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MINUTES

Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee

No. 4-25

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

City Hall, Secord Room, 2nd Floor

Committee Members in Attendance: Aisha Lewis, Alison Fraser, Cynthia Brown, Danielle Lindamood, Derek Roy, Jonas Duarte, Ken Bell, Linda Foster, Lisa Grbinicek, Nelson Cecilia, Ryleigh McDermid and Councillor Hamilton

Regrets: David Campbell and Nichole Daniels

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 Secord Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario. Kathy Padgett welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

NIL

Delegations

Dani Lindamood provided a delegation on supporting the need for Provincial action on salt pollution from road salt. Ontario is responsible for the application of 2.2 million tonnes of salt each year which is creating serious negative effects to drinking water, the ecosystem, infrastructure, businesses and personal goods.

Currently, there are no provincial policies or regulations for road salt. Contractors have no way of proving they have done a sufficient job, leading to oversalting. At the same time, municipalities have no mechanism to address salt pollution.

The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (OSPC) is working to develop a non-partisan policy solution to address the issue of winter salt management. 'Limited Liability' is a policy approach used in similar jurisdictions to increase safety outcomes and reduce environmental harms. Limited Liability Legislation includes: required contractor training; Provincially-endorsed Best Management

Practices and standards; legislation limiting snow and ice management contractor liability; and establishing a Provincial regulatory authority.

Locally, concerned municipalities are passing resolutions urging the Province to work with key stakeholders to develop legislation to deal with the issue.

The Committee thanked Dani for her presentation and discussed the impacts of salt pollution on Cambridge's drinking water and natural environment, noting that public awareness is an important part of creating change. The Committee indicated their support for bringing a resolution to Cambridge Council

Moved by: Cynthia Brown

Seconded by: Linda Foster

THAT CEAC support a resolution to Cambridge Council for Provincial action on salt pollution from road salt.

CARRIED

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Aisha Lewis

Seconded by: Nelson Cecilia

THAT the decisions contained in the March 26, 2025 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Reports

Subcommittee Reports

1. City Green Subcommittee

Kathy Padgett reminded the Committee of the Community Clean Up on April 26, 2025 should anyone wish to participate. The poster for the event was shared as an information item.

Moved by: Ken Bell

Seconded by: Jonas Duarte

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) receives the meeting notes from the April 7, 2025 meeting of City Green;

AND FURTHER THAT they be appended to the April 23, 2025 CEAC minutes for distribution.

CARRIED

Correspondence

NIL

Information Items

The Cambridge Community Clean Up poster was shared for information.

Other Business

[Proposed interim changes to the Endangered Species Act](#) were discussed by the Committee.

Kathy advised that the comment period closes May 17, 2025.

The Committee members have chosen to take turns giving a meaningful Land Acknowledgement with Linda volunteering to provide one at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of CEAC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Room.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Jonas Duarte

Seconded by: Aisha Lewis

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

CARRIED

Danielle Lindamood
Chairperson

Karin Stieg-Drobig
Recording Secretary



CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC)

Cambridge CITY GREEN Meeting Notes

Monday May 5, 2025 6:30- 8 p.m.

Attendance: Paul Willms, Linda Simpson, Moira Gilderson, Sandy Forsyth, Claire Sweeney, Diane Day, Kelly Pritchard, Laura Pritchard, Mary McGrath

Regrets: Karen, Zenen, Nichole

Roundtable welcome to any Guests or New Members: Jenna Pennacchioli has requested to be a new member but could not attend the May meeting

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 next meeting.](#) Project information is available online at the Bee City Canada [website.](#)

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

- CG members were reminded of the June 5th meeting. This meeting will discuss the March 8th Bee City Seedy Saturday event and recommendations for next year.
- PW noted that the Ancient Mariners will once again be planting (May 22nd) at the Cambridge Pollinator Preserve.

2. Mill Creek Project

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

Background:

After hosting a number of Jane's Walk events along Mill Creek (from Soper Park to the Pedestrian Bridge) the CG group felt a self-directed walk could be enjoyed by people year-round. The "walk" would involve an online resource and the installation of small steel signs along the route with QR codes at "points of interest" where people could access historical photos and a description of how the creek has changed over time. The online platform would be similar to the [Historic Downtown Walking tour.](#)

An example using the same online format is the [Cambridge Natural Heritage Tour](#) which was a Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee project (i.e. a 50-page booklet brochure) that City Green volunteers transformed into an online resource. CG volunteers would write the text and gather a photo for each “point of interest” along the walking route. All files for the project are available [here at this Sharepoint site](#) (permission is required to access the site, currently only subcommittee members have access, contact PW for permission). The finished StoryMap would be uploaded and hosted on the City’s website [here](#).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

No updates at this meeting. LS asked if a deadline should be set for completing the work. LS noted that the Jane’s walk was well-defined but that this would need to be narrowed down to several sentences and a photo to be use on the StoryMap GIS application. Moira suggested that the committee input their data directly into StoryMap. Mary noted that promotion of the tour would be important. Moira suggested that what is in the file now could be sent off to the City for publishing (i.e. there is a lot of content). PW noted another online tour example completed by City Green volunteers in the past, the [Cambridge Natural Heritage Tour](#) and that the Mill Creek walking tour would be housed on the same City webpage.

ACTIONS:

1. **A subcommittee will meet to discuss the next steps**
2. **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”).**
3. **PW to submit a request to City GIS Dept. to create the online StoryMap version and post to the City’s StoryMaps webpage at this [link](#)**
4. **Seek permission from the City for installing small interpretive QR code steel signs along the route where people could use their phones to access information (and perhaps the small signs have some limited info as well).**

3. Jane’s Walks

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.

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

Victoria Park Woodlot: (Linda, Zenen, Danesh, Karen, Kelly) [Victoria Park Forest Management Plan](#). The group hosted the Jane's Walk on Sunday May 4th at 1pm. Eighteen people attended (over 50 had RSVP'd on the website). LS noted that the weather was cool and windy and likely discouraged some from attending. The group divided up the stops, and had 11 stops. Kelly noted it went well and the group was engaged and asked questions. Linda made some changes to the source document. The walk took 1.5 hours in total.

ACTIONS:

Linda to send PW the updated file.

4. 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. One 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". In the past, Cambridge City Green hosted "urban street tree walks" across the city with walking routes maximizing the amount of large TREEmendous trees along the way and as a venue to introduce this "app" to people.

5. [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 and seedlings are above browse heights (~2.5 m) and invasives are gone. Then repeat in other location(s).
- B. Forest edge/prairie wildflower area – 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 planting event by 6-10 City Green volunteers establishing 30 one litre potted native wildflowers.

C. Educational projects – City Green volunteers Jane's Walk

Forest Restoration project ("A") and wildflower/pollinator project ("B") are on hold until direction, support, public notification, and training and a fenced off area can be created by Forestry and resources provided through the implementation of the Parks Master Plan for community-based projects. Also need Forestry assistance to remove the encroaching trees in the wildflower meadow area (project "B") which has defined windows for tree removal (due to Migratory Birds Act and nests).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

The projects are still on hold until we can get resources and support from Forestry.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **PW to ask City about a timeline for the forest invasives and wildflower area projects.**
- **PW request Operations remove (invasive) trees that are impacting/shading the wildflower planting area.**
- **PW to follow up with Forestry for a staff member to lead a forest walk in October.**

6. Cambridge Community Clean-Up

Background:

Cambridge City Green has hosted a Community Clean Up Day for over 20 years. The event started in Hespeler (with Sandy Forsyth) and then spread city-wide. The group used to partner with Tim Hortons and since 2017 have hosted the event themselves in partnership with the City, Region, and Cambridge Library. Each year the City Green group improves aspects of the event. Participation generally ranges from 2,000 – 4,000 participants and 40-50 groups (schools, businesses, community groups); participation was highest in 2017-2019 with almost 6,000 participants and lowest in the COVID years with 1,000 participants.

Aspects Discussed this meeting:

- Participation:
 - 213 people requested supplies from the various library branches (April 12-26) with Queen's Square and Clemens Mill locations being the busiest. This

was the first year that this happened and was very successful from both the Library and City Green perspectives and should continue in the future;

- 217 volunteers requested supplies on the Clean Up Day (April 26th) (in 2024 this was 210); and,
- 2,189 / 42 groups requested supplies from March 1 – May 1
- Total for Spring Clean Up = 2,619 participants (2024 = 1,617 participants)
- given World Clean Up day (September 20th) as well as summer camp / Neighbourhood Association clean ups it is anticipated that we will have over 3,000 volunteers this year which is almost double the 2024 participation.

City Green locations	Supplies	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Library
Hespeler	100	54	55	-
Queen's Square	100	100	45	-
Preston	100	42	82	-
Clemens Mill	100	14	35	-
Sub Total	-	210	217	213
Total	-	-	-	430

- PW noted that the library distribution (April 12-26 went well and he received positive feedback from the branch location managers)
- PW noted that the Waiver sign up sheet was new this year and asked for feedback from CG members. He noted that groups were good at getting the signed waiver back. No issues at the booths with the waiver.
- SF noted the Hespeler experience.
- CS / LP / MM noted the Clemens Mill experience: people liked the smaller gloves but almost ran out; outfitted a church group.

- ND / ZT / KB: Queen's Square experience: it was surprising that this location had only 45 participants given over 100 last year.
- MG / DD noted the Preston experience (cold, but well attended and the Earth Day activities inside added participants).
- PW asked if small bags were needed? The white bags in the past were handy for hand out supplies and also have a QR code on how to get bags picked up. Linda noted that a reusable bag would be a gift / incentive and put supplies in it. What are the cost of the bags?

Recommendations for Next Year

- Revise the booth poster and simplify it for clarity (e.g. eliminate the DOs and DONTs and just provide the bag pick up, needle QR, and one sentence about leaving bags visible from road.
- Obtain a cart for taking supplies into library locations (or have two people available for setup);
- Advertise to the faith groups;
- Two volunteers for each booth is probably enough;
- Put location of City Green or Library on the waiver sheet so that numbers of participants can better be tracked;
- Have mobile signs say "Community Clean Up" (instead of "Community Clean Up Day") to reduce confusion;
- Continue with the libraries offering supplies;
- Moira suggested that we have some kind of badge or extra recognition (e.g. a sticker, just for the kids, an affirmation....). Mary noted that stickers are popular for water bottles and laptops. Moira noted that school groups could design stickers. Sandy noted that participants thanked HER for being there this year.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **PW to extend thanks, copying Chair LS, to Library branch managers for a successful pilot project distributing supplies April 12-26;**
- **PW to check supplies and order additional if needed (e.g. garbage pickers);**
- **Discuss volunteer recognition (September meeting);**
- **PW to look into producing small red bags with the slogo ("Only Cure for Litter is You") from the large litter bags.**

7. Other Business / Information Items

LS asked if there were any other City Green projects or issues on people's minds.

- Mary asked if people would be interested in pursuing climate targets and community climate action through projects such as energy conservation, demand management, etc. Moira suggested making it an agenda item for June.
- Linda noted that last week was Volunteer Appreciation Week!

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Future meeting – have a discussion on climate action projects. CG members can review [TransformWR](#) (the “community climate action plan”)**

City Green Meetup Membership: 853 as of April 7, 2025 and almost 50 more people joined this month (i.e. May 2nd there were 899 members). Membership has generally increased by 10 new members a month with the exception of this month.

Next Meeting: Monday June 2, 2025

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- Monday, June 2nd, 2025, 6:30-8pm, City Green meeting **IN PERSON, DICKSON ARENA**
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CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC)

Cambridge CITY GREEN Meeting Notes

Monday June 2, 2025 6:30- 8 p.m.

Attendance: Paul Willms, Linda Simpson, Claire Sweeney, Diane Day, Laura Pritchard, Zenen Treadwell, Nichole Daniels, Karen Ballard

Regrets: Jenna, Sandy, Moira, Kelly, Danesh

Roundtable welcome to any Guests or New Members:

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Background:

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- CG members were reminded of the June 5th meeting. This meeting will discuss the March 8th Bee City Seedy Saturday event and recommendations for next year.
- PW noted that the Ancient Mariners planted at the Cambridge Pollinator Preserve at Riverbluffs Park on May 29th and added a new native plant species (New Jersey Tea). Over 85 species of wildflower, shrub, and flowering tree have been planted by the Ancient Mariners Canoe Club since 2008.

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Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

No updates at this meeting.

ACTIONS:

1. Subcommittee members will finish the project content (i.e. the text for the “points of interest” and one or more photos for each point)
2. Once the draft is completed by the subcommittee, PW will submit a request to the City’s GIS Dept. to create the online StoryMap version and post to the City’s webpage at this [link](#)
3. When the online version is live, PW and City Green members to seek permission from the City for installing small steel interpretive QR code signs along the route where people could use their phones to access information (and perhaps the small signs have some limited info as well).

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Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

Not discussed this meeting, the Victoria Park Jane’s Walk took place May 4th.

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- C. Educational projects – Forest Walks such as the Jane’s Walk

Forest Restoration project (“A”) and wildflower/pollinator project (“B”) are on hold until direction, support, public notification, training and a fenced off area can be created by

Forestry Services. Also, Forestry Services assistance is needed to remove the encroaching trees in the wildflower meadow area (project “B”)

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

The projects are still on hold until resources and support from Forestry Services.

The group brainstormed a number of ideas around hosting an educational walk:

- September 24th (National Tree Day) or in mid-October for the Autumn colours or Doors Open event (October 18th). What date to align the event with?
- Could an expert be invited to lead the walk?
- KB noted trees in Europe have interpretive online resources.
- Identify trees through expert or participants or identify invasive species as a scavenger hunt or geocaching.
- Could put QR code on trees (“on the portal tree”).
- Use iNaturalist or an app like Plant.net.
- Only 2 City Green meetings before now and the event so maybe the Jane’s Walk script could be re-used in October (October 25th?) and a longer-term plan developed for other educational walks in the future?
- Amsterdam – Echoes.xyz is an app that can be used (subscription?)
- LS, Zenen, Danesh, Mary, Kelly, Karen were the Jane’s Walk leaders this May 4th

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Work toward October Victoria Park walk event modelled after the Jane’s Walk script with a preferred date October 25th.**
- **PW to follow up with the request to Forestry Operations on the three projects.**

6. Cambridge Community Clean-Up

Background:

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Aspects Discussed this meeting:

The Cambridge Community Clean Up was not discussed at this meeting.

7. Blair climate action project

Background:

(Mary M.) asked at the May City Green meeting if members would be interested in climate action projects (e.g. encouraging heat pumps, EVs, etc.).

Aspects Discussed this meeting:

Karen read the TransformWR document (the “community climate action strategy”). Have Mary present her ideas and have a discussion at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Local climate action project discussion on the September agenda.**

8. Bird Friendly City Certification

Background:

Kitchener was recently certified as a bird friendly city by Nature Canada through collaboration by City Staff, Waterloo Region Nature, rare Charitable Reserve, Birds Canada, University of Waterloo and others. Is there interest in Cambridge pursuing this? Nature Canada has broadly outlined steps to take towards this certification on their [website](#) along with background information and including an [application](#) to be a bird friendly city.

Aspects Discussed this meeting:

Karen provided a presentation – cats, collisions, and loss of habitat are the main bird killers (eg. 90% of birds die in collisions with residential houses with only 1% from tall buildings). What can municipalities do? Habitat protection, tree management policies, work with other organizations, outreach and education and the certification program from Nature Canada (i.e. Threat reduction, by-laws, etc.). Aligns with Bee City, and with a cluster of cities surrounding Cambridge that are already certified (i.e. Guelph, Kitchener and others). It would also involve others in guiding us through the process of certification. ND mentioned High Performance Development Standards and bird friendly design are part of the Standards. There would be interest from CEAC to join and perhaps help with the policy aspects. David Gascoine, Waterloo Region Nature could give a presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Discuss at CEAC (Nichole)**
- **City Green members to review the information links that Karen provided.**
- **Karen to send information regarding bird decals to prevent collisions.**

9. City Nature Challenge (CNC)

Background:

The CNC is an annual 4-day global bioblitz held at the end of April to find and document plants and wildlife in our cities and to better engage the public with that nature. iNaturalist is the common platform used. Anyone can participate from individuals, classrooms, organizations and cities. CNC provides the training and organizational resources necessary. This could be a great way for us to engage further with schools, the general public and other organizations. More info at this link [City Nature Challenge](#)

Aspects Discussed this meeting:

Karen had a presentation which the group couldn't get to and would need to be given in September.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The City Green group to review the 2 minute video
- Karen to provide the presentation to City Green at the September meeting.

10. Other Business / Information Items

City Green Meetup Membership: May 2nd there were 899 members and June 2nd there were 918 members

Next Meeting: Monday September 8, 2025

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- Saturday, October 25, 2025, Victoria Park Autumn walk (TBC)
- 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 #5-25

Hybrid Meeting – May 8, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Galen Peters, Mark Longo, Matt Rogers, Mike Jeans, Selwyn Langlois, Stephanie Bangarth, and Russ Loukes

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Active Transportation Coordinator, Brian Cooper, Senior Planner, and Breanna Syne, Planner

Others in Attendance: Councillor R. Earnshaw

Regrets: J. Graham

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 April 2025 Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: M. Longo

Seconded by: G. Peters

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

1. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2025, be approved.

In Favour (6):

CARRIED (6-0)

M. Rogers joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda Items

a) Zoning Bylaw

Policy planning staff, Brian Cooper gave a presentation on the newly proposed zoning bylaw to replace bylaw from 1985.

B. Cooper and B. Syne left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

b) Future Capital Projects

The following proposed projects were reviewed with the committee:

- Black Bridge Road and Townline Road – Is an existing project that will include a multi-use trail and bike lanes that will run until the Regions limits.
- Fisher Mills Road –Hespeler Road to Scott Road and Scott Road to Guelph Ave. A multi-use trail is being proposed.
- Hespeler Trail and Pedestrian Bridge – The Hespeler trail project might be pushed back due to property constraints.
- Holiday Inn Drive – separated cycling facility is proposed.
- Industrial Road – A multi-use trail is to be considered.
- Langs Drive – A multi-use trail connecting Hespeler Road to Concession Road is being proposed.
- Preston Pkwy – Shantz Hill Road to Fountain St. South
- Dunbar Road – Hespeler Road to Conestoga Boulevard
- Northview Heights Trail – Reconstruction of the trail is being proposed.
- Avenue Road – Gail Street to Elgin Street. North and Franklin Boulevard to Chimney Hill.
- Samuelson Street and Clyde Road – From Franklin Boulevard to Elgin Street North.
- Dan Springs Way Trail – Proposal to upgrade trail.
- Grand Avenue – Protected bike lanes to be added.
- Main Street Reconstruction - from Franklin Boulevard to the east city limits. Proposal to extend the greenway from Greengate Boulevard to Main Street.
- Churchill Park – Trail improvements have been proposed.

c) Bike Month Subcommittee- Standing Item

- The bike ride event for bike month is postponed until June 2026 due to budget constraints. Planning of the event is to continue with the subcommittee.

d) Project Updates

- Mill Race Park Pedestrian Bridges – Starting on June 12th, 2025, and is expected to take four weeks to complete.
- Reuter Drive – Sidewalk project will start at the end of May 2025
- St. Andrews Street, Ellicott Lookout, and Blair Road – Will have multi use trail pavement markings completed.
- Dunbar Road – Project will be proceeding, and a contract has been awarded to a consulting firm.

e) Operational Updates – Standing Item

- Mill Run Trail – Information about the muck on the trail was passed along to Operations to make improvements.

f) Event Updates – Standing Item

Nothing was discussed.

Councillor's Report

- The newly proposed zoning bylaw was brought forward at the May 6, 2025, council meeting.
- Preston Secondary Plan –The proposal was passed at the May 6, 2025, council meeting. This may be an opportunity for the committee to provide input on the study and participating in the public consultation when scheduled. To be discussed amongst the committee members at the June 2025 meeting.

Other Business

Nothing was discussed.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, June 12, 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

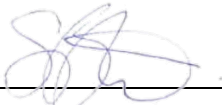
Moved by: S. Langlois

Seconded by: M. Jeans

THAT the Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

In Favour (7):

CARRIED (7-0)



Chair

Stephanie Bangarth

Chairs Name



Committee Liaison

Jason Leach

Name of Staff Member



MINUTES
Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee

May 26, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Gary Racine, Tara Small, Sarah Dodds, CJ Janzen, Barry Green, Councillor Helen Shwery, and Councillor Corey Kimpson

Regrets: Alison Fitzpatrick, Shannon Adshade, Heather DeYoe

Staff Members in Attendance: Michael Oliveri, Council Committee Services Coordinator; Stephen Aboagye, Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; Farshid Sadatsharifi, Accessibility Coordinator; Nathan Zrini, Landscape Architect; Mary Kennedy, Project Management Office; William Vongsasanoubane, Architectural Technologist - Heritage

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

Election of Vice-Chair

CJ was elected to the position of Vice-Chair

Approval of April 28, 2025, Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: CJ

Seconded by: Barry

THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2025, Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Agenda items:

8.1 City of Cambridge – Park Projects (Churchill Park - Rocketship Playground Renewal, Churchill Park - Basketball Court Renewal, Sault Park - East - New Playground, Gordon Chaplin Park - Playground Renewal, and Weaver Park - Basketball Park Renewal)

- This item was deferred to the June AAC meeting due to technical issues.

8.2 City of Cambridge – Overview of Capital Projects Portfolio

Presenter: Mary Kennedy (City PMO)

- Presented the **Capital Project Consultation Decision Tree**, developed in 2021.
- Explained the process for accessibility consultation: document, inform, or consult.
- Encouraged earlier community and AAC involvement to influence project planning before finalization.
- Discussed the 2025 capital budget: 87 projects (\$55 million), with specific highlights:
 - Hessler Skate Park
 - Super Park Pool Design
 - Westminster/Water Street Parking
 - Dunbar Multi-Use Trail Extension
 - Accessible Ball Diamond Project
- Members emphasized the need for co-design and lived experience in planning.
- Summary action items from this discussion:
 - Enhance collaboration with Accessibility Coordinator.
 - Explore pre-approval engagement similar to the Trails Advisory Committee.
 - Consider developing a simple checklist/template to align with project design standards.

8.3 City of Cambridge – Universal Washrooms in Kinsmen Canteen in Riverside Park

- Project scope: convert unused change rooms into 3 **Universal Washrooms**.
- Features include:
 - Accessible doors with push buttons
 - Emergency call buttons (to notify Parks staff)
 - Adult-sized change tables
 - Visual and audible alerts
 - Slip-resistant epoxy flooring

- Member feedback:
 - Add **cords or vertically extended emergency triggers** for better reach
 - Concerns over **hand dryers** (unsanitary, noise-sensitive for neurodiverse users)
 - Preference expressed for **paper towel dispensers only**

Subcommittee Update: Gary Racine, CAAC Chair, City of Cambridge

- None

Staff Liaison Update: Stephen Aboagye, Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility and Farshid Sadatsharifi, Accessibility Coordinator

- Farshid reported a successful kickoff event on Saturday.
- Invited members to two upcoming events:
 - **May 28:** Regional Accessibility Trade Show at RIM Park (Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge).
 - **May 30:** Cambridge Accessibility Map Mission with AccessNow.
- Encouraged members and the public to join and contribute feedback on the new **multi-year Accessibility Plan** (draft under design; public engagement sessions forthcoming).

Council Representative Update: Councillor Helen Shwery, City of Cambridge

- None

Chair's Report: Gary Racine, Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair

- The Chair shared that the NAAW event last week had strong turnout and engagement. The Chair encouraged the Committee to brainstorm ideas for the 2026 event, staff and the Committee wish to see more agencies in attendance in 2026.

Other Business

- Barry Green suggested AAC member presence at the opening of the new Hespler Jumpstart Inclusive Park.

Adjournment

Moved by: CJ

Seconded by: Gary

THAT The Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of May 26, 2025, be adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 23rd, 2025, 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

If any accommodations are required to participate in this meeting, please email accessibility@cambridge.ca



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: May 20, 2025 No: RESOLUTION - 269-2025
Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Disposition: CARRIED
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien Item No: 13.2

Description: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

RESOLUTION:

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of "Special Economic Zones" that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Township of McNab/Braeside supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Township of McNab/Braeside:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario


MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated
he/her/their seat(s),
abstained from discussion and did not vote

June 13, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of June 10, 2025 the following resolution regarding support of advocacy to the Federal Government for 'disability without poverty' was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-345

DATE: June 10, 2025

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst

WHEREAS one in four Ontarians lives with a disability; and

WHEREAS the median household income in Prince Edward County (\$75K) is already well below both the Basic Living Income and the Ontario Median Household Income (\$84K); and

WHEREAS persons with disabilities are twice as likely to live in poverty and would already require an average of 30% more income just to reach the poverty line; and

WHEREAS the new federal benefit for people with disabilities (about \$200/month) and called the Canada Disability Benefit) is about to be rolled out; and

WHEREAS the Federal government has yet to exempt this new federal benefit from being considered income for federal tax purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Mayor be requested to communicate with Prime Minister Carney that the Council of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Government of Canada to commit to exempting the Canada Disability Benefit from income tax and work towards supporting Canadians with a disability to live without poverty;

THAT Prime Minister Carney be requested to publicly confirm his government's commitment to making that legislative change as soon as possible; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the federal Minister of Finance, the federal Minister of Health, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Branderhorst, and Adam Goheen, Interim CAO





June 16, 2025

Re: Item for Discussion – Road Salt Usage

At its meeting of June 11, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-068, regarding Road Salt Usage, as follows:

“WHEREAS chloride concentrations have increased by at least 0.5 mg/L in 80 of 274 (29%) of the lakes sampled by the District of Muskoka between 2018 and 2022, and by 15-fold in Lake Muskoka since 1970;

AND WHEREAS Queen’s University scientist, Dr. Shelley Arnott, a leader in global research on the effects of road salt on lakes, has demonstrated that in Muskoka lakes, some important aquatic organisms are negatively affected at chloride exposure levels as low as 10 mg/L, far below the 120 mg/L long term or chronic exposure guideline;

AND WHEREAS roughly one quarter of lakes sampled by the District Municipality of Muskoka now have chloride levels above 10 mg/L;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge:

1. Commits to ongoing efforts toward the reduction of road salt as much as possible, while maintaining safety on roads, including public reporting on annual use, supporting local efforts to research the ongoing impacts of road salt, and assisting education efforts.
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard Best Management Practices for snow and ice management on private lands; and to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the Province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems, drinking water and infrastructure from the impacts of salt pollution.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Attorney General of Ontario; the Muskoka-Parry Sound MPP; Conservation Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the District Municipality of Muskoka; and other lower-tier municipalities in Muskoka.”

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper

Seconded by: Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019—set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household—fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
- Scot Davidson, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
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Hon. Doug Ford
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June 18, 2025

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of the
Environment, Conservation
and Parks
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MPP Joseph Racinsky
Wellington-Halton Hills
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RE: Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act 2025

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 28, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-167:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.9 and 6.10 be received for information; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and



Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch:

- **Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;**
- **Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;**
- **Opposes the use of Bill 5 that may reduce a municipality's ability to enforce its local by-laws (planning and other affected by-laws);**
- **Opposes the potential use of Bill 5 to supersede Ministry jurisdiction to require proper approvals such as ARA licences or ECAs; and**
- **Opposes the potential use of Bill 5 to apply a SEZ to lands that are already licenced through provincial approvals such as an ARA licence or ECA to supersede requirements under those licenses or approvals.**
- **Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:**
 - 1. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
 - 2. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
 - 3. The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**
 - 4. MPP Joseph Racinsky**
 - 5. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - 6. All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.**
 - 7. All Conservation Authorities in Ontario**
 - 8. Conservation Ontario**

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

Monika Farncombe

From: Jennifer E. Willoughby <jwilloughby@shelburne.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:50 AM
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Subject: Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

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Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously

Moved By: Councillor Len Guchardi
Seconded By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Town of Shelburne supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Town of Shelburne:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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Resolution

Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-093

Moved: Councillor Prendergast

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Town of Orangeville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin–Caledon
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.

Result: Carried Unanimously

2025 Special Events Schedule

Approved Events

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
5/25/2025 – 9/28/2025	2pm – 5pm	Galt Jazz Street Party	200 (per day)	Main St between Walter St and Ainslie St	Public, Free	BIA
5/29/2025 – 6/1/2025	Thurs 5pm– 10pm Fri 5pm–11pm Sat 11am– 11pm Sun 11am– 5pm	Kin Carnival	50,000 (per day)	Riverside Park	Public, Free	Community Group
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
6/3/2025	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Pride Event	200	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
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
6/7/2025 – 9/13/2025	6pm – 10:30pm	Latin on Main	100+	Lower Main Street	Public, Free	BIA
6/8/2025	9am – 1pm	Cambridge Mill Race	300	Riverbluffs Park	Race	Community Group
6/8/2025 – 9/14/2025	12pm – 4pm	Sunday Day Markets	100+	Lower Main Street, Civic Square, Imperial Lane, Water Street Parking Lot #2 Event Pad	Public, Free	BIA
6/12/2025	11:30am – 1:30pm	Starling Community Services Staff Appreciation Event	60-80	Civic Square	Private	Community Group
6/13/2025	5pm – 10pm	Cambridge Celebration of the Arts	4,000 – 5,000	City Hall, Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
6/14/2025	11am – 3pm	Pet Portraits in the Park	100	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group

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
6/14/2025	1pm – 8pm	Grand River Pride Street Party	500+	Main Street road closure, Water Street	Public, Free	BIA
6/14/2025	3pm – 6pm	Neighbourhood Day	650 – 700	Soper Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
6/14/2025	10am – 12pm	Open Hands, Open Hearts Community Care Day: Aid for Homelessness	50	Central Park – Bandshell	Public, Free	Community Group
6/15/2025 – 9/28/2025	10pm – 2pm	Backlot Sessions	100+	Water Street parking lot, #2 event pad	Public, Free	BIA
6/19/2025	4:30pm – 8pm	Summer Solstice Dance Party	300	Highland Public School Courtyard	Public, Free	Community Group
6/20/2025	3pm – 8pm	Montesori School Family Picnic	125	Forbes Park	Private	Community Group
6/20/2025 – 9/26/2025	6pm – 10pm	Friday Night Markets	100+	Lower Main Street, Civic Square, Imperial Lane, Water Street Parking Lot #2 Event Pad	Public, Free	BIA
6/28/2025	10am – 4pm	Aire One's Fun Fair & Food Drive	400	290 Pinebush Road	Public, Free	Community Group
7/1/2025	12pm – 10pm	Cambridge Canada Day	40,000 – 50,000	Riverside Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
7/16/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Forbes Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
7/23/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Tex Rexman	100+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
7/30/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Isabella Hoops Show with Fire	100+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/6/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Kiki Totally Outrageous with LED	100+	Forbes Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/13/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge

8/20/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/30/2025	11am – 2pm	Block Party	300-350	Forward Church	Public, Free	Community Group

Events in Approval Process

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
5/31/2025 – 9/20/2025	11am – 2pm	Family Fun Days	100+	Lower Main Street	Public, Free	BIA
6/19/2025	5pm – 10pm	WASA Athletics Event	Event Cancelled			
6/20/2025	3pm – 8pm	Montesori School Family Picnic	125	Forbes Park	Private	Community Group
6/21/2025	8:30am – 7:30pm	Walk-a-Then 2025	Event Cancelled			
6/21/2025 – 9/20/2025	11am – 2pm	Family Fun Days	100+	Lower Main Street	Public, Free	BIA
6/22/2025	11am – 4:30pm	NLF Church Picnic	Event Cancelled			
6/28/2025	9:30am – 8:30pm	Summer Punch	80	Soper Park	Private	Community Group
6/28/2025 – 9/27/2025	9am – 9pm	Sidewalk Sale	100+	Downtown Cambridge Core	Public, Free	BIA
6/29/2025	9am – 1pm	Whole Health Anniversary	100+	Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	BIA
7/4/2025	6pm – 10pm	BRIDGE Centre for Design Student Market	150	Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	Community Group
7/5/2025	10:30am – 5:30pm	Alyssa strong car meet	150-200	Galt Community Centre	Public, Fee	Community Group
7/5/2025 – 7/6/2025	4pm – 2am Request for Noise Exemption 11pm – 2am Denied by Council 5/27/2025	Rising Tide Music & Arts Festival	Event Cancelled			
7/5/2025	10am – 10pm	Hespeler Village Music Festival	4,000	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group

New events

7/9/2025	11:30am – 3:30pm	EQI Canada Company Picnic	60	Riverside Park – Kin Shelter	Private	Community Group
7/11/2025	2pm – 8pm	Road to Oddfest Vol 3 – Treasure Market	100-200	Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	BIA
7/12/2025	10am – 7:30pm	CMS Community BBQ	500	Churchill Park	Public, Free	Community Group
7/12/2025	12pm – 4pm	Cambridge Scottish Festival Media Day	300	Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	Community Group
7/14/2025	5pm – 8pm	The ENDURrun Sport	50	Riverbluffs Park	Public, Free	Community Group
7/18/2025	4pm – 8pm	Preston Food Crawl	600	King Street, Argyle Street, Central Park	Public, Free	Community Group
7/18/2025 – 7/19/2025	Friday 4pm – 10pm Saturday 6am–7pm	Cambridge Scottish Festival	3,000 – 5,000 (per day)	Churchill Park, Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group
7/19/2025	8am – 4pm	Summer in the Park Vendor Market	150-200	Victoria Park, Hespeler	Public, Free	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
8/3/2025	8am – 7pm	Cards for Cause	500	Dickson Arena	Public, Free	Community Group
8/3/2025	4pm – 8pm	Burgers and Beats	50	TBD	Public, Free	Community Group
8/5/2025 – 8/6/2025	5pm – 9pm	The Voice of the River: the Grand River Community Play	200	along Grand River, ending at Amphitheatre on Grand River	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	Event Cancelled			
8/16/2025	10:30am – 5:30pm	Praises in the Park	60	Forbes Park	Private	Community Group
8/16/2025	10am – 1pm	Church In the Square	25	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group
8/20/2025	12pm – 2pm	IOAD Memorial Event	100	Soper Park	Public, Free	Community Group
8/30/2025	5:30pm – 10pm	Vhalam Navrati 2025	2,500	Riverside Park	Religious/ Cultural	Community Group
8/23/2025	2pm – 8pm	Oddfest – Market	600	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group
8/30/2025	4am – 10pm	KW Carnival	Event Cancelled			
8/30/2025	6pm – 10:30pm	Rhythm Ratri 2025	Event Cancelled			
9/2/2025 – 9/8/2025	8am – 10pm	Cambridge Fall Fair	2,500 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/7/2025	10am – 2:30pm	Honda Annual BBQ	25	Riverside Park	Private	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
9/18/2025	5pm – 9pm	Take Back the Night	100-150	The W – 101-20 Dickson St	Public, Free	Community Group
9/19/2025 – 9/20/2025	Friday 4pm – 10pm Saturday 3pm – 10pm	Fest2Fall	5,000 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/27/2025	6pm – 11pm	Navratri 2025	Event Cancelled			
9/30/2025	7pm – 11pm	Vhalam Navrati	Event Cancelled			

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