area and for emergency response vehicles.

The name change creates an opportunity to raise funds for a very worthwhile cause.

**Alternatives:**

1. The Town renames the section of Parry Sound Drive without using the opportunity as a fundraiser.
2. Don't rename that section of the road.

**Cost/Financial Impact:**

The Town will be responsible for the cost of updating the signs. The funds donated to the new recreation and cultural centre will be net of any costs.

**Included in Current Budget: N/A**

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1- Map of Parry Sound Drive and the section to be renamed

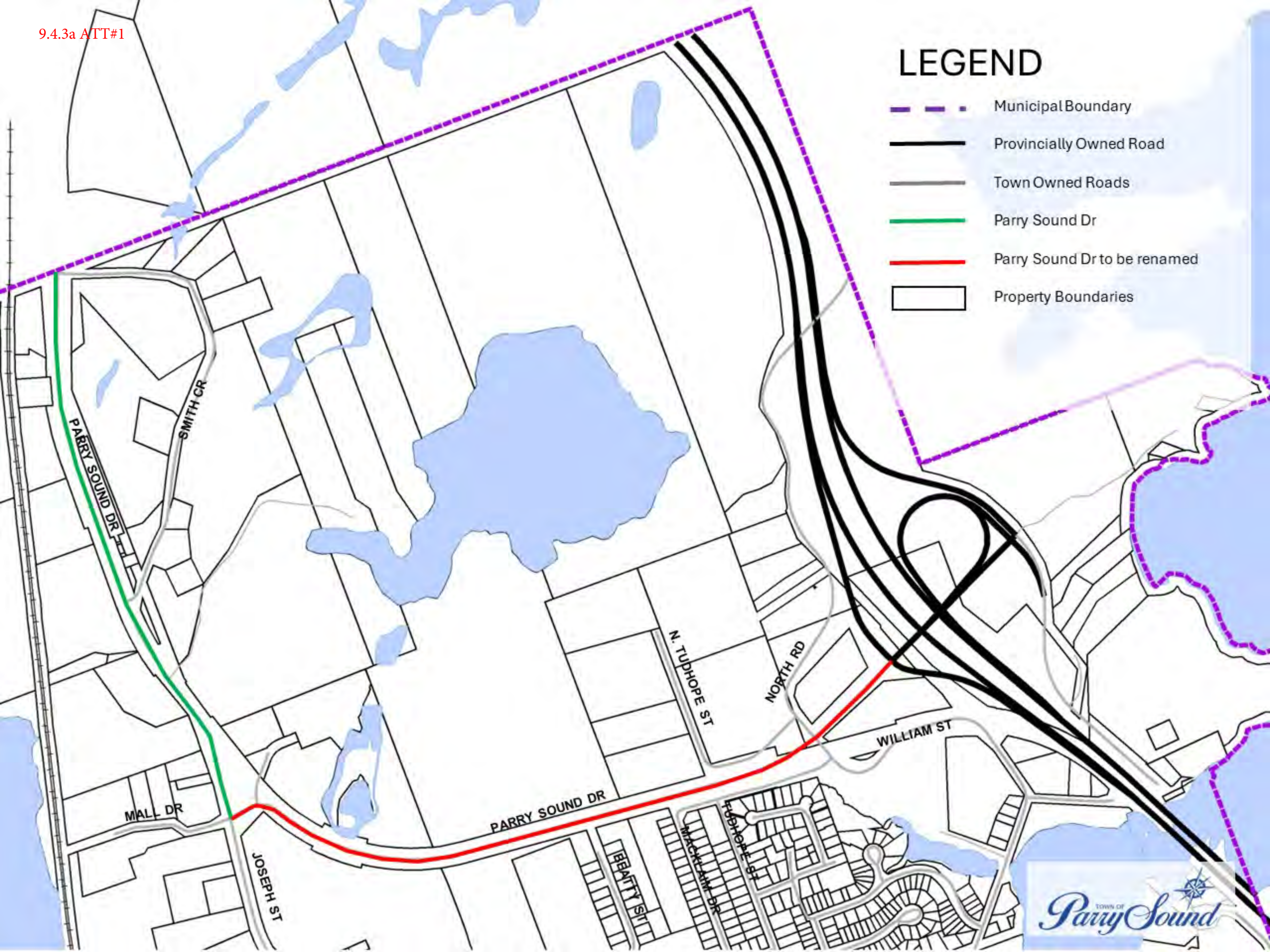
**Director Approval DT & MK; Date: August 30, 2024**

**CAO Recommendation for Council Approval:**

Yes

# LEGEND

-  Municipal Boundary
-  Provincially Owned Road
-  Town Owned Roads
-  Parry Sound Dr
-  Parry Sound Dr to be renamed
-  Property Boundaries







January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minister for Women and Gender Equality  
P.O. Box 8097, Station T CSC  
Ottawa, ON K1G 3H6

**ATTENTION: Honorable Marci Ien**

Dear Minister Ien:

**RE: Resolution – Violence Against Women**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

*Moved by Reeve McLaren*

*Seconded by Councillor Summers*

**THAT**, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands supports the resolution from the County of Lanark regarding Violence Against Women;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities, local MP's and MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities  
Local MP's and MPP's  
Association of Municipalities  
Ministry of the Attorney General  
Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity



All Ontario Municipalities

December 15, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

On Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Lanark County Council passed the following motion:

**MOTION #CC-2022-235**

**MOVED BY:** R. Kidd      **SECONDED BY:** B. Dowdall

*Be it resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and*

*Be it further resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the rural Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest as important to all rural communities; and*

*Based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Lanark County Council declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Coroner's jury recommendations; and*

*That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.*

Further background on the Renfrew Inquest Recommendations can be found at this link: [https://lukesplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CKW-Inquest-Verdict-Recommendations-SIGNED\\_Redacted.pdf](https://lukesplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CKW-Inquest-Verdict-Recommendations-SIGNED_Redacted.pdf)

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jasmin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jasmin Ralph, Clerk

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Scott Reid, MP, John Jordan, MPP, Ministries of the Attorney General, Justice, Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women's Issues.





THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 – 099

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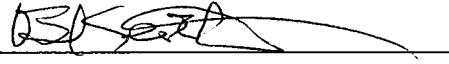
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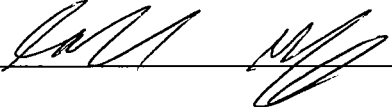
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WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ridesharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; and

WHEREAS rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient and reliable ways to travel; and

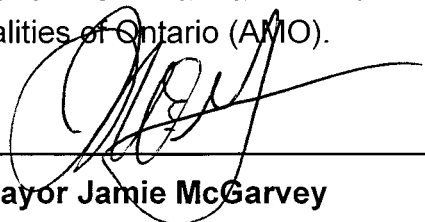
WHEREAS the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS transferring the responsibility of rideshare regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound hereby expresses its support for the migration of rideshare regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ridesharing services across the province; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Graydon Smith Member of Provincial Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



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Mayor Jamie McGarvey



# *Your Community Station Voice & Identity*

PARRY SOUND COMMUNITY RADIO ASSOCIATION



Unit 107, 21A Belvedere Avenue, Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 2A2  
PSCR.ca

August 30, 2024

Mayor & Council, Rebecca Johnson, Mike Kearns, Clayton Harris  
Town of Parry Sound  
52 Church Street  
Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1B4

Dear Mayor, Council & Staff:

The Parry Sound Community Radio Association (PSCRA) continues with its efforts to establish FM Community Radio in our area. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) announcement late spring of last year imposing a two-year moratorium (effective immediately) on new radio applications caught many in the industry by surprise. Not to be discouraged, the PSCRA has been taking advantage of this time to compile a more thorough and detailed application. We are hopeful the CRTC will accept our submission prior to the end of the moratorium with hopes that it may consider special conditions or circumstances and begin the process, or at the least, place our entry into queue for processing as soon as possible.

Adding to the strength of the Association's application, it has garnered written endorsements from our MP, MPP, municipal leaders, business, support agencies, service organizations and local health care. We have identified a frequency, established a broadcast pattern, completed a market analysis and a proposed program schedule, also a capital cost budget and seven-year business plan have been drafted.

While we received a verbal "go ahead" from Mike Kearns, Public Works Director last year, our engineer is ready and available now to begin the next phase of his work which is to prepare an engineering brief which must be filed with the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) {formally Industry Canada}. This step must precede our submission to the CRTC. Our engineer is available now to prepare this brief before moving on to other projects. He has stated that he can not proceed without written permission from The Town of Parry Sound to utilize the Bowes Street Water Tower site.

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The PSCRA hereby formally requests permission from the Town of Parry Sound to make use of the Bowes Street Water Tower location as our transmission site. This will include the placement of an electronic transmitter within the tower building, with cabling to a mast at the top of the tower. The height of the mast is undetermined at this point in time. Your written permission will authorize our engineer to continue with the next phase of his work.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,  
PARRY SOUND COMMUNITY RADIO ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug McCann".

Doug McCann  
Chair

/dm

# **The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound**

**By-law 2024 – 7443**

**Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.**

**Whereas** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound wishes to confirm the proceedings of its Regular Meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**Now Therefore The Council Of The Corporation Of The Town Of Parry Sound Enacts As Follows:**

1. The actions of the Council at its Regular Meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in respect to each resolution and each action passed and taken by Council at the meetings, except where the prior approval of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal is required, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. The Mayor, or in his/her absence the presiding officer of Council, and the proper officials of the municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required; and, except where otherwise provided, the Mayor, or in his/her absence the presiding officer, and the Clerk, or in her/his absence the Deputy Clerk, are hereby directed to execute all documents and to affix the corporate seal of the municipality to all such documents.

**Read a First time this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024.**

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**Jamie McGarvey, Mayor**

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**Rebecca Johnson, Clerk**

**Read a Second and Third time, Passed, Signed and Sealed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.**

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**Jamie McGarvey, Mayor**

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**Rebecca Johnson, Clerk**