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MINUTES

Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee

No. 3-24

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

City Hall, Second Room, 2nd Floor

Committee Members in Attendance: Alison Fraser, Cynthia Brown, Danielle Lindamood, Jonas Duarte, Lisa Grbinicek, Nichole Daniels and Ryleigh McDermid

Regrets: David Campbell, Derek Roy, Linda Foster, Nelson Cecilia and Councillor Hamilton

Staff in Attendance: Kathy Padgett, Senior Planner – Environment, Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) was held in the Second Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario. Jonas Duarte welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

NIL

Delegations

NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Lisa Grbinicek

Seconded by: Cynthia Brown

THAT the decisions contained in the May 22, 2024 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Reports

Subcommittee Reports

1. City Green Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Nichole Daniels shared an update on key projects and events for City Green. The Victoria Park Forest Management Plan is awaiting further guidance from City Forestry, but it is anticipated the

project will proceed in Spring 2025. The group walked through Victoria Park in June to review possible projects.

City Green is currently looking at providing supply kits for the Community Clean Up that will be available for pickup at Idea Exchanges/Libraries 2-3 weeks before the event so that community members can be prepared for the day as well as helping to reduce the need for volunteers to give out supplies on the day of the event. Bee City Seedy Saturday is again scheduled for early March and City Green will be participating.

Moved by: Cynthia Brown

Seconded by: Jonas Duarte

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) receives the meeting notes from the September 9, October 7 and November 4, 2024 meetings of City Green;

AND FURTHER THAT they be appended to the November 27, 2024 CEAC minutes for distribution.

CARRIED

2. Region of Waterloo Water Supply Strategy Update

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) appoints the following members to the Region of Waterloo Water Supply Strategy Update:

Linda Foster, Jonas Duarte, Alison Fraser, and Danielle Lindamood

Moved by: Cynthia Brown

Seconded by: Lisa Grbinicek

CARRIED

Correspondence

NIL

Information Items

3. The High-Performance Development Standards (HPDS) Subcommittee provided an update on their review of the draft HPDS. The HPDS Discussion Draft is being released for public consultation in December 2024 and the subcommittee will review and provide further comments at that time.

4. CEAC 2023/2024 Annual Report and 2025 Workplan were shared for information. Kathy Padgett reviewed the projects the Committee has been involved with during the 2023-2024 reporting period and the projects expected for 2025.

5. The Region of Waterloo Water Supply Strategy Update was shared for information. Public Meeting No. 1 is taking place on December 4, 2024.

6. CEAC 2025 Meeting Dates were shared for information.

Other Business

Kathy Padgett advised that an update report on Riverside Dam is on the December 3, 2024 Council agenda. The Riverside Dam Replacement construction project is now budgeted for 2029 and will be reviewed again at that time. In the meantime, repair work on the existing dam has been included in the proposed 2025 budget. Kathy will circulate the report to the Committee.

Kathy advised that as of January 1, 2025, planning responsibilities will be transferred from the Region of Waterloo to the Area Municipalities. The Region will no longer be responsible for the Regional Official Plan. The Region will still play an important role on key infrastructure and service delivery including water and wastewater, transit, regionally-owned lands and affordable housing, etc.

The Committee discussed the potential to work on a DarkSky-related education project. The Committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of CEAC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Room.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Lisa Grbinicek
Seconded by: Cynthia Brown

THAT the CEAC meeting does now adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Jonas Duarte
Chairperson

Karin Stieg-Drobig
Recording Secretary

MINUTES

Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee

No. 1-25

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

City Hall, Second Room, 2nd Floor

Committee Members in Attendance: Alison Fraser, Cynthia Brown, David Campbell, Linda Foster, Lisa Grbinicek, Nelson Cecilia, Nichole Daniels, Ryleigh McDermid and Councillor Hamilton

Regrets: Danielle Lindamood, Derek Roy and Jonas Duarte

Staff in Attendance: Kathy Padgett, Senior Planner – Environment, Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) was held in the Second Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario. Kathy Padgett welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2025

It was decided the election would be postponed to next month as several members were unable to attend this evening.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

Kim Ireland from Stantec and Paul Willms from the City of Cambridge provided a presentation on the City's Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan, for the Committees information.

Paul reviewed the purpose of the City's Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan noting the difference between 'community' and 'corporate' plans, with the latter including City-owned buildings, vehicles, and operations (e.g., solid waste and wastewater). Upgrading lights to LEDs in all City light fixtures has made a significant contribution to the greening of the electrical grid. More efforts will be needed to further reduce emissions including changing from carbon-based fossil fuels to electricity for such things as heating/cooling of buildings. All of these initiatives and more will be used to help reduce GHG emissions to 50% below 2010 levels by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

Kim Ireland further reviewed the ways to achieve the target reductions for 2030 and 2050; breaking down the main initiatives and providing expected costs, percentage of reduced emissions, and timelines.

The Committee discussed additional savings and how these might be achieved, including carbon offsets.

Delegations

NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Cynthia Brown

Seconded by: Lisa Grbinicek

THAT the decisions contained in the November 27, 2024 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Reports

Subcommittee Reports

1. City Green Subcommittee

There were no updates from City Green Subcommittee as they have not met since the last meeting.

a) Appointments

Moved by: Linda Foster

Seconded by: Nelson Cecilia

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) appoints the following members to the CEAC City Green Subcommittee (minimum 1, maximum 5):

Nichole Daniels

AND FURTHER THAT CEAC appoints the following volunteers to the CEAC City Green Subcommittee in addition to the CEAC members: Linda Simpson, Kelly Pritchard, Laura Pritchard, Sandy Forsyth, Diane Day, and Moira Gilderson.

CARRIED

2. Region of Waterloo Water Supply Strategy Update

Kathy provided an overview of the comments prepared by the subcommittee based on the information presented at the Public Meeting held on December 4, 2024.

Linda Foster inquired about the amount of water that is lost due to leaks and if this is monitored. She noted that she had reached out to the Region for this information and had not received a

response. Following the meeting, Kathy submitted the report to the Project Manager, and provided Linda with the contact information for the Regional staff person who can assist with the inquiry.

Moved by: Lisa Grbinicek
Seconded by: Cynthia Brown

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) forward Report No. CEAC-01-25 to the Project Manager as its comments on the Region of Waterloo Water Supply Strategy Update as presented at Public Meeting No. 1 on December 4, 2024.

CARRIED

Correspondence **NIL**

Information Items **NIL**

Other Business

Kathy advised there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall for the High-Performance Development Standards. While members of the subcommittee are encouraged to attend, everyone is welcome. The Committee will also receive a presentation on this topic at the February meeting.

The potential for a Dark Sky related education project was briefly discussed. Those members interested in pursuing this as a project will research the topic for the Committees consideration at a future meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of CEAC is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Room.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Nelson Cecilia
Seconded by: Lisa Grbinicek

THAT the CEAC meeting does now adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Lisa Grbinicek
Vice-Chairperson

Karin Stieg-Drobig
Recording Secretary



CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC) Cambridge CITY GREEN Meeting Notes Monday February 3, 2025 6:30- 8 p.m.

Attendance: Paul Willms, Nichole Daniels, Linda Simpson, Sandy Forsyth, Moira Gilderson, Diane Day, Laura Pritchard, Kelly Pritchard

Regrets:

Roundtable welcome to any Guests or New Members: Karen Ballard, Zenen Treadwell, Denesh Nav, Mary McGrath

Review of Meeting Notes and Action Items

The CG group reviewed the Meeting Notes and carried forward Action Items.

City Green in the Community

1. Cambridge Bee City Team

Background:

The Cambridge Bee City Team meets 3 times a year (February 6, June 5, November 6, 10-11:30 a.m.); City Green members are welcome to attend. [Click here to join the June meeting](#). All documents and project information are available online at the Bee City Canada [website](#).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

The Cambridge Bee City Team will be hosting the Bee City Seedy Saturday seed exchange event March 8th at 768 Fountain St. (in the *rare* Charitable Research Reserve “slit barn”) 10-12 noon. Linda and Moira will be staffing the City Green booth and giving away approximately 250 packets of 5 types of native seed (i.e. Black-eyed susan, Bergamot, Lupine, Dwarf Plains Coreopsis, and Blazing Star) as well as litter clean up supplies.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **PW to produce 250 seed packets for the Bee City Seedy Saturday event, bring the CG display, litter clean up supplies, coffee/hot choc, and musical group Tea For Three. LS and MG to staff the City Green booth, distribute native seeds (and litter supplies if people ask) and encourage new members to join City Green.**

- **PW to send Bee City Seedy Saturday event poster to CG members.**

2. Mill Creek Project and Jane's Walks

Mill Creek Subcommittee: Kelly, Linda, Diane, Moira.

Jane's Walk Subcommittees:

- **Victoria Park Woodlot:** Linda, Zenen, Danesh, Karen, Kelly
- **Mill Creek:** Moira, Diane, Danesh, Mary

Background: Jane Jacobs was an urbanist and author who was interested in building community. An event was created in her honour and it occurs the first weekend in May ("Jane's Walk"). Walks are planned and delivered all over the world on a variety of subjects and hosted by residents. In the past, Cambridge City Green members have developed and hosted walks on Mill Creek and Victoria Park. Following the Mill Creek walk, the group wanted to create a self-directed permanent walk with interpretive signage and online resources and perhaps even an "augmented reality app" version. All files for the project are available [here at this Sharepoint site](#) (permission is required to access the site, contact Paul for permission).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

The group formed subcommittees and set the dates for the two walk events and Mill Creek walk:

- Mill Creek - Saturday, May 3rd, 10 pm
- Victoria Park Forest – Sunday, May 4th, 1 pm

Subcommittees will meet in advance to go over the material and walking route and are OK to share emails.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Mill Creek Subcommittee - complete text and photos...Continue to refine and finish the project content (i.e. the "stops" and complete the "low-tech version" in the same format as the [Historic Downtown Walking tour](#) (i.e. some text and a photo of each "stop"). When finished, let PW know, and Paul to review and submit GIS request for online version in Story Map.**
- **The Jane's Walk subcommittees will meet in advance for a dry run of the walk (in April). Subcommittee Chairs to contact groups and arrange date for dry run. PW to circulate Kelly's Victoria Park and Mill Creek Walk notes.**

3. Trees

TREEmendous Cambridge:

Background: [TREEmendous Cambridge](#) The tool (at the link) can be used to look up information on ~500 large trees on public properties with a diameter above 1 metre as well as ~63,000+ street trees. You can also view tree canopy coverage (in %) for schools, private properties, parks, etc. The information includes the species, diameter, Google Street View picture of the tree, address, and a statement about what the tree contributes in terms of “ecosystem services”.

Victoria Park Forest Management Plan Implementation:

Background: The group outlined three projects, and initially discussed with City Forestry, based on the community engagement recommendations in the Victoria Park Forest Management Plan:

- A. Fence an area (10m x 10m), especially where oak canopy leaf density is sparse, a lot of Norway Maple trees are present, and lily of the valley or similar species is the invasive groundcover (e.g. the site near the Blenheim Rd. which City Green visited in June 2024). Volunteers remove invasives mechanically; signs noting “Forest Regeneration in Progress” on fence plus any info for the public on the work involved; replant native oak seedlings at very high densities, go in each year and weed out invasives; each “plot” may take 5-7 years before the fencing is removed, seedlings are above browse heights (~2.5 m) and invasives are gone. Then repeat in other location(s) with similar groundcover and Norway maple invasives issues.
- B. Forest edge/prairie wildflower area – visit once a month this year and document and map flowering. Remove walnut saplings and any other woody species (need City Forestry assistance with tree felling) and open up the canopy for the wildflowers. Create a 15ft. diameter planting site by laying down thick cardboard and covering with 30cm of woodchips in November 2024 for a May 2025 planting event by 6-10 City Green volunteers establishing 30 one litre native wildflowers.
- C. Educational projects – City Green volunteers Jane’s Walk (May 4th) or City Forestry or Reep arborist led walk and review the issues. For “A” above a chloroplast sign could be developed to explain the work.

Forest Restoration project (“A”) is on hold until direction, support, and training from Operations / Forestry is received. Also need Operations / Forestry assistance to remove the encroaching trees in the wildflower meadow area (project “B”).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

PW reported that there is a ~\$1,700 cost to having Aaron Boonstra provide a Victoria Park walk and he noted that he referred this to City Forestry for inclusion of stewardship and educational assistance to City Green in the agreement with Reep to deliver the [Backyard Tree Planting Program](#). Other choices for walk leaders include City Green (Jane's Walk), City Forestry staff, or the author of the Management Plan Glen Prevost. The group will give a Jane's Walk using City Green volunteers and the materials created by KP when she gave the walk. Walk leaders should also review the [Victoria Park Forest Management Plan](#).

The group discussed the three projects – pollinator wildflower area, forest restoration area, and educational / walks. ND thought the wildflower project could work with City Green members visiting once a week and photographing and mapping what and where wildflowers exist from April to October (send pics of flowers and leaves to PW for identification or members could try to identify plants using field guides, apps, etc.). PW noted that it would be important to map native wildflowers as we don't want to destroy what is growing if we decide to plant wildflowers as a group in Spring 2026. Mapping could be done online if a good air photo of the site exists or with physical utility flags that he could supply. In advance of planting we would choose a planting site, approximately 15 ft. in diameter, and prep it in October or November (prep involves covering an area with cardboard and then 20-30cm of woodchips). CG members should save any cardboard from large boxes (appliances etc.) for this task and PW to arrange woodchips delivery through Parks Operations.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Need CG volunteers to visit forest edge wildflower area once a week April - October and photograph flowering species to learn what already exists and where and what are invasives. Any flowers of interest should be mapped (utility flags or online) so that we know where not to plant / disturb vegetation that is growing well.**
- **PW to request Operations remove (invasive) trees that are impacting/shading the area.**
- **Use CG meeting in June to meet and further discuss the project ideas.**
- **CG members to keep large and thick pieces cardboard (appliance packaging works best) for an October / November wildflower planting site prep session.**

4. Cambridge Community Clean-Up

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

The library supports the giveaway of supplies in early Spring, 3 weeks before the CG April 26th event. A tote of supplies will be provided to each branch as a pilot in 2025. If supplies run low, PW will replenish.

Mobile signs have been ordered and will be placed 2 weeks before the event and 1 week after (with the “*thanks for all your hard work...*” message). The event will also be promoted through our regular channels (e.g. CG site, City Social media and Facebook ads, City facilities screens, posters in libraries and other locations, etc.)

The “app” for identifying locations of litter bags is discontinued. This has a few implications:

- Volunteers should be told to simply leave their bags against City garbage cans or in the frontage of parks or at trailheads where they are visible from the road.
- They may also email litter@cambridge.ca especially if after several days they see their bags have not been picked up.
- Volunteers do not have to return to the booth to tell us where they left bags.
- The white bags (with QR codes and instructions about the “app”) can no longer be used.
- The “thank you” core board poster that we set up at the City Green library locations with bag pick-up instructions and QR code will need to be revised. Also, we can combine some of the info from the postcard (and no longer distribute postcards).

Volunteers for the 4 Cambridge Public Library locations:

Queen’s Square- Nichole, Karen, Zenen

Hespeler: Sandy, John, John, Matt

Preston: Diane and Moira

Clemens Mill: Paul, Mary, Laura

April 25th Supplies Pick Up Times at Dickson Arena:

- 12:30 pm – Diane
- 1 pm - Sandy
- 4:30 pm – Nichole

CG volunteers who are picking up supplies should arrive at their library locations at 5 pm to set up before they close at 5:30 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **PW to create a tote of supplies (gloves, pickers, bags) for the FIVE Library locations**
- **PW to revise the event poster, core board booth poster, and other materials re: discontinuation of the QR code and app through City Communications**

Other Business / Information Items

Zenen – hosts a café for the community to talk about ideas and get involved – please visit his café site: <https://credenso.cafe>

Membership: 806 members as of February 3, 2025

Next Meeting: Monday March 3rd, 2025

City Green Calendar: Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.; if there is a statutory holiday, we meet the following Monday. There are no City Green meetings in July/August.

- Monday, March 3, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting
- Bee City Seedy Saturday, Saturday, March 8, 2025, 10 am – 12 noon
- Monday, April 7th, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting
- April – October – City Green members visit the Victoria Park Native Wildflower planting site and photograph and map any native plants of interest that should be preserved going forward.
- Cambridge Community Clean Up:
 - Pick up supplies from Dickson Arena and set up Friday, April 25th, 2025 (5-5:30 Library)
 - Saturday, April 26, 2025 9:30-12 noon
- [Jane's Walk](#) subcommittees:
 - meeting on site to go through a dry run of the walk and script (TBC by each subcommittee group in April)
 - Mill Creek, Saturday, May 3rd 10am
 - Victoria Park Forest, Sunday, May 4th 1pm
- Monday, May 5th, 2025, 6:30 – 8 pm, virtual City Green meeting

- Monday, June 2nd, 2025, 6:30-8pm, in-person City Green meeting, Dickson Arena
*NOTE THIS MEETING MAY BE USED FOR AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT VICTORIA PARK TO DISCUSS THE WILDFLOWER PLANTING PROJECT
- Monday, September 8th, 2025, 6:30-8 pm, virtual City Green meeting
- Monday, October 6th, 2025, 6:30-8pm, in-person City Green meeting, Dickson Arena
- Victoria Park woodlot (date TBC) – prep the 2026 wildflower planting site with cardboard and woodchips
- Monday, November 3rd, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting
- Monday, December 1st, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting

MINUTES

Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee

No. 2-25

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

City Hall, Second Room, 2nd Floor

Committee Members in Attendance: Alison Fraser, Danielle Lindamood, David Campbell, Derek Roy, Jonas Duarte, Linda Foster, Lisa Grbinicek, Nelson Cecilia, Nichole Daniels, Ryleigh McDermid and Councillor Hamilton

Regrets: Cynthia Brown

Staff in Attendance: Kathy Padgett, Senior Planner – Environment, Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) was held in the Second Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario. Kathy Padgett welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for 2025

Kathy Padgett explained the reason for the annual election for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Kathy then called for nominations for Chairperson.

Election of Chairperson for 2025

Derek Roy nominated Danielle Lindamood

There being no further nominations, the nominations for Chairperson closed.

Moved by: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded by: Jonas Duarte

CARRIED

Danielle Lindamood accepted the nomination and was elected, by consensus of the attending CEAC members, as Chairperson of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee.

Kathy Padgett called for nominations of Vice-Chairperson for 2025

Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2025

Danielle Lindamood nominated Lisa Grbinicek

There being no further nominations, the nominations for Vice-Chairperson closed.

Moved by: Linda Foster

Seconded by: Nichole Daniels

CARRIED

Lisa Grbinicek accepted the nomination and was elected, by consensus of the attending CEAC members, as Vice-Chairperson of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee.

Danielle Lindamood assumed the chair.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

Matthew Day, Executive Director and Natasha Ing, Community Energy Planner, WR Community Energy provided a presentation on the Waterloo Region High-Performance Development Standards (HPDS). They explained the need for standards for new developments to minimize differences throughout the Region and ensure that growth is managed effectively. The HPDS focuses on built environment, natural environment and energy efficiency.

The HPDS Discussion Draft was released for public comment in December 2024 and the HPDS subcommittee reviewed and provided comments on the draft, which were used as the basis for the group discussion.

Delegations

NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Jonas Duarte

Seconded by: Derek Roy

THAT the decisions contained in the January 22, 2025 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Reports

Subcommittee Reports

1. City Green Subcommittee

Nichole Daniels reviewed the meeting notes for the Committee. She shared the great news that four new members joined City Green. She shared further information about a number of upcoming events, including: Bee City Seedy Saturday on March 8 at rare; the Community Clean-Up on April 26; and Jane's Walks at Mill Creek on May 3 and Victoria Park Forest on May 4. Supplies for the

Community Clean-Up will be available for pickup at the libraries in the 3 weeks leading up to the event.

Moved by: Lisa Grbinicek
Seconded by: Nelson Cecilia

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) receives the meeting notes from the February 3, 2025 meeting of City Green;

AND FURTHER THAT they be appended to the February 26, 2025 CEAC minutes for distribution.

CARRIED

2. High-Performance Development Standards

The Committee had a fulsome discussion of the comments prepared by the subcommittee as part of the presentation received on the High-Performance Development Standards. Additional consultation with the public is expected later in 2025.

Moved by: Derek Roy
Seconded by: Linda Foster

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) forward Report No. CEAC-02-25 to the Project Manager as its comments on the Discussion Draft of the Waterloo Region High-Performance Development Standards.

CARRIED

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| Correspondence | NIL |
| Information Items | NIL |
| Other Business | NIL |

Next Meeting

The next meeting of CEAC is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Room.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded by: Jonas Duarte

THAT the CEAC meeting does now adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Danielle Lindamood
Chairperson

Karin Stieg-Drobig
Recording Secretary



CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC) Cambridge CITY GREEN Meeting Notes Monday March 3, 2025 6:30- 8 p.m.

Attendance: Paul Willms, Linda Simpson, Sandy Forsyth, Moira Gilderson, Diane Day, Laura Pritchard, Kelly Pritchard, Karen Ballard

Regrets: Nichole Daniels

Roundtable welcome to any Guests or New Members:

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ACTION ITEMS:

- **LS, MG and PW will work the event and be there at 9:15 am to set up**

2. Mill Creek Project and Jane's Walks

Mill Creek Subcommittee: Kelly, Linda, Diane, Moira.

Jane's Walk Subcommittees:

- **Victoria Park Woodlot:** Linda, Zenen, Danesh, Karen, Kelly [Victoria Park Forest Management Plan](#).
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TREEmendous Cambridge:

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Victoria Park Forest Management Plan Implementation:

Background: The group outlined three projects, and initially discussed with City Forestry, based on the community engagement recommendations in the Victoria Park Forest Management Plan:

- A. Fence an area (10m x 10m), especially where oak canopy leaf density is sparse, a lot of Norway Maple saplings are present, and lily of the valley or similar species is the invasive groundcover (e.g. the site near the Blenheim Rd. which City Green visited in June 2024). Volunteers remove invasives mechanically; signs noting “Forest Regeneration in Progress” on fence plus any info for the public on the work involved; replant native oak seedlings at very high densities, go in each year and weed out invasives; each “plot” may take 5 years before the fencing is removed, seedlings are above browse heights (~2.5 m) and invasives are gone. Then repeat in other location(s) with similar groundcover and Norway maple invasives issues and lessons learned.
- B. Forest edge/prairie wildflower area – visit once a month this year and document and map flowering. Remove walnut saplings and any other woody species (need City Forestry assistance with tree felling) and open up the canopy for the wildflowers. Create a 15ft. diameter planting site by laying down thick cardboard and covering with 30cm of woodchips in October or November for a May 2026 planting event by 6-10 City Green volunteers establishing 30 one litre native wildflowers.
- C. Educational projects – City Green volunteers Jane’s Walk (May 4th) or City Forestry or Reep arborist led walk and review the issues. For “A” above a chloroplast sign could be developed to explain the work.

Forest Restoration project (“A”) is on hold until direction, support, and training and a fenced off area can be created by Forestry. Also need Forestry assistance to remove the encroaching trees in the wildflower meadow area (project “B”).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

PW reported that Forestry is currently at capacity with winter tree removals in the parks but that they could provide Forestry staff for a walk in October. PW will follow up with the other two projects and needed Forestry support (i.e. restoration area and removing saplings from the wildflower meadow site).

ACTION ITEMS:

- **CG volunteers to visit forest edge wildflower area once a week April - October and photograph flowering species to learn what already exists, and invasives to remove, and potential planting areas – send PW photos who will compile them in a collage for all CG members**
- **June 2nd City Green meeting the group as a whole will look at the site and decide on a 2026 planting area.**
- **PW to request Operations remove (invasive) trees that are impacting/shading the area.**
- **PW to follow up with Forestry for a staff member to lead a forest walk in October.**
- **PW to speak to Facilities about obtaining cardboard.**

4. Cambridge Community Clean-Up

Background:

This year, a tote of supplies will be provided to each library branch so that they can answer requests for litter clean up supplies from “early birds”.

Mobile signs have been ordered and will be placed 2 weeks before the event and 1 week after (with the “*thanks for all your hard work...*” message). The event will also be promoted through regular channels (e.g. CG site, City Social media and Facebook ads, City facilities screens, posters in libraries and other locations, etc.).

The “app” for identifying locations of litter bags is discontinued. This has a few implications:

- Volunteers should be told to simply leave their bags against City garbage cans or in the frontage of parks or at trailheads where they are visible from the road.

- They may also email litter@cambridge.ca to note where they left bags;
- Volunteers do not have to return to the booth to tell us where they left bags.
- The white bags (with QR codes and instructions about the “app”) can no longer be used (unless the address www.Cambridge.ca/CleanUpRequest is taken back from its current use as the needles response “app” and re-assigned to a future litter bag pick up “app”)
- The “thank you” coreboard poster that is set up at the library locations with bag pick-up instructions and QR code will need to be revised. Also, we can combine some of the info from the postcard onto this revised poster and therefore no longer distribute postcards.

Volunteers for the 4 Cambridge Public Library locations:

Queen’s Square- Nichole, Karen, Zenen

Hespeler: Sandy, John, John, Matt

Preston: Diane and Moira

Clemens Mill: Paul, Mary, Laura

April 25th Supplies Pick Up Times at Dickson Arena:

- 12:30 pm – Diane
- 1 pm - Sandy
- 4:30 pm – Nichole
- 5pm – Paul will set up the Clemens Mill site

CG volunteers who are picking up supplies should arrive at their library locations at 5 pm to set up before they close at 5:30 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **PW to create a tote of supplies (gloves, pickers, bags) for the FIVE Library locations**
- **PW to revise the event poster, core board booth poster, and other materials.**

5. Other Business / Information Items

Membership: 806 members as of February 3, 2025 816 members as of February 26, 2025

Next Meeting: Monday April 7, 2025

City Green Calendar: Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.; if there is a statutory holiday, we meet the following Monday. There are no City Green meetings in July/August.

- Bee City Seedy Saturday, Saturday, March 8, 2025, 10 am – 12 noon
- Monday, April 7th, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting
- April – October – City Green members visit the Victoria Park Native Wildflower planting site and photograph and map any native plants of interest that should be preserved going forward.
- Cambridge Community Clean Up:
 - Pick up supplies from Dickson Arena and set up Friday, April 25th, 2025 (5-5:30 Library)
 - Saturday, April 26, 2025 9:30-12 noon
- [Jane's Walk](#) subcommittees:
 - meeting on site to go through a dry run of the walk and script (TBC by each subcommittee group in April)
 - Mill Creek, Saturday, May 3rd 10am
 - Victoria Park Forest, Sunday, May 4th 1pm
- Monday, May 5th, 2025, 6:30 – 8 pm, virtual City Green meeting
- Monday, June 2nd, 2025, 6:30-8pm, **in-person City Green meeting**, Victoria Park to visit the wildflower planting site
- Monday, September 8th, 2025, 6:30-8 pm, virtual City Green meeting
- **Monday, October 6th, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting / BUT could be an in-person meeting to prep the Victoria Park site**
- Monday, November 3rd, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting
- Monday, December 1st, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Number #7-24

Hybrid Meeting – September 12, 2024

Committee Members in Attendance: Andrew Cann, Julie Graham, Matt Rogers, Sarah Purdy, and Stephanie Bangarth

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator, Shannon Smith, Administrative Service Representative

Others in Attendance: Councillor R. Earnshaw

Regrets: R. Billau, M. Jeans, S. Langlois, and M. Longo

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Trails Advisory Committee of the City of Cambridge was held in a hybrid format in person at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, Secord Room, 2nd floor; and virtually via Zoom. S. Bangarth, Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

Approval of July 2024 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: S. Purdy

Seconded by: M. Rogers

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2024, be approved.

In Favour (5-0): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, S. Purdy, and S. Bangarth

CARRIED (5-0)

Agenda Items

a) **Bike Month Subcommittee (2025 Planning)**

Deferred to next meeting.

b) **Promotional Material (2025 Planning)**

The committee discussed and viewed past promotional materials. Recommendations were made to offer promotional materials that provide safety such as bells, lights, and brightly coloured shirts. The committee would also like to continue to offer maps in addition to QR codes, posters for events with trail information and routes.

The committee liaison will obtain quotes on promotional material and review with the committee to decide on how to proceed for 2025.

c) **Project Updates**

J. Leach, provided an update on the following projects:

- **Thompson Park Boardwalk:** Minor deficiencies are being addressed and will be closed starting September 13, 2024, and will re-open once the project is complete.
- **Mill Run Trail Pedestrian Bridge:** The Bridge is currently being manufactured and is expected to be ready October 2024 with the replacement in late October 2024. The trail is located east of Speedsville and is expected to be closed for two to three weeks.
- **Bismark Drive and Christopher Drive Multi-Use Trails:** Connections for both trails were completed a few weeks ago.
- **Soper Park Tunnel Repairs:** The heritage stone on the tunnel will be repaired and will be closed for a few weeks in October 2024.
- **Blenheim Road reconstruction:** The ongoing project that includes a multi-use trail connecting to Victoria Park and a new pedestrian crossover at Devils Creek trail and is expected to be completed at the end of fall 2024.

d) Operational Updates – Standing Item

- **Mill Pond Trail and North Boxwood Trail:** Operations have been out to clean up the washed-out areas.
- **Dan Springs Trail:** Maintenance items such as pothole repairs, cutting back vegetation, and repair of damaged deck boards on the bridge are complete.
- **Munch Avenue:** The reserved bike lanes added in the Munch Avenue reconstruction will be extended from Kovac Road to Elgin St. Pavement marking and signs will be installed in September 2024.
- The Mill Pond Trail, Devils Creek Trail, Mill Run Trail, Paul Peters Trail, Portuguese Swamp Trail, and part of the Cambridge Rail Trail have been resurfaced.
- Large tree hazards have been removed in Victoria Park.
- Ongoing work happening on all trails to address comment of excess vegetation growth since April 2024.
- Vegetation at the new portage on the Mill Run trail is complete.
- Plans to extend the asphalt on the Mill Pond trail by 500m by Baldwin Drive will aid with washout and alleviate maintenance.
- Forestry should be notified and will investigate when homeowners are removing trees from City trails.

Councillor's Report

Nothing was discussed.

Other Business

- Recommendation to add upcoming City events to the agenda as a standing item at every other meeting to review opportunities for Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory committee to attend with a booth and bike valets.
- Review CycleWR presentation at October meeting.
- Recommendation for maintenance of the trail by the Hilton on Jamieson Parkway and Towline Road to address overgrown weeds and damaged pavement from tree roots.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. - Hybrid Meeting (Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, in the Secord Room [2nd Floor]; and via Zoom Link)

Close of Meeting

Moved by: S. Purdy

Seconded by: M. Rogers

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

In Favour (5-0): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, S. Purdy, and S. Bangarth

CARRIED (5-0)



Chair

Committee Liaison

Stephanie Bangarth

Jason Leach

Chairs Name

Name of Staff Member

MINUTES



Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Number #8-24

Hybrid Meeting – October 10, 2024

Committee Members in Attendance: Andrew Cann, Julie Graham, Matt Rogers, Mike Jeans, Sarah Purdy, Selwyn Langlois, Mark Longo

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator, Shannon Smith, Administrative Service Representative

Others in Attendance: Councillor R. Earnshaw

Regrets: S. Bangarth

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Trails Advisory Committee of the City of Cambridge was held in a hybrid format in person at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, Secord Room, 2nd floor; and virtually via Zoom. M. Rogers, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

Approval of September 2024 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: A. Cann

Seconded by: M. Rogers

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2024, be approved.

In Favour (7): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (7-0)

Agenda Items

a) Bike Month Subcommittee (2025 Planning)

The bike month subcommittee shared their previous experiences and takeaways of planning for bike month. The bike month subcommittee for 2025 would like to plan for one event on a larger trail that keeps cyclists off the road. Additionally, the subcommittee would like to have bike month advertised in the activities guide and participate in other City events to help promote bike month.

The subcommittee members M. Longo, M. Rogers and S. Purdy will remain the same for 2025 planning. The subcommittee intends to meet on the third Thursday of each month that the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee meets.

b) CycleWR Wayfinding

The CycleWR presentation was previously reviewed and discussed. The presentation provided several wayfinding routes that could be implemented within the City of Cambridge at a significantly lower cost.

A recommendation was made to pilot one or two suggested routes in 2025. If the pilot is successful, then more routes will be added in the future.

The committee reviewed each route to decide which route would be a part of the pilot. The following routes were selected for consideration:

1. Route 6: Eagle St./Pinebush Rd./Hespeler Rd. to Hespeler Core
2. Route 5A: Concession Street Southern Bypass, Preston – King Street

Wayfinding designs will be presented to the committee at a future meeting. Transportation staff will determine how many signs are required and the potential cost to implement wayfinding on the selected routes for 2025.

c) St. Andrews Street – Multi-use Trail

The City has received concerns that vehicles are parking on the multi-use trail on St. Andrews St at Southwood Dr. The City would like to add “shared pathway” signs at intersections of Southwood Dr/St. Andrews St and Fourth Ave/St. Andrews St. No parking signs and pavement markings will be added to the trail with the possibility to add flex bollards and centre lines. The flex bollard may require removal for winter snow clearing.

d) Joint Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

The Joint Regional Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday November 7, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Members of the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee are encouraged to attend if available. An invite will be sent to committee members.

e) Project Updates

- Mill Run Trail – The construction of the pedestrian bridge is expected to start at the end of October 2024.
- Elgin Street North at Galt Avenue – A pedestrian crossover with signage, pavement markings and push button activated flashing beacons has been installed.
- Soper Park Pedestrian Tunnel – Is currently closed for repairs, which includes repointing of masonry and graffiti removal.

f) Operational Updates – Standing Item

- Ellacott Lookout – A safety concern was raised as the trail leads out to the parking lot requiring pedestrians and cyclists to walk the parking lot and back onto the trail.
- Roundabout on Franklin Boulevard and Clyde Road – The GRT bus when stopped is close or on the pedestrian crosswalk. Safety for pedestrians is a concern as vehicles in the roundabout are unable to see pedestrians crossing.

g) Events Update – Standing Item

- Hespeler Village Halloween Haunt – Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
- Phil Kline's Unsilent Night – Friday, November 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm.
- CPKC Holiday Train- Sunday, November 24, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Music and Lights in the Village – Friday, December 6, 2024.
- Cambridge Christmas market – Saturday, December 14, 2024, to Sunday December 15, 2024.

Councillor's Report

- In addition to the CycleWR wayfinding project, members of the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory committee are encouraged to bring forward items that they feel should be considered during this year's budget review to Councillor Earnshaw.
- The River Mill subdivision has done an excellent job with trails. A recent proposal has been received to add 4-5 km of trails at the corner of Speedsville Road where there is a wetland.

Other Business

- Committee Branding – a recommendation was made for the committee to have more representation by having branded promotional materials such as a branded tent for events, items that get handed out and to add a QR code to pamphlets to connect to Cambridge's trail page.
- Portable Bike Counters –To bring forward item at the Joint Regional Advisory committee to get an idea of what other municipalities are doing.
- 2025 Meeting Schedule – The 2025 schedule was reviewed with the committee. Meeting dates are proposed to remain the same with the committee meeting on the second Thursday of each month except for July, August, and December. The schedule will be circulated to the committee members.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. - Hybrid Meeting (Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, in the Secord Room [2nd Floor]; and via Zoom Link)

Close of Meeting

Moved by: S. Purdy

Seconded by: J. Graham

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

In Favour (7): A. Cann, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (7-0)



Chair

Stephanie Bangarth

Chairs Name



Committee Liaison

Jason Leach

Name of Staff Member

MINUTES



Corporation of the City of Cambridge Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Number #9-24

Hybrid Meeting – November 14, 2024

Committee Members in Attendance: Stephanie Bangarth, Julie Graham, Matt Rogers, Mike Jeans, Sarah Purdy, Selwyn Langlois, Mark Longo

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator

Others in Attendance: Councillor Ross Earnshaw

Regrets: Andrew Cann

Meeting Called to Order

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Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

Approval of October 2024 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: S. Purdy

Seconded by: M. Longo

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2024, be approved.

In Favour (7): S. Bangarth, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (7-0)

Agenda Items

a) Joint Active Transportation Committee meeting

Attendees of the Joint Active Transportation Committee meeting shared their experience and summarized the meeting. Topics included roundabout safety, Ontario Bill 212, shared micromobility program update and general information sharing.

Committee members agreed that they would like to see this joint meeting occur annually.

b) Trail marker posts and City logo

Jason shared the City's new standard design for trail information signs. The old trails logo will be replaced with the City logo and the colour scheme will be changed to match the new logo.

Committee members liked the new design and were supportive.

c) Blair Rd at Grand Trunk Trail access point

Jason shared the access concerns at this location. The committee discussed the location and were in agreement that the existing gate opening is narrow and that it should be increased to a minimum 1.5m.

d) Ellacott Lookout

Jason shared the concerns regarding the multi-use trail that ends in the parking lot at Ellacott Lookout as well as some possible improvements. The committee discussed the options, and it was agreed that additional signs and markings would provide more awareness to motorists that trail users are sharing the space.

Jason will bring back more detailed plans in the winter of 2025.

e) Bike Month Subcommittee – Standing Item

The subcommittee noted they have started discussing options for a 2025 bike month event and that they are looking to focus more on one main event rather than several smaller events.

f) Project Updates – Standing Item

- Mill Run Trail – The bridge abutments have been installed and the new bridge is scheduled to be installed the week of November 18, 2024.
- Beverly Street – The grand opening of the new multi-use trail and tunnel is scheduled for November 15, 2024 at 1:30 pm.
- Blenheim Road – The road reconstruction and new multi-use trail are scheduled to be open in late November 2024.

g) Operational Updates – Standing Item

- Operations paved a section of the Mill Pond Trail off Porter Crescent. The section is approximately 200m long and was previously prone to washouts.

h) Events Update – Standing Item

- Phil Kline's Unsilent Night – Friday, November 22, 2024, at 7:00 pm.
- CPKC Holiday Train- Sunday, November 24, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Music and Lights in the Village – Friday, December 6, 2024.
- Cambridge Christmas market – Saturday, December 14, 2024, to Sunday December 15, 2024.

Councillor's Report

- Councillor Earnshaw spoke about the budget process and key dates. There were some changes through the creation of the draft budget as far as what active transportation projects are proposed in various years. However, no significant concerns have been identified.

Other Business

- S. Bangarth noted the asphalt trails and boardwalk in Riverside Park leading up to the bridge over the Speed River are in rough shape and in need of repair/replacement.
- A member noted that general trail etiquette needs to be promoted more including at CCTAC events and via other means.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. - Hybrid Meeting (Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, in the Secord Room [2nd Floor]; and via Zoom Link)

Close of Meeting

Moved by: M. Longo

Seconded by: S. Purdy

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

In Favour (7): S. Bangarth, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Purdy, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (7-0)



Chair

Stephanie Bangarth
Chairs Name



Committee Liaison

Jason Leach
Name of Staff Member

MINUTES



Corporation of the City of Cambridge Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Number #1-25

Hybrid Meeting – January 9, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Stephanie Bangarth, Julie Graham, Matt Rogers, Mike Jeans, Selwyn Langlois, Mark Longo

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator

Others in Attendance: Councillor Ross Earnshaw

Regrets: Andrew Cann, Sarah Purdy

Meeting Called to Order

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Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

Approval of November 2024 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: M. Longo

Seconded by: M. Rogers

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2024, be approved.

In Favour (6): S. Bangarth, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (6-0)

Agenda Items

a) 2025 Projects

Jason provided an overview of the 2025 active transportation projects which includes:

- Hespeler Pedestrian Bridge design
- Wayfinding Project – Route 5A
- Wayfinding Project – Route 6
- Dan Springs Way Trail renewal
- Dunbar Road, Phase 3 MUT design
- Mill Race Park Pedestrian Bridge decommissioning and replacement
- Northview Heights Trail renewal
- Trail bridge renewal designs (TBD)
- Cooper Street reconstruction
- Black Bridge Road and bridge construction
- Main Street reconstruction design
- Chruchill Park and Birkinshaw Park – Path Lighting
- Water Street South Reconstruction Design

b) Blair Rd at Grand Trunk Trail access point

Jason shared the proposed design improvements with the committee. Design improvements include: removal of the 'P'-gate, installation of new centre bollards, wood fence, signs and pavement markings.

c) Bike Month Subcommittee – Standing Item

Mark, Sarah and Matt met in November 2024 to discuss ideas. Proposal to host event June 1, 2025 in the City parking lot at the end of Sheffield Street. Have some vendors/booths/activities in the parking lot with a ride down Mill Run Trail to Beaverdale Rd and back.

Other community rides planned throughout June. Jason to provide Mark with Special Event liaison contact info.

d) Project Updates – Standing Item

- Mill Run Trail – The new bridge on Mill Run Trail was completed at the end of November 2024 and is now open for public use.
- Beverly Street – The new Beverly Street multi-use trail and tunnel was officially opened on November 15, 2024.
- Preston Parkway Sidewalk – A new sidewalk was constructed on the south side of Preston Parkway between Woods Lane and Fountain Street.

e) Operational Updates – Standing Item

- None to report.

f) Events Update – Standing Item

- None to report.

Councillor’s Report

- 2025 Budget approved.
- Councillor Earnshaw discussed the Jacob Hespeler High School community improvement presentations. Two of the presentations were regarding trails and trail safety. It was suggested that the students who presented on improvements to Brewster Trail be invited to present to CCTAC. Jason will reach out to the teacher regarding presenting in February.

Other Business

- M. Longo commented on lighting and taking safety initiatives into account through infrastructure designs.
- J. Leach updated committee on new member applicants.

- A member noted that general trail etiquette needs to be promoted more including at CCTAC events and via other means.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday February 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. - Hybrid Meeting (Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, in the Secord Room [2nd Floor]; and via Zoom Link)

Close of Meeting

Moved by: S. Langlois

Seconded by: M. Jeans

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

In Favour (6): S. Bangarth, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (6-0)



Chair

Stephanie Bangarth

Chairs Name



Committee Liaison

Jason Leach

Name of Staff Member

MINUTES



Corporation of the City of Cambridge Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

Meeting Number #2-25

Hybrid Meeting – February 13, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Stephanie Bangarth, Julie Graham, Matt Rogers, Mike Jeans, Selwyn Langlois, Mark Longo

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Senior Civil Engineering Technologist

Others in Attendance: Councillor Ross Earnshaw, Tom Strickland Cycle WR

Regrets: Andrew Cann

Meeting Called to Order

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Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest

Approval of January 2025 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: M. Jeans

Seconded by: M. Longo

THAT the minutes listed under the heading of Approval of Minutes be approved.

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2025, be approved.

In Favour (6): S. Bangarth, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (6-0)

Agenda Items

a) CycleWR Presentation

T. Strickland presented an update to Cycle WR's model of cycling facilities and proposed projects. Recommended standalone projects were presented as well as a ranking of cycling projects already in the City's 10-year Capital Forecast.

Jason will forward a copy of the presentation to the committee members for their reference.

b) Future Capital Projects

The committee discussed information and materials that would be helpful to the committee members when discussing future project planning.

Jason will provide updated mapping consisting of recommendations from the 2020 Cycling Master Plan and updates of projects that have been completed since that time.

c) Bike Month Subcommittee – Standing Item

Mark provided an update on the bike month event planning and a meeting they had with Special Events staff at the City.

Mark will provide Jason with some preliminary messaging that can be used to advertise and promote the event.

Jason will follow-up with Special Event staff regarding permit fees, insurance and waiver forms.

d) Project Updates – Standing Item

- Dunbar Road, Ph3 multi-use path – The City is currently seeking an engineering firm to conduct the project design. It is expected that the design phase will begin in March and be completed in the fall of 2025.
- Mill Race Park Pedestrian Bridges – A tender will be posted in late February for the proposed works. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2025.

e) Operational Updates – Standing Item

- Soper Park bridges – Two bridges will have their surface/decking replaced and new accessible connections constructed.

- Domm Park – The existing stone dust path will be paved.
- Central Park – The park pathways will be repaved and widened.
- Can-Amara Park – The existing pathways will have asphalt repairs conducted.

f) Events Update – Standing Item

- None to report.

Councillor’s Report

- Interviews have been conducted for new committee members and were approved by Council. The new members will be going through their orientation and training and once complete will join the committee at the next meeting.
- Councillor Earnshaw attended the Main Street reconstruction public information centre on February 12, 2025. For the most part attendees were receptive to the proposed multi-use path. It is recommended that the City coordinate with the Region regarding the transition of cycling facilities between the City’s Main Street reconstruction project and the Region’s project.

Other Business

- Mark asked if the City would be sending a committee member to the 2025 Ontario Bike Summit in Windsor. Jason advised that last year was a unique situation as the City received some free passes to the 2024 Ontario Bike Summit in Waterloo as the City was a co-host. The City does not typically send committee members to events/conferences.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. - Hybrid Meeting (Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Cambridge, ON N1R 8S1, in the Secord Room [2nd Floor]; and via Zoom Link)

Close of Meeting

Moved by: M. Longo

Seconded by: M. Jeans

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

In Favour (6): S. Bangarth, J. Graham, M. Rogers, M. Jeans, S. Langlois, M. Longo

CARRIED (6-0)



Chair

Stephanie Bangarth

Chairs Name



Committee Liaison

Jason Leach

Name of Staff Member

Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Re: Resolution - Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount

Dear Honorable Rob Flack,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the motions from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and County of Frontenac requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and Minister of Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000; and, Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, The Minister of Rural Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

(613) 646-2282

Carried - as amended Resolution #2025-5275

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Sincerely,



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC


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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.2.
Resolution Number 2025-070
Title: Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #1
Date: March 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 2025-01-08-15 passed on January 8, 2025 by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, regarding the Child Welfare Funding;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



March 27, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00

**The Regional
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**Alexander Harras
M.P.A.
Director of
Legislative Services
& Regional Clerk**

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B’Nai Brith’s call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities.”

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/TF

c: B’nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities

Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Re: Resolution - Deposit Return Program

Dear Honourable Todd McCarthy,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program; and further that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried - Resolution #2025-5273

Sincerely,

(613) 646-2282



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March 31, 2025

Email: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake requesting the Province of Ontario to Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding an Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Niagara Region MPPs
All Ontario Municipalities

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Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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emier Ford,

**RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of
Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act**

February 25

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.
3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.



c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - Michael.Ford@ontario.ca
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - resolutions@amo.on.ca
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
MPP Thompson - lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Tariff Motion
Date: February 24, 2025

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas Ontario is the number one or number two customer for at least seven US states including New York, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Missouri, and trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities, although currently subject to various trade agreements including the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for equipment, materials and supplies for both operating and capital infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces that add costs and create inefficiencies in the movement of goods.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the City of Peterborough supports Team Canada and the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary procurement policy that integrates and addresses these concerns to the greatest extent possible;

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers
- All local MPs and MPPs
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.
Thank you.


John Kennedy, City Clerk

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
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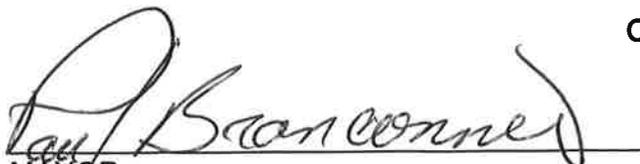
Agenda Number: 8.6.
Resolution Number 2025-074
Title: Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #21 and #22
Date: March 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 19-2025 passed on February 5, 2025 by Peterborough County, and the Resolution passed by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, regarding Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Honourable Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Rebecca Blich, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Clark".

Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC

February 10, 2025



February 5, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian Goods

Please note at their Regular meeting held on February 5, 2025, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 19-2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Senis
Seconded by Warden Clark

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and



Whereas municipalities have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the County of Peterborough supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the CAO be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

And that County Economic Development & Tourism Division be directed to implement a “Buy Local Peterborough County, Buy Canadian” campaign to encourage residents and businesses to purchase locally made and Canadian goods and services.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver



- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All provincial and territorial Premiers.
- All local MPs and MPPs,
- All Ontario Municipalities for their support.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Yours truly,

Holly Salisko
Administrative Services Assistant – Clerk's Division/Planning
hsalisko@ptbocounty.ca



March 27, 2025

Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
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Sent Via Email

Re: Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the USA on Trade Tariffs

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, passed the following resolution:

53/25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata
Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

“That the request received from the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, seeking support for the Canadian and Ontario Governments' negotiations with the United States Government on trade tariffs, be supported, and that copies of the support be sent to those listed in the correspondence.”

Carried.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Council Services/Clerk
Town of LaSalle
jastrologo@lasalle.ca

Cc: (via email)

Marit Stiles (Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party),
Bonnie Crombie (Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party),
Mike Schreiner (Leader of the Ontario Green Party),
Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
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All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,
All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
All of Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax, Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date: February 24, 2025

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- 1. That Council for the City of Peterborough respectfully requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**
- 2. That Council for the City of Peterborough calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**
- 3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and**
- 4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and**
- 5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.**

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required.
Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kennedy", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the line.

John Kennedy, City Clerk



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March 21, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

**RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

At the Council meeting held on March 17, 2025, the Town of Milton Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and,

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and,

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and,

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved** That Milton Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. **Be It Further Resolved** That Milton Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. **Be It Further Resolved** That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,
4. **Be It Further Resolved**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. **Be It Further Resolved**, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours sincerely,

Meaghen Reid
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All local Members of Parliament (MPs)
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



Tuesday, March 25, 2025



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The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Request for Redistribution Funding for Sustainable Infrastructure

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on March 10, 2025 and subsequently ratified by City Council on March 24, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

“WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated February 11, 2025, we support, in principle, the request for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding from the Province of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay express its willingness to work collaboratively with the Province in an effort to realize any and all opportunities that may be available with respect to support for long term planning and sustainable infrastructure funding for municipalities in Ontario that result in overall community benefit;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Thunder Bay - Superior North, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all 444 municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.”

Result: CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Dana Earle
Deputy City Clerk

/gs

Cc:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Premier of Ontario,
Ontario Minister of Finance,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River,
MP Thunder Bay - Superior North,
MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan,
MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North,
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
all 444 municipalities in Ontario

2025 Special Events Schedule

Approved Events

| Date | Time | Event Name | Estimated Attendance | Confirmed Location | Event Type | Event Organizer |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|
| 2/15/2025 | 11am – 2pm | Mayor’s Winter Levee | 800 – 1,000 | Bowman Room, Civic Square – City Hall | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 4/12/2025 | 10am – 1pm | Egg Drop | 2,000 | Fountain Street Soccer Complex | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 4/12/2025 | 10am – 12pm | West Galt Easter Egg Hunt | 150 | Victoria Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 4/19/2025 | 12pm – 3pm | Easter Egg Hunt in the Village | 400 – 500 | 22 Queen Street West to 40 Queen Street East | Public, Free | BIA |
| 5/30/2025 – 10/3/2025 | Fridays 1pm – 9pm | Hespeler Farmer’s Market | 400 (per event) | Hespeler Town Hall – 11 Tannery Street East | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 6/13/2025 | 5pm – 1pm | Cambridge Celebration of the Arts | 4,000 – 5,000 | City Hall, Civic Square | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 7/1/2025 | 12pm – 11pm | Cambridge Canada Day | 40,000 – 50,000 | Riverside Park | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |

Events in Approval Process

| Date | Time | Event Name | Estimated Attendance | Confirmed Location | Event Type | Event Organizer |
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| 4/25/2025 – 4/27/2025 | 4pm – 8pm 10am – 6pm | Cambridge Home and Lifestyle Show | TBD | Hespeler Arena | Public, Cost | Community Group |
| 4/27/2025 | 12pm – 8pm | Cambridge United League 1 Gameday | 500 | Fountain Street Soccer Complex | Public, Paid | Community Group |
| 5/10/2025 | 9am – 3:30pm | Cambridge Moves for Mental Health 2025 | 150 | Civic Square | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 5/24/2025 | 10am – 3pm | National AccessAbility Week | 100 | Bowman Room, Civic Square | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 5/24/2025 | 8am -3pm | 2025 Walk for Alzheimer’s | 30 | Churchill Park | Awareness Campaign | Community Group |
| 5/25/2025 – 9/28/2025 | Afternoons | Galt Jazz Street Party | 200 (per event) | Main St between Walter St and | Public, Free | BIA |

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| | | | | Ainslie St Riverside Park | | |
| 5/29/2025 – 6/1/2025 | Thurs 5pm–10pm Fri 5pm–11pm Sat 11am–11pm Sun 11am–5pm | Kin Carnival | 50,000 (per event) | | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 5/31/2025 | 9am – 11am | The Conflux | 100 | Linear Park | Public, Cost | Community Group |
| 6/1/2025 | 10am – 12pm | CCTAC Bike Month Kickoff | 40 – 60 | Portion of Mill Run Trail, Sheffield Access Point parking lot | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 6/6/2025 – 6/8/2025 | Friday 1pm-4pm & 6pm-9pm Saturday 9am-9pm | Big Bounce Canada | 10,000 (per day) | Riverside Park (special event space) | Public, Cost | Community Group |
| 6/7/2025 | 9am –4:30pm | Kinbridge Community Association & Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre Neighborhood Day | 1,500 | Churchill Park (right side, by basketball court) | Public, Free | Neighbourhood Association |
| 6/7/2025 | 3pm – 7pm | Fiddlesticks Neighbourhood Day | 550 | 71 Cowan Boulevard | Public, Free | Neighbourhood Association |
| 6/8/2025 | 9am – 1pm | Cambridge Mill Race | 300 | Riverbluffs Park | Race | Community Group |
| 6/14/2025 | 12pm – 2pm | Pet Portraits in the Park | 100 | Forbes Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 6/14/2025 | 3pm – 6pm | Neighbourhood Day | 650 – 700 | Soper Park | Public, Free | Neighbourhood Association |
| 6/14/2025 | 8am – 1pm | Push For Your Tush | 50 – 70 | Riverside Park – Dolph Picnic Shelter | Fundraiser | Community Group |
| 6/14/2025 | 8am – 6pm | District C Track and Field Meet | 200 | Jacob Hespeler Secondary School | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 6/21/2025 | 8:30am–7:30pm | Walk a Thon 2025 | 250 | Riverside Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 7/5/2025 – 7/6/2025 | 4pm – 2am | Rising Tide Music & Arts Festival | 5,000 total | Gaslight District, Tapestry Hall | Public, Cost | Neighbourhood Association |
| 7/5/2025 | 10am – 10pm | Hespeler Village Music Festival | 4,000 | Forbes Park | Public, Free | Community Group |

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| 7/18/2025 – 7/19/2025 | Friday 4pm – 11pm Saturday 6am–7pm | Cambridge Scottish Festival | 3,000 – 5,000 (per day) | Churchill Park, Duncan McIntosh Arena | Public, Cost | Community Group |
| 7/26/2025 | 12pm – 7pm | Cambridge Multicultural Festival | 7,500 | Forbes Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 7/26/2025 – 7/27/2025 | 10am – 4pm | The Long Dash Festival | 100 | Grand Trunk Trail | Public Cost | Community Group |
| 7/26/2025 | 3pm – 8pm | Emancipation Day Celebration | 1,000 | Soper Park (Bandshell area) or Galt Arena parking space | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 7/26/2025 | 10am–7:30pm | Family Picnic | 100 – 110 | Dolph Picnic Area | Private | Community Group |
| 8/2/2025 – 8/3/2025 | 8am – 9pm | SGSS Khed Mela | 1,000 – 2,000 | Riverside Park (back soccer fields) | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 8/8/2025 – 8/10/2025 | Fri/Sat 12pm – 10pm Sunday 12pm – 6pm | Cambridge Ribfest & Craft Beer Show | 7,000 – 10,000 (per day) | Riverside Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 8/9/2025 | 12pm – 4pm | Praise-Fest | 100 | Forbes Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 8/15/2025 – 8/16/2025 | 9am – 11pm | Multi Fest | 1,500 (per day) | Riverside Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 8/16/2025 | 10am – 1pm | Church In the Square | 25 | Civic Square | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 8/23/2025 | 5:30pm – 0pm | Vhalem Navrati 2025 | 2,500 | Riverside Park | Religious/Cultural | Community Group |
| 8/30/2025 | 10am – 10pm | KW Carnival | 1,800 | Riverside Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 8/30/2025 | 6pm – 10:30pm | Rhythm Ratri 2025 | 2,000 | Riverside Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 9/2/2025 – 9/8/2025 | 8am – 10pm | Cambridge Fall Fair | 2,500 (per day) | Dickson Park | Public, Free | Community Group |
| 9/13/2025 | 11am – 3pm | Cambridge Fire Department Fire Prevention Week Open House | 5,000 | 1625 Bishop Street North (Cambridge Fire Station 1) | Public, Free | City of Cambridge |
| 9/14/2025 | 9am – 3pm | Walk to Remember | 200 | Riverside Park | Fundraiser | Community Group |
| 9/14/2025 | 9am – 3:30pm | Cambridge Terry Fox Run | 150 | Riverside Park (Mickler Field/Grandstand) | Fundraiser | Community Group |

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| 9/19/2025 – 9/20/2025 | Friday 4pm – 11pm Saturday 3pm – 11pm | Fest2Fall | 5,000 (per day) | Dickson Park | Public, Cost | Community Group |
| 9/30/2025 | 7pm – 11pm | Vhalam Navrati | 1,500 | Riverside Park | Public, Cost | Community Group |

**All events are subject to change*