

## Cambridge Debt - Riverside Dam

As a long time resident of Cambridge, I feel compelled to verbalize my concerns about the dam.

The debt that would be incurred by replacing the Riverside dam is unacceptable and financially irresponsible to Cambridge taxpayers. The 2018 environmental study report states that naturalization of the river is a viable option and a "win" on many levels.

It is an ENVIRONMENTALLY responsible option as it will improve the health of the river.

It is a FINANCIALLY responsible option as it is cost effective both in the short term and long term.

It is a SOCIALLY responsible option as it both recognizes and respects the concerns of the indigenous community which supports naturalization of the river. The report also states that the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources are supportive of this option. Hopefully, naturalization of the river would also reduce flooding of the park which continues to be an ongoing issue.

We do not have unlimited funds and need to prioritize what we actually need. It is time for Cambridge Council to re-assess their position on the dam and their accountability to all of the citizens of Cambridge. You will not be able to satisfy all of the people all of the time. The 'squeaky' wheels should not always 'get the grease'.

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