

Appendix B – Public Comments

Received via email on May 27, 2024

Good afternoon Jacqueline,

I am writing to express the disbelief of myself, my household and neighbours that 109 units are proposed with the new development on Riverbank Drive with only 70 parking spaces. I cannot fathom how these residents will be expected to get around with no transit within a reasonable walking distance! Perhaps more likely the case will be that those residents with vehicles will park wherever they can find space which will likely create a very frustrating situation for both those new residents and current residents of Riverbank Drive. I hope this rezoning will be seriously reconsidered before approval.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cambridge, ON N3H 4R6

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Hi Jacqueline,

I am a resident at 270 riverbank dr and through our neighborhood email list I heard about the application for Official Plan Amendment, the request to re-designate the lands to from Rural Residential to Low/Medium Density

Many of us on the street have some concerns. What are our avenues of input? I know some have written to the Major and Ward 1 councilor. But is there an official way the we can have this proposal amended? Or is this density and street plan set in stone? Can we wrote to address our concerns?

Our street has been through this a few times now, and all public meets seem like a formality now where our input isn't actually taken into consideration or things that were promised by the developer weren't folow through

Thanks your direction.

[REDACTED]

Received via email on June 4, 2024

Hi Jacqueline,

I would appreciate if you could give me a call on 519 7299484 to ask a few questions about the above Application.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Received via email on June 8, 2024

Dear Heritage Cambridge

I saw a number of planning documents (including the Official Plan Amendment in 2018) that mention that Riverbank is listed as a 'Scenic Drive' in the Cambridge Heritage Registry.

I also know that in 2023 Doug Ford passed a bill delisting a number of entries from municipal heritage registries.

Can you please tell us if Riverbank Drive is still listed as a Scenic Road?

I am sure you are aware that it was the original route pioneered by Sam Bricker to his 800 acres purchased from Colonel Beasley with the farmhouse where he died still standing on the grounds at 555 Riverbank Drive) Same Bricker also founded the cemetery on Riverbank at the end of Allendale Road. He came in 1801 prior to the founding of Ebytown/Berlin/Kitchener by his cousin, Benjamin Eby.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent via email on June 11, 2024

Thank you very much Laura

Dear Jeremy

Can you tell us if you have started the required review related to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning change for a proposed development at 245 Riverbank (public meeting to take place June 18)?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent via email on June 11, 2024

Hi Jeremy

When will the report be available to the public?

Ps have you read the Trail of the Conestoga by Mabel Durham? It tells the tale of Sam and Becky Bricker's journey from Pennsylvania in 1801 through the wilderness to the 500 acres of land centred at what is now 555 Riverbank, just down from the cemetery they founded in 1808 at the corner of Riverbank and Allendale.

The stone house that Sam Bricker built is still standing on the property at 555 Riverbank beside the bigger stone house built some years later.

[REDACTED]

Sent via email on June 13, 2024


Thanks Jeremy

I believe the Trail of the Conestoga was required reading for students in Waterloo Country when my Dad and his sisters were going to school in Kitchener back in the late 30s and early 40s. The author, Mabel Durham, great-grand-daughter of Sam and Becky Bricker, was the first certified library in Ontario and the Librarian at Berlin Public Library, later Kitchener Public Library.

Riverbank Drive was the route Sam and Becky pioneered through the wilderness to get to the land they had purchased from Colonel Beasley. Sam was instrumental in the founding The German Company to raise money to pay off the mortgage to Chief Joseph Brant and the Mohawks. It was Sam and his brother who found out Colonel

Beasley had not paid the mortgage and they did not have clear title. Later, Sam's younger cousin, Benjamin Eby joined them from Pennsylvania and founded EbyTown (later Berlin and then Kitchener)

The Brickers were the very first non-native settlers on land now within the City of Cambridge. They came 4 years before John Erb, the original settler in Preston, 8 years before Abraham Clemens, the original settler in Hespeler, and 15 years before William Dickson who founded Galt. Samuel D. Betzner and Joseph Shoberg (changed to Sherk) came a year earlier - in 1800, but settled on land in what is now the DeerRidge Area of Kitchener. Samuel D. Betzner's farmland extended into the area that later became Blair and then Cambridge. He farmed it but did not live on it. His house is by the Pioneer Tower in Kitchener. So the Brickers are the very first non-native settlers in what is now Cambridge. And they created the route that is now Riverbank Drive to get to their homestead.



Sent via email attachment June 17, 2024

June 17th, 2024

To:

Jan Liggett	Mayor, City of Cambridge
Helen Shwery	Ward 1 Councilor
Mike Devine	Ward 2 Councilor
Corey Kimpson	Ward 3 Councilor
Ross Earnshaw	Ward 4 Councilor
Sheri Roberts	Ward 5 Councilor
Adam Cooper	Ward 6 Councilor
Scott Hamilton	Ward 7 Councilor
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David Calder	City Manager
Hardy Bromberg	Deputy City Manager
Jacqueline Hanneman	City Planner

Sylvia Rafalski-Misch City Planner Manager

Regarding the presentation on June 18th given by Rob Brown on behalf of the residents of Riverbank Drive.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the Public Meeting on June 18th. Rob Brown will be speaking on behalf of over 50 residents on Riverbank Drive.

We would also like to give a special thanks to Councilor Helen Shwery who, as our Ward Councilor, has been listening to us and supporting us throughout the past couple of weeks.

We will be requesting 10 minutes to speak and sincerely hope you will accommodate us.

Presentation Premise:

Objection to Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application OR07/24 for 245 Riverbank Drive

These are the main points that we will be speaking on.

- Entrance from Riverbank Drive should be from Intermarket Road.
- Closing Allendale at Riverbank Drive is not the solution.
- Increased traffic is a safety concern for pedestrians.
- High density and limited parking are a concern.
- Drastic change from rural residential to RM3 zoning that allows for 109 units.
- No basic amenities for goods and services within walking distance.
- Riverbank Drive is the last scenic route in Cambridge.

In light of the community and neighborhood desire, we respectfully urge the City of Cambridge to reject the proposed Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application for 245 Riverbank Drive.

We believe that any alternative solutions should be considered, in particular changing the main access road to be from Intermarket Road where infrastructure to support new homes can more easily be provided.

Sincerely,

Riverbank Neighbourhood Committee,

