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City of Cambridge Correspondence

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Date: 10/03/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-004(PG)**

To: Mayor and Council

Circulated to: Yogesh Shah, Interim City Manager

Department: Planning and Growth

Division: Planning

From: Hardy Bromberg, General Manager – Planning and Growth

Subject: Update on the Relocation of the Forbes Dovecote at Jacob’s Landing

Comments

This memorandum is being shared with Council to provide an update on the relocation of the Forbes Dovecote from 155 Guelph Avenue to 49 Guelph Avenue (Jacob’s Landing Park) and outline next steps.

Project Background

The proposal involves the relocation of the Forbes Dovecote from the former Forbes Estate at 155-171 Guelph Avenue (Figure 2) to the subject property at 49 Guelph Avenue. The dovecote relocation is a condition of the approved Plan of Subdivision and Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decision for the redevelopment of the Forbes Estate lands at 155-171 Guelph Avenue. The former 5.25-hectare estate was divided into residential blocks with the 1912 Edwardian style Forbes House retained on a 1.08-acre parcel protected under a Part IV designation by-law and an easement agreement.

Jacob’s Landing Park is located on the east side of Guelph Avenue, immediately north of the Speed River, west of Mill Pond and the Speed River Dam. The property is a municipally owned park with pathways, trees, benches, and gardens (Figure 1). The park also extends, across Guelph Avenue, to a separate but connected parkette with a large pergola at 30 Milling Road. Jacob’s Landing Park is located within the boundaries of the proposed Hespeler Heritage Conservation District (HCD), forthcoming in Q1 2026.

The Forbes Estate property was previously the site of a large farm originally owned by Jacob Hespeler, who was a key individual in the development of the Town of Hespeler. The property was later the home of the Forbes family, who were prominent local industrialists and political

figures. The property contained a number of outbuildings including a stone tower known as a dovecote.

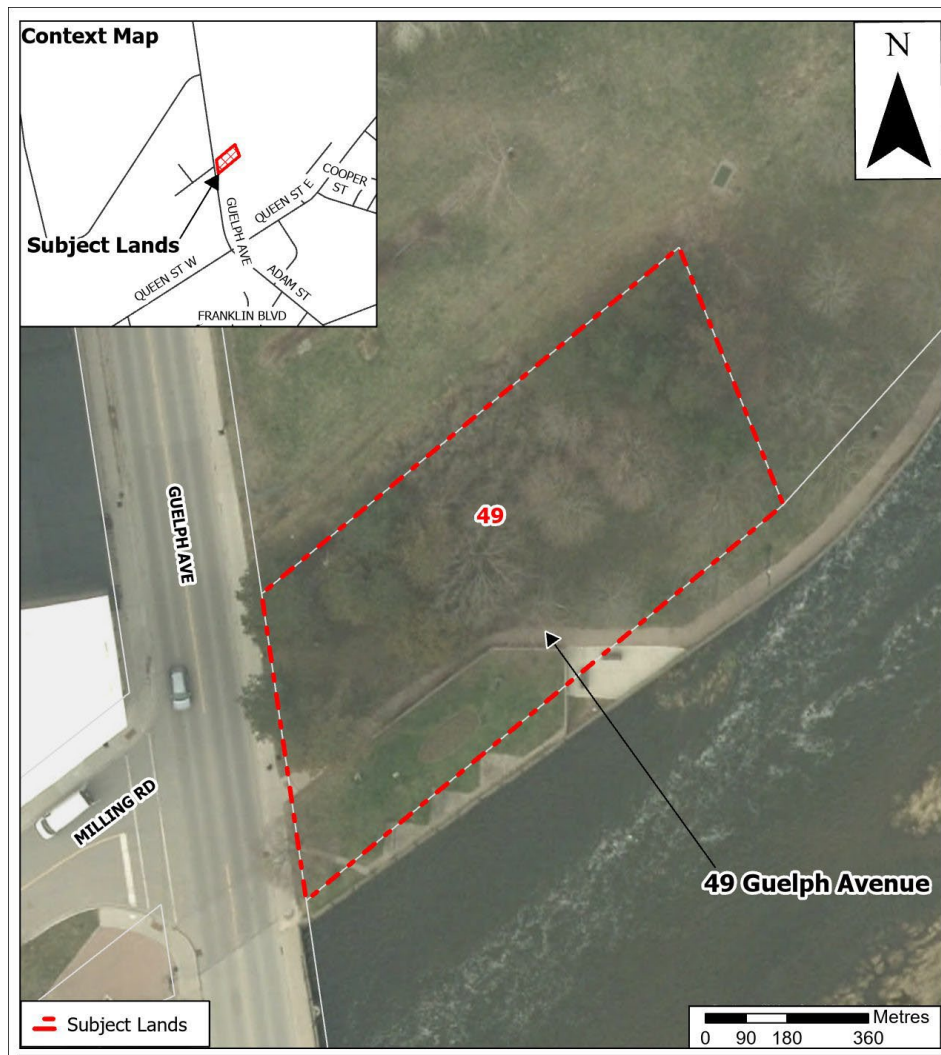


Figure 1: Aerial image of the subject property, Jacob's Landing Park, the site selected for the relocation of Forbes Dovecote. (City of Cambridge, 2025).



Figure 2: Aerial image of 155 Guelph Avenue, the former Forbes Estate, and the existing location of the Forbes Dovecote (City of Cambridge, 2025).

The dovecote will be relocated in accordance with a Conservation Plan that will guide the removal, transportation, storage, and re-construction of masonry units. The Conservation Plan, along with the current design of the dovecote and the plan for relocation, was reviewed by MHAC at its meeting on June 19, 2025 (Report 25-025-MHAC).

Project Details

The applicant submitted a Site Plan application in 2025 and is currently awaiting Site Plan approval. The applicant has submitted a proposal package with renderings, plans, and concept drawings (Appendix A). The proposed design, plans, and site configuration are preliminary but will be confirmed through the Site Plan process.

The site in Jacob's Landing Park was chosen due to its visibility, accessibility, and proximity to the Speed River (Figure 3).

The dovecote will be rebuilt as an observation tower with internal staircase, steel roof structure, and observation platform (Appendix A). The tower's open air, second storey observation deck is intended to provide east-facing views of the river and dam. There is an accessible seating area proposed on a raised section of land to the east of the tower, providing further views of the dam, and an accessible periscope feature is proposed to enable visitors to see the view of the observation deck from ground level. The project will require the removal and/or relocation of existing lamp posts, memorial trees, and garden bed. The proposal includes new pathways, new benches and seating, a rebuilt retaining wall, and a sloped walkway. A small number of memorial trees will be relocated within the park, in coordination between the donor families and Parks staff.

The stone walls of the dovecote will be rebuilt in an "as found" or "ruin" state, minimizing the use of modern stone material. Existing window openings will feature new, replicated windows. Internally, the structure will be scaffolded with four vertical structural members holding up a roof structure raised above the height of the stone walls for visibility, height clearance, and air flow. The structure will also feature an internal staircase terminating at an observation deck extending from the tower's east wall.



Figure 3: Showing a rendering of the Dovecote from the park entry on Guelph Avenue (ERA Architects).

The relocation of the dovecote will be guided by the Conservation Plan, completed and revised by ERA Architects. The project scope involves dismantling, cataloguing, relocating, storage (as needed), and reconstruction on the new site. All structural and decorative feature stones (such as quoins and voussoirs) will be carefully numbered, catalogued, and cleaned prior to relocation. The work will be carried out by qualified masonry experts under the guidance of ERA Architects and Heritage Planning staff. The new site will also feature interpretive plaquing, once the construction is complete.

The proposed location will provide residents and visitors with excellent views of the river and dam. The tower will be highly visible along Guelph Avenue and will complement the character of the park. Materially, the stone tower will blend well with other nearby historic stone buildings, including the former American Standard Building (now Riverbank Lofts) at 19 Guelph Avenue. The location of the dovecote retains connections with the fabric of historic, industrial Hespeler, and is within proximity of its original location along Guelph Avenue.

Public Engagement

Although not required under the Planning Act or the Ontario Heritage Act, Planning staff have undertaken to engage with local residents on the planned dovecote. Staff hosted an Open House on September 24, 2025, at the Hespeler Scout House (Forbes Park) to present details on the project. Staff have notified residents through several social media posts and by distributing over 100 event flyers to those in the vicinity of Jacob’s Landing Park. Staff have proactively engaged with residents living in the building at 19 Guelph Avenue, who have shared concerns with the planned relocated dovecote.

Next Steps

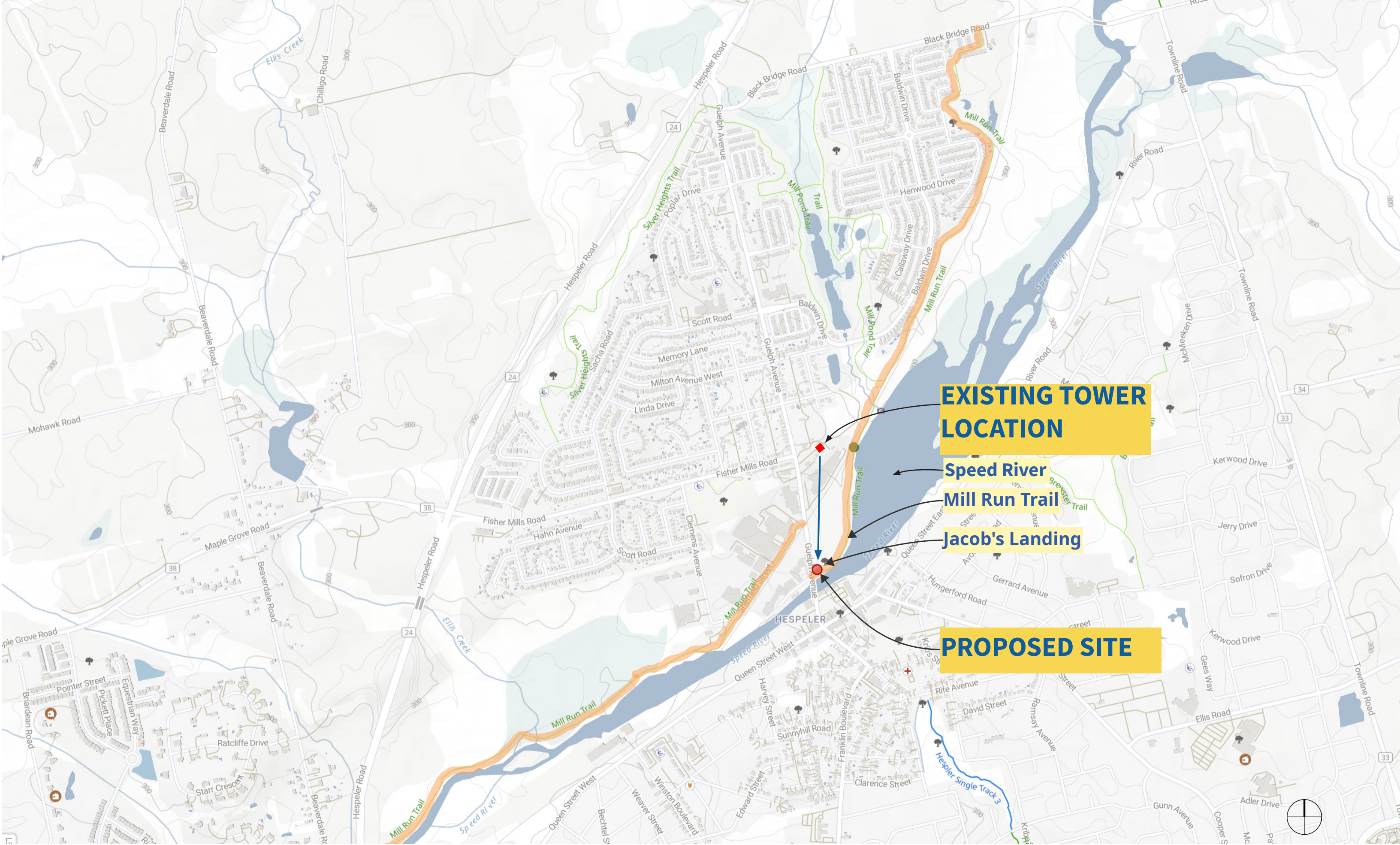
Next steps include finalizing the Site Plan process, and partnering with the applicant to ensure that tendering, construction, and site works are completed in 2026 as part of the 2026 Capital Budget.

Attachments

Appendix A: Forbes Dovecote Plans and Renderings

Approvals:

Manager/Supervisor General Manager City Manager



EXISTING TOWER LOCATION

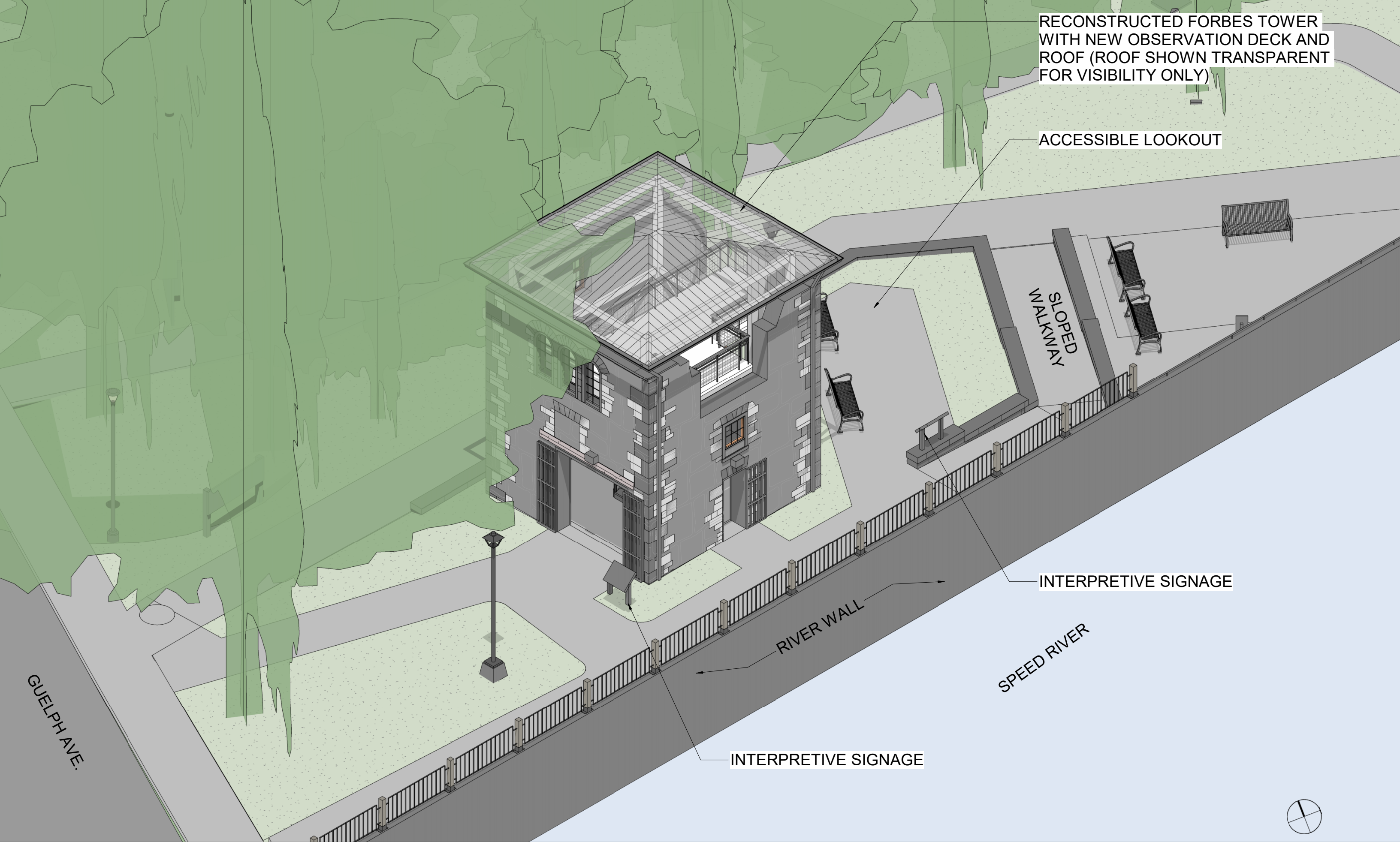
Speed River

Mill Run Trail

Jacob's Landing

PROPOSED SITE





RECONSTRUCTED FORBES TOWER WITH NEW OBSERVATION DECK AND ROOF (ROOF SHOWN TRANSPARENT FOR VISIBILITY ONLY)

ACCESSIBLE LOOKOUT

SLOPED WALKWAY

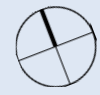
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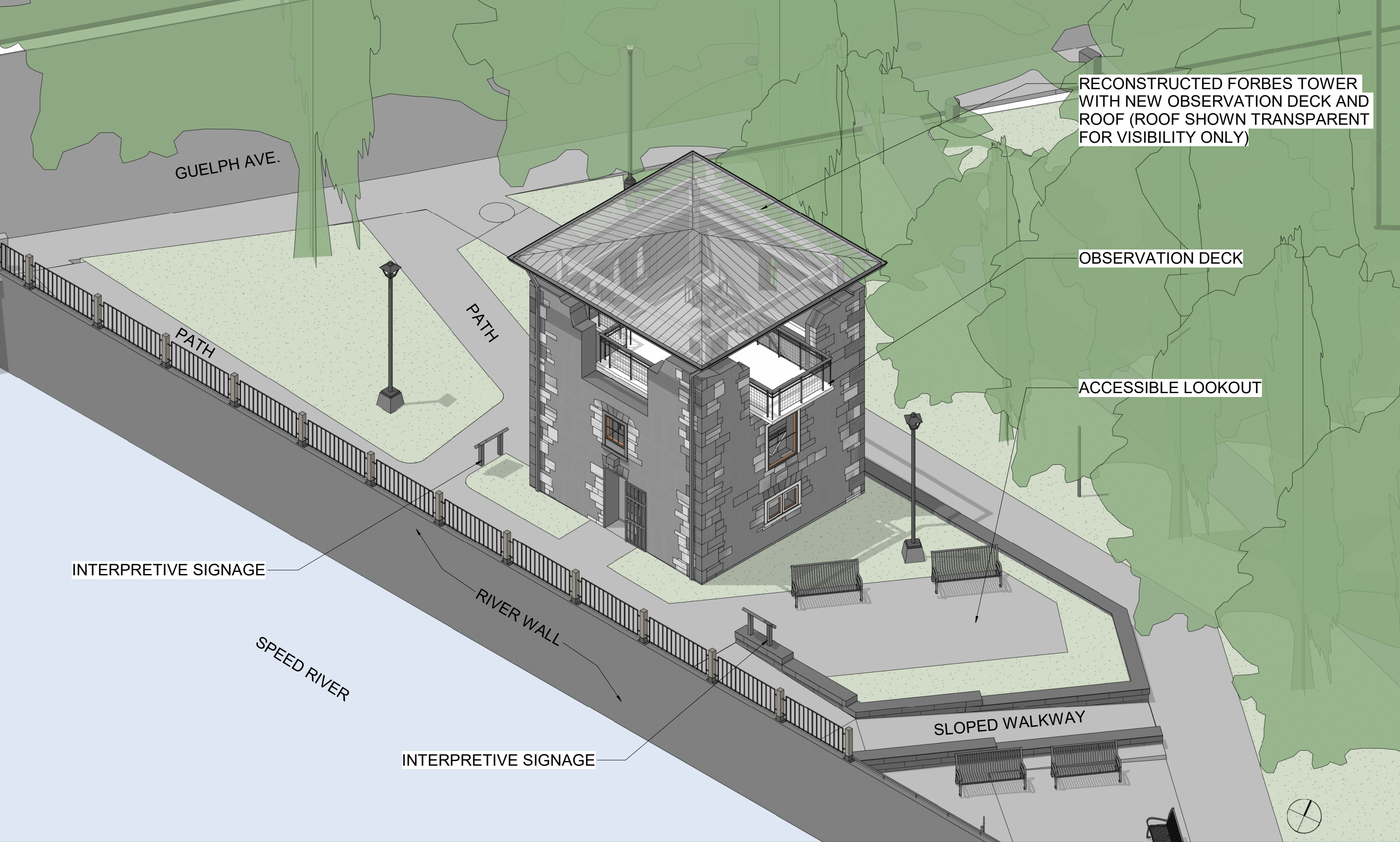
RIVER WALL

SPEED RIVER

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

GUELPH AVE.





RECONSTRUCTED FORBES TOWER WITH NEW OBSERVATION DECK AND ROOF (ROOF SHOWN TRANSPARENT FOR VISIBILITY ONLY)

OBSERVATION DECK

ACCESSIBLE LOOKOUT

INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

SPEED RIVER

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SLOPED WALKWAY

GUELPH AVE.

PATH

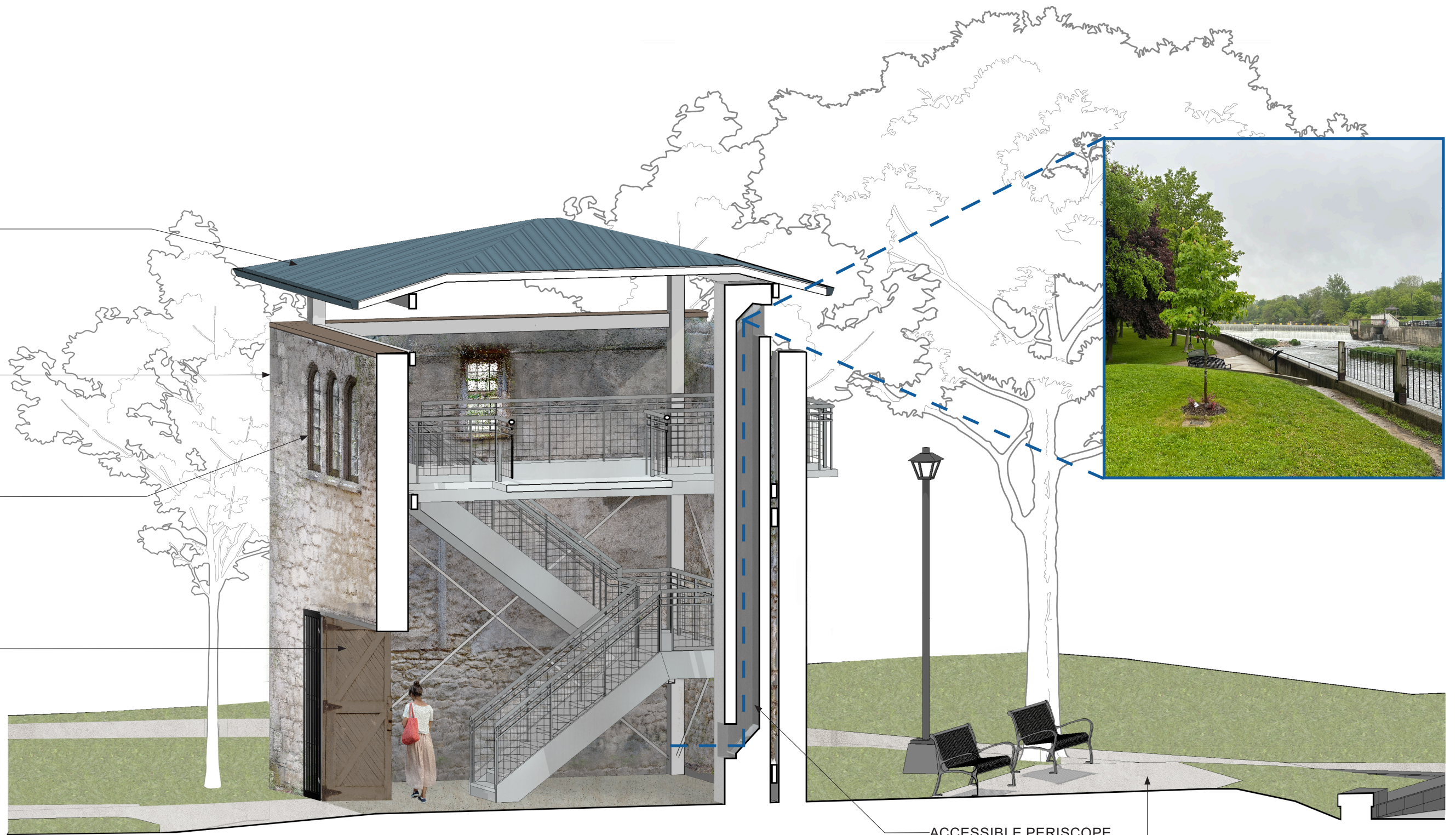
PATH

ROOF STRUCTURE
RAISED ABOVE
WALLS FOR HEIGHT
CLEARANCE AND
AIR FLOW.

STONE WALLS
REBUILT IN AS-
FOUND "RUIN"
STATE.

REPLICATED
WINDOWS WITH NO
GLAZING.

IRON GATES AND
REPLICATED WOOD
DOORS.



ACCESSIBLE PERISCOPE

ACCESSIBLE LOOKOUT





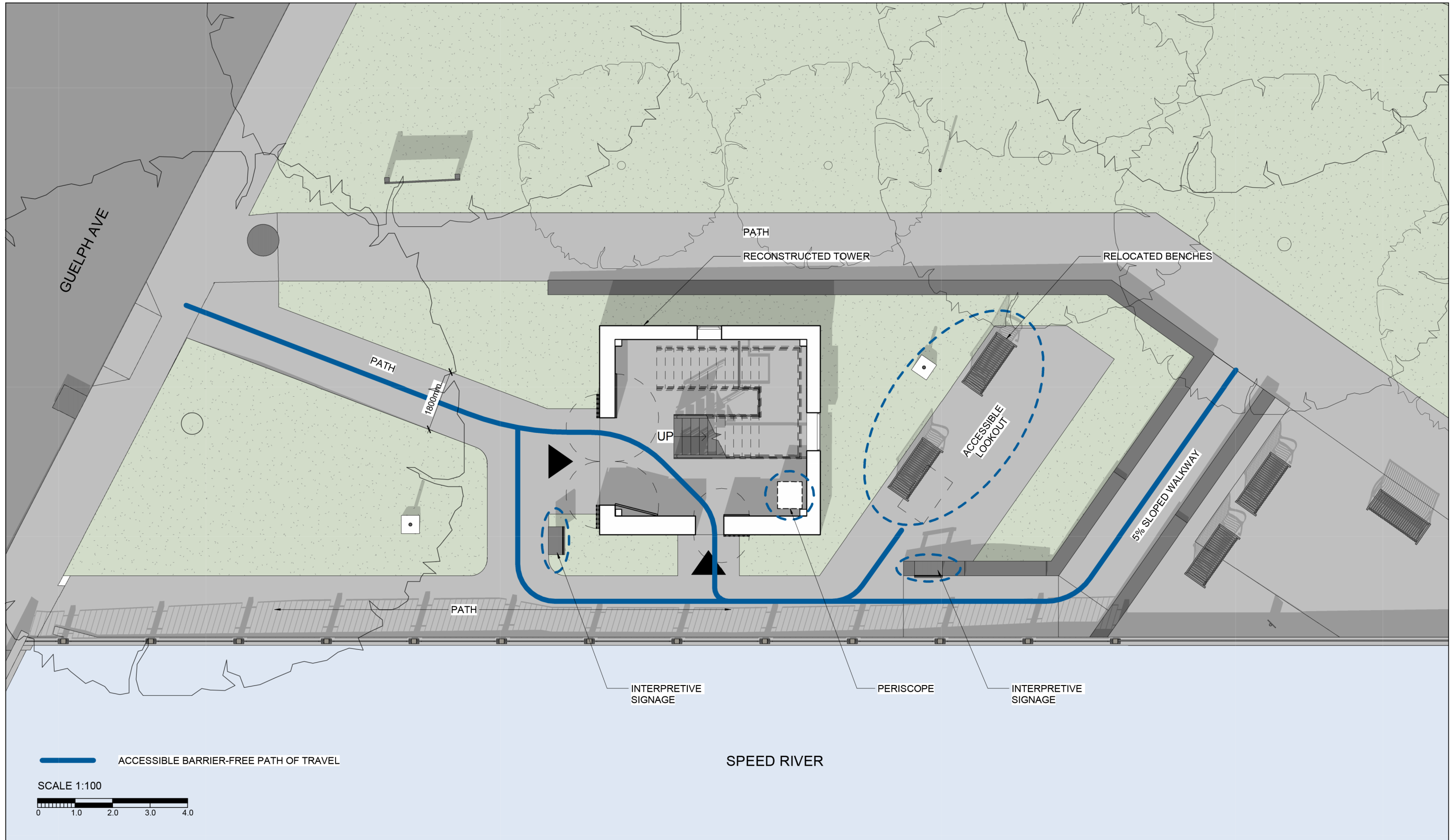
FORBES TOWER

PROPOSED VIEW FROM PARK ENTRY



FUSION
HOMES





Minutes

Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
Market Building Galt Room
40 Dickson Street, Cambridge
June 26, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.



Committee Members in Attendance: John Forsyth, Jay Burnett, Councillor Ross Earnshaw, Jeremy Brubacher, Shane Murphy, Carl Norg

Regrets: Peter Van Brugge, Kevin Phelan

Staff in Attendance: Zita Tavares, Recording Secretary, Abbey Poser, Recreation Coordinator – Farmers' Market

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Farmers' Market was held in the Galt Room at the Farmer's Market building. John Forsyth, Chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Delegations:

No delegations present

Approval of Thursday, May 22, 2025, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes

Moved by: Shane Murphy

Seconded by: Jeremy Brubacher

THAT the Thursday May 22, 2025, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Last Month's Meeting

- Economic Development Action Plan

Laura Pearce, Senior Economic Development Officer, will present the Action Plan at the October meeting.

Agenda Items

- Manager's Staffing Report – April 2025

Operations Update:

Promotions

The Chamber of Commerce has a new process for renewing memberships; we will update the process.

Explore Waterloo Region - Fields and Flavors have launched their website, the Farmers Market information is posted on their website, they will be delivering signage and a connect Four and signage.

Renewing Vendor Applications – Bread, looking for a new bread vendor, Abbey has reached out to various bakeries.

The School of Architecture reached out if anyone is available to meet with the students to share their design and final tweaks.

July 31 - 9:30-4:30 is the final presentation they would like as people to attend.

Events and Give Aways

Mid-summer thank you event for our vendors on July 12, drop in for ice cream during the market hours between 12-1pm

Cambridge Summer Nights Live - looking for volunteers for the dog show at Forbes Park on July 16, finalizing other dates.

Updates

- City Updates Councilor Earnshaw
 - Canada wide fireworks organization, proposal to reduce number of hours that fireworks could be set off on the allowed 3 days (Victoria Day, Canada day and Diwali) suggestion fireworks are not to be sold after Jan 26
 - Increase of fine for unlawful launching of fireworks
 - Ban the sale after January 2026 in the city for all of Waterloo Region
 - Fireworks are on hold.
 - A volunteer committee ran the Canada Day parade in the past, staff were the liaison, the city is now taking over the parade, this will be the same route.
- BIA updates – Shane Murphy
 - Sidewalk sale downtown this month
 - Friday night market went well, they are spread out at city hall, Monigrams and Main St. Having a DJ helps to bring more people.
 - Latin nights are very popular.
 - Noticed an increase on Instagram with more followers.
 - The BIA met with the consultant who is working on modernization
 - Family Day Lower Main St will see a painted chess board, hopscotch, book in the next couple of weeks

Other Business

Two applicants will be interviewed in the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting

- Thursday September 25, 2025
Clerks have deemed this meeting room unacceptable because it is not accessible to the public.
We will now meet at David Durward in the Board Room

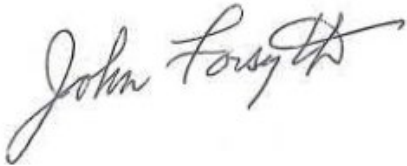
Close of Meeting

THAT the Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at: 7:40 p.m.

Moved by: Jay Burnett

Seconded: by: Jeremy Brubacher

CARRIED



Chair



Recording Secretary



MINUTES

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting #07 - 25

July 17, 2025

Hybrid virtually via Zoom

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Susan Brown, Nelson Cecilia, Michelle Goodridge, Nancy Woodman, Mark Melo, Meg Oldfield, Rosemary Minella, Mario Thomas, Meghan McKay and Councillor Corey Kimpson

Regrets: Michelle Goodridge

Staff in Attendance: Nick Borcescu, Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing, Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary and Jake Clarmo, Council Committee Services Coordinator.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was held in person at Cambridge City Hall, virtually via Microsoft Zoom and live streamed to the City of Cambridge YouTube channel. Susan Brown, MHAC Chairperson, welcomed everyone, and she advised those present that in its advisory role, MHAC makes recommendations that then go to Council for a decision. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Declarations of Interest – NIL

Presentation- NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Nancy Woodman

Seconded by: Megan Oldfield

It was noted by the Committee that the minutes are significantly less detailed and very high level in comparison to the previous months and asked why this change has occurred. Staff advised this is due to direction from the Clerk's office and that Heritage Planning staff were not given a specific reason. Jake Clarmo will take the Committees' comments back to Clerks.

ECM\Planning Services\Committees\MHAC\MHAC Agendas and Minutes\Minutes\2025 Minutes\07_17_2025 MHAC Minutes

THAT the minutes of the June 26, 2025 meeting of the Cambridge Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be considered for errors and omissions and be adopted.

CARRIED

Reports:

1. 25-022 (MHAC) 33 Main St: Request for Funding from the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program

Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, provided a brief history of the property and overview of the proposed request for funding for the repair of the roof.

Moved by: Mark Melo
Seconded by: Megan Oldfield

The Committee asked if a colour had been indicated for the flashing. Staff noted that no colour was indicated as part of the quote. A further question was asked regarding the note on one quote that indicated the rebuild of the chimney and repointing of the apex at the front of the building. Staff advised that this is not part of the grant request; just regular maintenance.

THAT Report 25-022 (MHAC) 33 Main St.: Request for Funding from the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program - be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the application for funding from the 2025 Operating Budget be approved by the Deputy City Manager of Community Development for the designated property, municipally known as 33 Main Street, to a maximum of up to one half the actual eligible costs not to exceed \$5,000 for the replacement of the roof as described in Report 25-022(MHAC).

AND THAT the work must be completed by November 1, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the grant is conditional on the inspection of the completed work to the satisfaction of heritage planning staff.

CARRIED

2. 25-026 (MHAC) 29 Roseview Avenue – Recommendation to Designate

Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, provided a history of the property built in 1891 and review of reasons this unique, Romanesque Revival property qualifies for heritage designation.

Moved by: Megan Oldfield
Seconded by: Rosemary Minella

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 29 Roseview Avenue under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

3. 25-023 (MHAC) 194 Blue Heron Ridge (Hilborn House) Recommendation to Designate

Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, provided a presentation on the history of this property designed by renowned Canadian architect Arthur Erikson and built in 1974 for the Hilborn family and the details of the heritage designation.

Moved by: Megan Oldfield
Seconded by: Nancy Woodman

The Committee noted they are very pleased to see this property designated and the owners being receptive to its' conservation. It was also noted that this is an excellent example of designating a building that while not considered old in the traditional sense of heritage designations, does show the importance of preserving buildings significant to our history.

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 194 Blue Heron Ridge under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

4. 25-010 (MHAC) 210 King Street East Recommendation to Designate

Heritage Planner, Scott Abbott, gave a presentation describing the background of the property that served as a furniture store and undertaking business in 1891 and reasons for heritage designation of this Georgian influenced stone building.

Moved by: Megan Oldfield
Seconded by: Nancy Woodman

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 210 King Street East under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

5. 25-030 (MHAC) 54 Bruce Street Recommendation Designate

Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, provided a history of the circa 1859 built house by Thomas and James Dalgleish. He also provided reasons for the proposed heritage designation of the 2 ½ storey limestone building, which among other notable features, includes a corner turret with conical roof.

Moved by: Megan Oldfield
Seconded by: Rosemary Minella

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 54 Bruce Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

6. 25-029 (MHAC) 469 Duke Street Recommendation to Designate

Heritage Planner, Scott Abbott, provided a brief history of the property that appears on the 1896 bird's eye map of Preston. Reasons for the proposed designation of the Victorian Queen Anne Revival residence include, among others, its location on a prominent corner site contributing to the character of Duke Street

Moved by: Megan Oldfield
Seconded by: Mark Melo

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 469 Duke Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

CARRIED

Information Items: - NIL

Other Business

Chair's Comments:

Chair, Susan Brown, noted that it is nice to see the designation process continuing and that owners are taking part in the Designated Heritage Grant program.

Council Report/ Comments:

Councillor Kimpson noted that there have been a number of development applications that have come forward to Council recently including one on Grand Avenue that will significantly impact some heritage buildings. She encouraged Committee members to keep informed of development applications coming forward. Lastly, she remarked that she is pleased to see the number and variety of designations that were brought before the Committee this evening.

Staff/Senior Planner- Heritage comments:

Nick Borcescu, Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing, advised that Heritage staff have been approached to potentially host the National Heritage Conference in 2026 and have met this week with the President of the National Heritage Trust to discuss this opportunity. If Cambridge is chosen to host the event, further discussions will take place, and the Committee will be kept informed.

Lastly, Nick shared that heritage staff have worked with Engineering and Parks staff to prepare a plan of adaptive reuse in place of total demolition for the property at 4910 Townline Road. The property was expropriated by the City as part of the conversion of the Black Bridge bridge to a pedestrian only use with the site being used for visitor parking and amenities. A commemorative plaque will also be installed on site.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: September 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid – Cambridge City Hall and virtually via Zoom

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Mehan Oldfield

Seconded by: Nancy Woodman

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Susan Brown
MHAC Chairperson

Karin Stieg-Drobig
Recording Secretary



MINUTES
Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee

July 28, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Gary Racine, CJ Janzen, Barry Green, Shannon Adshade, Heather DeYoe, Councillor Helen Shwery, and Councillor Corey Kimpson

Regrets: Tara Small, Alison Fitzpatrick, and Sarah Dodds

Staff Members in Attendance: Michael Oliveri, Council Committee Services Coordinator; Stephen Aboagye, Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; Farshid Sadatsharifi, Accessibility Coordinator; Jeremy Parsons, Senior Planner – Heritage; Steven Ruffini, Senior Architectural Technologist; Kim Cusimano, Age-Friendly Coordinator; Lisa Whelan, Supervisor of Recreation - Older Adult Services and Community Development; Jamie Croft, Manager of Infrastructure Engineering; Steven Huckabone, Senior Civil Engineering Technologist

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 1:31 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

Approval of June 23, 2025, Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: Shannon Adshade
Seconded by: Barry Green

THAT the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Agenda items:

7.1 Region of Waterloo – Regional Taxi By-law

Key Updates:

- Bylaw review underway (last updated 2016), engagement phase ongoing.
- Five new accessible vans to increase fleet accessibility from 7% to 9% in 2026.
- Removal of ableist language in the upcoming bylaw draft.
- Night-time service gaps identified; incentives proposed for drivers (11 PM–6 AM).
- Considering **administrative monetary penalties** (based on City of London model) for safety violations (e.g., improper buckling).
- Proposal to introduce **vulnerable sector checks** for ride-share drivers.
- Mandatory **accessibility training** is being developed with GRT.
- Complaint process to be simplified and digitized.

Committee Input:

- Emphasized the safety risk of improper restraint; asked for improved driver training and belt positioning.
- Former accessible taxi owner supported incentives
- General support expressed for:
 - Vulnerable sector checks
 - Increased training (with visual simulations)
 - More oversight for ride-share services

7.2 Region of Waterloo - Waste Cart Rollout

Program Launch: March 2026

Overview:

- New black (garbage) and green (organics) carts for curbside collection.
- Mechanical arm trucks to replace manual bag/bin collection.
- Standardized two-size options for black cart (small: 1 bag; large: 3 bags).
- Existing waste exemption programs continue (assisted walk-up collection and medical exemption for excess waste).
- Outreach includes social media, EngageWR, presentations, and events.

Committee Concerns:

- Lack of awareness among residents in the Region of Waterloo Housing.
- Raised concerns about residents in shared or group housing not being notified or having internet access.

- Difficulty lifting bin lids due to limited dexterity.
- Clarified bag sizing and weight limits.
- Need to identify slippery conditions if tactile surfaces are added; safety for vision loss.

7.3 City of Cambridge – Forbes Estate Tower Reconstruction

Scope:

- 19th-century tower to be relocated from 155 Guelph Ave to Jacob’s Landing Park.
- Adaptive reuse: partial preservation as architectural “ruin” and observation structure.
- Accessible lookout platform at ground level; observation deck atop (stairs only).
- Paths to be accessible, widths $\geq 1500\text{mm}$ (main: 1800mm); interpretive signage in Braille & high contrast.
- No elevator is proposed for the second floor, but tactile indicators and safety features are considered.

Committee Feedback:

- Highlighted risks for low-vision users (e.g., 4" retaining wall) and requested tactile strips.
- Supported a periscope addition for non-ambulatory access to tower views (based on Finnish model).
- Suggested exploring the cost of the elevator versus the periscope and potential interpretive displays.

7.4 City of Cambridge – Soper Park Outdoor Pool

Overview:

- Part of a multi-year capital plan to redevelop and modernize the **Soper Park outdoor pool**, focusing on inclusion, accessibility, and equity.
- Goal: Provide a modern facility that aligns with current **Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS)**.

Planned Features:

- Zero-depth/beach entry pool.
- Large shade structures and accessible seating areas.
- Upgraded **gender-neutral changerooms**.
- Fully accessible washrooms.
- Multi-use recreational space nearby for community activation.
- Outdoor washroom space and pathway network improvements.

Feedback from AAC:

- Asked for clarification on the slope of beach entry and emphasized the importance of contrasting surfaces for vision loss.
- Stressed the value of consultation with disability community early in the design process.

- Confirmed use of colour contrast, tactile indicators, and full FADS compliance.

The meeting lost quorum at 3:30 p.m.

7.5 City of Cambridge – Older Adult Strategy

Overview:

- Strategy update to assess programs and services for older adults (50+), especially post-pandemic.
- Focused on age-friendly principles, inclusion, transportation, accessibility, and social prescribing.

Engagement Strategy:

- Surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews (June–October 2025).
- Emphasis on collaboration with the Age-Friendly Committee and Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

Key Themes:

- Desire to remain independent and socially connected.
- Barriers in digital communication and transportation.
- High overlap between the aging population and disability needs.

Feedback:

- Highlighted that hearing accessibility is often ignored in municipal strategies; urged inclusion of communication accessibility needs.
- Emphasized loneliness and emotional health in older adults.
- Advocated for physical accessibility in community spaces that serve 50+ populations.

7.6 Ed Newland Pool Walkway Expansion

Overview:

- Immediate fix required due to the unsafe slope leading to the outdoor pool.
- Interim solution implemented: graded accessible crushed stone walkway with proper slope and landings.
- Permanent solution (2026) to include a concrete path with tactile surface indicators and handrails.

Feedback:

- Expressed concern over loose stone as a tripping hazard for mobility device users.
- Recommended signage indicating accessible route and visual markers.
- Supported the need for handrails and clear tactile delineation.

Confirmed signage is up, and the long-term solution will reflect FADS and AAC recommendations.

Chair’s Report

None

Staff Report

- Staff discussed a collaborative initiative launched initially by the City of Waterloo and now joined by several other municipalities, including the City of Cambridge. The initiative seeks to streamline accessibility processes by coordinating with the Region of Waterloo to ensure that applications for Personal Transportation Attendant (PTA) services and PAL cards are recognized as equivalent. This means that individuals with disabilities will no longer be required to apply for both, as the intent and function of the two programs are essentially the same.
- Staff also reported on the ongoing progress of the City's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Following previous presentations and direction from both the committee and council, nine community engagement sessions were scheduled. As of the meeting date, eight of the nine sessions had been completed, with the final session planned for the following day. By the end of July, all sessions will have concluded, and the month of August will be dedicated to compiling and analyzing community feedback to inform the final version of the plan.

Councillor's Report

Councillor Shwery shared that the funding report for the Kin 1 Accessible Ball Diamond had gone to Council and had been approved.

Adjournment

The Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of July 28, 2025, was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Monday, September 22, 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

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Klewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Klewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price				
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
			Carried X	Defeated
TOTALS				

MAYOR: Harrison



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September 24, 2025

Email: premier@ontario.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Support for Niagara GTA Corridor

Please be advised that, at its meeting of September 23, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Grimsby regarding the Niagara GTA Corridor.

The Town of Grimsby resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities
Local MPPs, Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens
Local Area MPs, Dean Allison, Tony Baldinelli, Chris Bittle, Fred Davies
Hon. Kinga Surma, Provincial Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Councillor Jeff Beattie's Office – Ward 10, Hamilton,
City of Hamilton
City of Kitchener
City of Waterloo
City of Guelph
City of Cambridge
City of Brantford



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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September 15, 2025

SENT VIA E-MAIL
premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Niagara-GTA Corridor

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 8, 2025, passed the following resolution:

C-25-177

Moved: Councillor Baradziej

Seconded: Councillor DiFlavio

Whereas the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) is the primary east-west transportation corridor through Niagara; and

Whereas the Town of Grimsby is the gateway to Niagara with limited roadways travelling parallel, creating regional vulnerabilities and a bottleneck affect when incidents or delays occur on the QEW; and

Whereas transportation disruptions on the QEW result in congestion and gridlock across town(s) and the region; limits mobility for residents, businesses, and emergency services; and have direct economic and social costs on our community in Niagara; and

Whereas the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) estimated the economic and social cost of congestion in Ontario in 2024 was \$56.4 billion; and

Whereas a new corridor in the Niagara Region has the potential to increase access to businesses along the new corridor and increase efficiency of the movement of people, goods, products and services to market. All of which make Niagara more attractive to job-creating business investment, and new residents looking to live and work in Niagara; and

Whereas a strategic corridor linking the rapidly growing Waterloo Region, Hamilton, and Niagara Region has the potential to strengthen economic ties between municipalities, creating an inter-regional economic powerhouse and transportation connection serving over two million people, while reducing the bottleneck affect on the QEW in Niagara, Hamilton and the GTA; and

Re: Resolution – Support for Niagara-GTA Corridor

Whereas a new transportation corridor between Niagara and the GTA is critical for long-term regional connectivity, sustainable population growth, balanced infrastructure development, and economic development.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Grimsby and Council express support for the inclusion of a new Niagara-GTA corridor as part of the ongoing Region of Niagara's Transportation Master Plan.

Be it further resolved that this motion be circulated to all Niagara municipalities, MPs and MPPs, the Provincial Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, the Premier of Ontario, Councillor Jeff Beattie's Office – Ward 10, Hamilton, the City of Hamilton, the City of Kitchener, the City of Waterloo, the City of Guelph, the City of Cambridge, the City of Brantford, and the Regional Municipality of Niagara, expressing our community's support for continued planning and investment in a Niagara-GTA corridor as a transportation priority.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC:

Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities
Local Area MPs
Local Area MPPs
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Councillor Jeff Beattie, City of Hamilton
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September 25, 2025

Via Email doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Council Resolution Opposing the Elimination of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras

Please be advised that Town of Midland Council passed the following Resolution at their September 24th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor MacDonald
Seconded By: Councillor Ball

Resolution Number: RES-2025-247

WHEREAS a 2025 CAA survey of 1,500 Ontario drivers found 73 per cent actually support the use of speed cameras and 76 per cent say they deter speeding. A recent SickKids study also found they cut speeding around Toronto schools nearly in half;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) who said “Employing ASE tools has been proven to reduce speeding, change driver behaviour, and make our roads safer for everyone — drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and especially children and other vulnerable road users”;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Midland entered into legal and good faith implementation of Provincially approved automated speed enforcement cameras to reduce speeds in our school and community safety zones and has committed to the continued installation of traffic calming infrastructure in our community whose funding source is fines from offenders rather than law abiding taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Premier has announced his intention to introduce legislation to ban automated speed enforcement;

BE IT resolved that Midland Council send this resolution expressing our opposition to any attempts to usurp this community safety initiative in our community and that copies be circulated to the MMAH, the MTO, AMO and Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours Truly,

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar
Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org
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September 26, 2025

Prime Minister
Right Hon. Mark Carney
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Right Honorable Prime Minister:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Bill C-61 First Nations Clean Water Act

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on September 23, 2025:

WHEREAS in December 2023, the Minister of Indigenous Services introduced house government bill C-61: An Act respecting water, source water, drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands also known as the First Nations Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS in an open letter to Members of Parliament on December 12, 2024, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) called on all Members of Parliament to prioritize the advancement of Bill C-61, calling it “a step toward addressing the long-standing water issues faced by First Nations”; and

WHEREAS Bill C-61 was not passed into law before Parliament was prorogued on January 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Todd McCarthy has been unclear on Ontario’s position on this legislation, identifying Bill C-61 as a potential piece of legislation that would “undermine competitiveness” and “delay project development” before apologizing for any confusion and clarifying the need to “bring clean drinking water to First Nations communities, while also bringing the kind of regulatory certainty that attracts investment in businesses and communities”; and

WHEREAS Prime Minister Mark Carney and Indigenous Services Minister Mandy Gull-Masty have indicated the Canadian government’s support for introducing legislation like Bill C-61 in the fall of 2025; and

WHEREAS as of September 2025, Indigenous Services Canada data shows that while 93 long-term drinking water advisories have been lifted, since November

2015, 37 long-term drinking water advisories remain active, including in 27 communities in Ontario; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich:

- 1. Calls on the Government of Canada and the Minister of Indigenous Services to reintroduce legislation to ensure First Nations have the right to clean and safe drinking water in the Fall of 2025 in the same form as Bill C-61;**
- 2. Calls on the Government of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to support this important Federal legislation; and**
- 3. Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Prime Minister, Minister of Indigenous Services, Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Assembly of First Nations and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Kirchin, by email at akirchin@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6005.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

- cc. Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services
Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Assembly of First Nations
All Municipalities in Ontario

September 30, 2025

CL 14-2025, September 25, 2025

DISTRIBUTION LIST

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2025-109

Distribution List

Premier of Ontario
Prime Minister of Canada
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Date: September 15, 2025

Resolution No. COU-2025-30

Moved By: Councillor Wheeldon

Seconded By: Councillor Rowley

Whereas Canadian governments at all levels are structured by and derive their legitimacy from democratic principles, practices, and norms;

And Whereas many countries around the world are experiencing increased political polarization and hostility, shifts toward authoritarianism, and the undermining of democratic norms;

And Whereas incivility and hostility increasingly define the political sphere in Canada at every level of government, but particularly in systems with political parties;

And Whereas this hostile political climate drives lower democratic participation, including low voter turnout and fewer and less diverse political candidates, resulting in a lopsided and unhealthy democracy;

And Whereas poor political health undermines the ability of democratic institutions to exercise effective leadership and overcome the unprecedented challenges of the 21st century;

And Whereas elections are one of the most central and participatory parts of Canadian democratic systems;

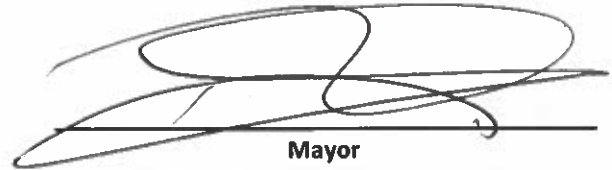
And Whereas numerous studies, including those by Parliamentary committees, have identified our First Past the Post electoral system as driving increasing polarization and declines in voter participation, and have recommended some form of proportional representation;

And Whereas electoral reform enjoys broad public support, with a majority of polling respondents who identify with every major party supporting change in the way that they vote;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton call upon the provincial and federal governments to enact electoral reform, adopting proportional systems in which every vote counts and polarization is diminished, in order to safeguard and empower Canadian democracy;

And Be It Further Resolved that this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried OR Defeated


Mayor

Recorded Vote		For Clerks Use Only			
Recorded vote called by: _____					
	For	Against	Abstain	Absent	COI
Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Deputy Mayor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Anne Butwell					
Councillor Hannah MacAusland					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Jeff Wheeldon					
Councillor Bobbi Wright					
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11.1.

September 25, 2025

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Delivered by email
resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 23, 2025
Member Motion 8.9.1 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 23, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas a healthy democracy thrives when all individuals can participate safely, equitably, and meaningfully in public life; and

Whereas Aurora, like many municipalities across Ontario, is witnessing an erosion of civil discourse and growing hostility in the political arena, both in person and online; and

Whereas elected officials at all levels, particularly women and those from equity-deserving communities, are experiencing increased threats, harassment, and toxic engagement that deter civic participation; and

Whereas social media platforms, while powerful tools for engagement, have contributed to a climate of disrespect and polarization that discourages individuals from seeking or maintaining public office; and

Whereas inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through its Healthy Democracy Project, has identified troubling trends of voter apathy and a declining interest in running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, a group of female elected officials from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives), launching the Elect Respect campaign to advocate for respectful political engagement and safe, inclusive workplaces; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a national Parliamentary Civility Pledge, inspired by the work of H.E.R., to promote respectful conduct among elected officials;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council endorses the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- **Treating all individuals with respect in every setting; public, private, and digital;**
- **Speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks;**
- **Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;**
- **Fostering an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and supported in seeking and holding public office;**
- **Urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse;**
- **Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and**

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Region, York Regional Police, and all Ontario municipalities.

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 23, 2025
Elect Respect Campaign Support
September 25, 2025

3 of 3

Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Sandra Cobena, MP Newmarket–Aurora
Costas Menegakis, MP Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket–Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill
The Regional Municipality of York
York Regional Police
All Ontario Municipalities



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 9, 2025

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Weese

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 23, 2025, and the Audit Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2025 (Item 9), be received and the recommendations carried by the Committees approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.2.2, 8.5.2, and 8.7.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support

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Whereas social media platforms, while powerful tools for engagement, have contributed to a climate of disrespect and polarization that discourages individuals from seeking or maintaining public office; and

Whereas inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when

voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through its Healthy Democracy Project, has identified troubling trends of voter apathy and a declining interest in running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, a group of female elected officials from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives), launching the Elect Respect campaign to advocate for respectful political engagement and safe, inclusive workplaces; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a national Parliamentary Civility Pledge, inspired by the work of H.E.R., to promote respectful conduct among elected officials;

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 - Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;
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 - Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),

local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Region, York Regional Police, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Sent by Email

October 3, 2025

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Subject: Elect Respect

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on September 29, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

And Whereas, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

And Whereas, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

And Whereas, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour, disproportionately affecting women, racialized persons, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ+ persons, and persons with disabilities, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

And Whereas, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

And Whereas, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

And Whereas, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering:

1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
 - Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
 - Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
 - Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;
 - Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
 - Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
 - Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;
2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors
Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs)
Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS)
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
All Municipalities in Ontario
Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.)
Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

Chief Administrative Officer

September 24, 2025

To: The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Subject: Urgent Appeal Regarding Canada Post Labour Dispute and Impact on Municipal Communications

Dear Mr. Carney

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Bonfield, I am writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), which remains unresolved despite months of negotiations.

As you are aware, CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to encourage Canada Post to return to the bargaining table. While we respect the rights of workers to collectively bargain, this suspension has had a significant impact on businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting our ability to communicate essential information to our residents.

The Township of Bonfield, like many rural municipalities, has limited internet connectivity and relies heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications. The interruption in mail services directly affects our capacity to keep residents informed on municipal matters, emergency notifications, and other critical community information.

Therefore, be advised that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, including municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information.

A copy of this resolution has been sent to the Nipissing–Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, the CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

We respectfully request your attention to this matter to help facilitate a timely resolution, ensuring that municipalities like Bonfield can continue to effectively communicate with their residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Bonfield





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SENT VIA EMAIL

September 26, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 25, 2025, passed the following resolution regarding postage:

"WHEREAS Postage costs have seen significant increases, including 25% in 2025 alone;

WHEREAS paper billing has a further environmental cost in both materials (trees) and transportation;

WHEREAS paper billing is increasingly being displaced by environmentally friendly and cost-efficient e-billing;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act indicates the right to a paper bill, and cost-recovery fees for paper billing for tax, and utility bills are unclear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council request the Province of Ontario to amend the Municipal Act to permit municipalities the ability to grandfather-out paper billing as the default option, and to permit municipalities to establish fees for paper billing for new accounts that opt for this method of delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement."

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener
Ontario Municipalities

2025 Special Events Schedule

Approved Events

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
10/5/2025	6:45am – 10am	The Fall 5 KM Classic Road Race	750	Riverside Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
10/11/2025	1pm – 2:30pm	HMCS CONESTOGA Commemoration Parade and Reception	100-200	Queen's Square & Galt Royal Canadian Legion	Public, Free	Community Group
10/15/2025	11:30am – 1:30pm	Oktoberfest Lunch	1,000	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
10/24/2025	8:30am – 5pm	See Me, Hear Me – The Unheard Voices	132	Hespeler Arena - Beehive Hall	Public, Cost	City of Cambridge
10/25/2025	12pm – 2pm	Hespeler Village Halloween Hunt	500	Downtown Hespeler – Queen Street	Public, Free	BIA
10/25/2025	11am – 2pm	Downtown Cambridge Halloween Hunt	100-200	Downtown Galt	Public, Free	BIA
10/25/2025	11am – 2pm	Preston Halloween Hunt	100-200	King Street, Preston	Public, Free	BIA
11/1/2025	6pm – 9pm	Downtown Cambridge Pumpkin Walk	150	Sculpture Garden	Public, Free	BIA
11/28/2025	6pm – 8pm	Music and Lights in the Village	1,000+	Hespeler Town Centre/Village	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/1/2025	6pm – 8pm	Preston Tree Lighting	1,000+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/5/2025	6:45pm – 10pm	Phil Kline's Unsilent Night	1,000+	City Hall, Downtown Galt	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/5/2025 – 12/7/2025	Friday 5:30pm– 10pm Saturday 10am – 5pm Sunday 10am – 4pm	Cambridge Holiday Market	7,000	City Hall, Cambridge Centre for the Arts	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/13/2025	10am – 5pm	Central Park Winter Fun Day	1,000+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/31/2025	3pm – 7pm	New Year's Eve Party	1,000+	Hespeler Memorial Arena	Public, Free	City of Cambridge

New events

Events in Approval Process

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
10/4/2025	8:30am — 11:55pm	Ajan Khan Fight Series		Event Cancelled		
10/18/2025	10am – 1pm	Walk A Mile In Their Shoes	100	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group
10/18/2025	9am — 7pm	Bijoya Soddiloni		Event Cancelled		
11/8/2025	8am – 1pm	The REMEMBERrun	400	Riverside Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
11/15/2025	6pm – 8pm	Cambridge Santa Claus Parade	30,000	Hespeler Road between Dunbar Road and Langs Drive	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
11/27/2025	6:30pm – 8pm	Queen's Square Tree Lighting	100+	Queen's Square	Public, Free	Community Group
11/28/2025	7pm — 11pm	Red Scarf Gala		Event Cancelled		

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