

2018-12 Kenley Lane to Summer Place Walkway Rehabilitation
Public Input Centre #1 – February 13, 2019

Summary of Comments



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1. Please rank each of the following items in order of importance with #1 being most important to #5 being the least important.

The most important factor for attendees regarding the trail was that there is maintained access, while capital cost ranked as least important.

Maintains Access	Capital Cost	Life Cycle Cost	Impacts to Vegetation	Infrastructure Lifespan
1	3	4	5	2
1	5	4	2	3
1	5	3	4	2
1	N/A	2	3	N/A
1	5	4	3	2
1	3	4	2	5
1	5	3	4	2
1	1	3	4	3
1	3.86	3.38	3.38	2.71

2. How often do you use the trail?

The majority of responses stated that they use the trail on a daily or weekly basis, dependent on the season.

Never	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
	1			
	1	1		
	1	1		
		1		
	1			
	1			
	1			
		1		

3. Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution

- All input received stated that the trail should remain open.
 - Two people mentioned preferring alternative #3, one saying they would settle for alternative #2 if it is a cost issue
 - One person mentioned preferring alternative #2
 - Three people commented that they are okay with either alternative #2 or #3
- One person commented on adding lighting to the path
- One person would like to see proper stairs
- Two people would like metal grate stairs
- Three people would like the stairs to be used year round
- Three people mention wanting a safe and long-lasting structure
- One person mentioned creating an accessible path with a ramp, if possible, would be advantageous



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NAME	EMAIL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Clare [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Cathy [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Alison [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Stephen [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Coleen [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Robert [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Tim [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Carl [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Deb [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Paula [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Jeff [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Lauralee [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Nancy [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Dean [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Sandy [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Marcel [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



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CLARE & CATHY			
Alison			
Stephen			
Coleen & Robert			
Tim			
Carl & Deb			
Paula			
JEFF			
Lauralee			
Nancy & De			
Sandy & Marcel			



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- ☒ 1 Maintains Access
- ☐ 3 Capital Cost
- ☐ 4 Life Cycle Cost
- ☐ 5 Impacts to Vegetation
- ☐ 2 Infrastructure Lifespan

How often do you use the trail?

Please circle the answer that applies best.

- 1. Never
- ☒ 2. Daily
- 3. Weekly
- 4. Monthly
- 5. Yearly

Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

Please provide picture of
the future ^{steel} structure
in our city

Please provide your contact information to receive study updates:

Name: CARA [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Thank you for your feedback

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- 3. Weekly
- 4. Monthly
- 5. Yearly

Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

→ I would like to see some lighting for the path

→ leave the path open.

Please provide your contact information to receive study updates.

Name: Bruce

Address: [REDACTED]

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Please circle the answer that applies best.

1. Never

2. Daily

3. Weekly

4. Monthly

5. Yearly

Summer
Winter

Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

I prefer Alt #3 with proper stairs & best possible winter use.

Please provide your contact information to receive study updates.

Name: Tim [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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How often do you use the trail?

Please circle the answer that applies best.

- 1. Never
- 2. Daily
- 3. Weekly *several times a week*
- 4. Monthly
- 5. Yearly

Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

The walkway has many users. Building a structure that is safe and long lasting should be a priority.

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Name: *Catherine*

Address: [Redacted]

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How often do you use the trail?

Please circle the answer that applies best.

- 1. Never
- ☒ 2. Daily *morning - more than weekly.*
- 3. Weekly
- 4. Monthly
- 5. Yearly

Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

Metal Grate Steps would be better.

Anchoring the walkway to make it last seems sensible.

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Name: *CLARE*

Address:

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(for dog walking & access to Westgate services. I am a senior walking access is important to me.)

Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

People who live on the street and people on feeder streets use this walkway to get to Southwood Secondary School, Westgate Plaza (Pharmacy & Grocery Store) as well as people who live on this street for the above services as well as a lot of people who walk their dogs. I prefer alternative #2 or #3 as people will continue to use this route & it's a good service to the community. *Alison*

Please provide your contact information to receive study updates:

Name: *Alison*

Address: [Redacted]

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Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

We use this walkway regularly for walking the dog, shortcuts to our friends place. As well as exercise for using the stairs. I would prefer alternative #3. But I am sure money is an issue, so Alternative #2 would work as well.

Please provide your contact information to receive study updates:

Name: Nancy [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

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Please provide any comments you have on your preferred design solution:

PREFER ALTERNATIVE #2

Please provide your contact information to receive study updates:

Name: DEAN [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Email:

Thank you for your feedback

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DATE	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE NO.	INPUT
4-Feb	Ignats [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	N/A	I used to use that staircase, but it has become in disrepair over the years and so I stopped using it. I would walk my dog down that way during certain times of the year. It was closed during the winter and far too dangerous anyways. I did not walk down there very much during the summer, due to dear flies from the adjacent forest. But I liked it spring and fall. I would use it if there was a safer, better built staircase there, like a galvanized metal industrial staircase with treaded steps for grip and allow precipitation to go through. This would allow winter use.
2-Feb	Theresa Horgan	[REDACTED]	N/A	Hi, I just wanted to provide feedback that my kids & I enjoy using this path. I would love for it to be cleared and safe to use year round if possible :)
6-Feb	Robert [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>I write in regard to your Notice of Public Input as part of the Environmental Assessment for this project. My spouse, Coleen [REDACTED] and I reside at [REDACTED] which directly adjoins the walkway. We purchased this property in November 2017. Please accept these comments as part of the official record for this project's environmental assessment. I would be happy to provide you with further information about any of the comments that follow below. Please note that I am a professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, where I take an active teaching and research interest in subjects directly and indirectly related to the proposed walkway rehabilitation.</p> <p>With respect to the three options being considered (closure of the walkway and re-naturalization; replacement of like-for-like; structural and geotechnical improvements to walkway and slope), we recommend that you not select the first option, namely, closure of the walkway to the public. This walkway is regularly used throughout the year by people who live in the immediate area, including Summer Place, Salisbury Avenue, and even so far as Murray Street and Hillsboro Road. The walkway provides the most direct pedestrian access for people who walk to Westgate Plaza, and for students walking to Southwood Secondary School. It is also used by many neighbours as part of a route for walking dogs. I have not kept an exact count, but I would estimate that in good weather the walkway is used by dozens of people each day. Were it to be closed off, pedestrians would be forced to take lengthy detours east to Hillcrest Road or west to Kent Street, decreasing the walkability of our neighbourhood and likely increasing the number of times automobiles are taken for short trips. Further, unless the walkway was closed off with high, impenetrable fencing, I suspect people would blaze an unauthorized footpath through any renaturalized area that replaces it. Note that even though the city does not maintain the walkway in winter and places chains across it at the top and bottom, pedestrians walk around these barriers even on the slipperiest days of winter, providing further evidence of the utility of this route for pedestrians.</p> <p>In terms of what would replace the existing walkway, regardless of the choice, maintaining the stability of the slope should be the first priority, as any destabilization would adversely affect and potentially cause material damage to both our property and the property on Kenley Lane that immediately adjoins the pathway. Given the number of pedestrians who use the walkway, a like-for-like replacement option is probably most warranted, with additional treatments to enhance slope stability as needed. The volume of foot traffic probably does not warrant a more elaborate replacement. The replacement should also not physically permit passage of motorized dirt bikes, e-bicycles, etc, otherwise it will be used for such. When considering options for replacement, we also strongly urge you to consider two other factors.</p> <p>The first of these is to ensure the natural integrity of the area in general, and of the slope traversed by the walkway in particular. As you are aware, a substantial forested area that protects the headwaters of Devil's Creek is immediately adjacent to the walkway to the north, and this forest runs from Summer Place out to Salisbury Avenue. Were it not for the walkway, the forested slope along the back of our property would be uninterrupted and contiguous to the Devil's Creek forest. The forested slope of our property is home to many wild species including garter snakes and several species of frogs and toads, whose presence is almost certainly due to the relatively unobtrusive nature of the existing walkway. Our yard is also routinely visited by many species of forest birds, including multiple species of woodpecker, and by foxes, weasels, and the occasional deer. There is a great diversity of native plant and tree species as well. We strongly encourage that whatever replacement is made for the existing walkway, that it create the least amount of ecological disturbance possible.</p> <p>Second, the existing walkway is very unobtrusive with respect to the enjoyment of our property. In summer, when the naturally occurring trees and shrubs along the walkway are in leaf, pedestrians using the walkway are not visible from our windows or back porch, nor are people in our yard visible to walkway users. The overgrown native vegetation currently growing along the walkway provides us privacy, and provides walkway users with the impression of taking a forested path. The replacement of the walkway should take this into account, and ensure that the vegetation along</p>

				<p>the margins of the walkway is disturbed as little as possible, and that, once the built infrastructure is complete, that additional native shrubs and trees be planted to fill any gaps created in the existing vegetation. Note that there are many walnut trees growing on the slope around the walkway, and so any plantings should be species such as our native eastern cedar, which are tolerant of the chemicals walnut roots emit into the soil. We would also encourage you to consider planting native, pollinator friendly plants along the immediate margins of the walkway, especially near the very top and very bottom, where the most sunlight reaches the walkway.</p> <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. As noted previously, I have over the years been actively involved through my profession in various projects that include urban ecological restoration and improvement. My second year students and I are at this moment developing project ideas for the Woolwich Township government to help enhance environmental sustainability in the town of Breslau. I would be happy to provide additional input to this project if desired.</p>
14-Feb	Meredith [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<p>I was not able to make it to the public input centre but would like to provide my feedback on the rehabilitation of the Kenley Lane to Summer Place Walkway. I use this walkway on a regular basis when going for walks with my children. This walkway is very useful in accessing the Churchill Drive/Cedar Street area including Westgate Plaza from Summer Place, Southgate and Salisbury and it also adds to the appeal of the area as it offers a unique structural feature. I believe that others in the community benefit from this walkway as I see many people who don't necessarily live in the neighbourhood utilize it while out walking. With respect to proposed alternatives I would prefer either the replacement of the trail in-kind or the replacement with some structural improvements to level out the pathway. (The way the path is currently structured works for my family's needs.) Thanks for your consideration of this feedback.</p>
18-Feb	Mark [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	N/A	<p>My name is Mark [REDACTED] and I am writing to you to provide input regarding the City of Cambridge's Kenley Lane to Summer Place Walkway Rehabilitation Project. Unfortunately, I was out of town during the Public Input Session.</p> <p>Having grown up less than a kilometre from the walkway in question I can attest to its importance as an access point for pedestrians and cyclists. While students at Southwood Secondary School my friends and I used the pathway regularly. My family members and our neighbours continue to use the pathway while walking through the neighbourhood or to the bus stop. The pathway is essential infrastructure as it is the single, north-south connection between Hillcrest Dr. and Kent St.. I have noticed in recent years that the condition of the lane has deteriorated so I am pleased to hear that there are plans to undertake improvements.</p> <p>My concern is in the listing of "proposed alternatives" option a) is "closure of the trail and re-naturalization". I find this to be a wholly inappropriate solution given the crucial role that this pathway plays in allowing residents to traverse the discontinuous street and greenspace network. (Please see the attached graphic that illustrates the resulting increase in walking distances within the neighbourhood). The reduction of walkability far outweighs any cost savings or ecological benefits gleaned from re-naturalising the narrow right of way.</p> <p>Further, I would argue that the pathway should be maintained and that the City should consider negotiating additional access through the former sawmill site (located between Salisbury Ave. and Blenheim Rd.). This would allow safe access to the Devil's Creek Trail as current access via Blenheim Rd., is in conflict with vehicular traffic. Pedestrians' and cyclists' safety is set to decrease further with the Cambridge West Lands Expansion and the resulting increase in traffic volume (this missing link in the pathway is illustrated in the graphic).</p> <p>Options B and C are both acceptable as they maintain or improve access. If at all possible, increasing the pathway's accessibility by replacing the stairs with a ramp would be advantageous. I realize that this is difficult given the elevation change and the limited width of the right of way.</p> <p><i>Please see attached diagram provided by Mark [REDACTED]</i></p>
20-Feb	Zoey [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	N/A	<p>Hi. I currently live on days street and use the walkway regularly. I would like for this walkway to be improved. As many student going to the high school and myself use these stairs reguarly. As well all winter. Thanks. Zoey.</p>

Kenley Lane to Summer Place Walkway Context Map

LEGEND



Kenley Lane/Summer Place
Pedestrian Connection



Existing Green Space
Pedestrian Paths



Potential Connection Point to
Walter Bean Grand River Trail
via Devil's Creek Trail



Increased Pedestrian Travel
Distance Due to Closure of
Existing Path [Option a] East
West Distance Increases
314% (from 225m to 708m)

