

APPENDIX B: Correspondence



Stakeholder MeetingValley Inn Bridge Schedule B Municipal Class EA / 165001203

Date/Time: February 10, 2021 / 10:00 AM
Place: Microsoft Teams Call
Next Meeting: N/A
Attendees: Barbara Slattery, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Joan Del Villar Cuicas, MECP
Joe Tavares, Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG)
Andrew Duncan, RBG
Cassandra Connolly, Conservation Halton
Elisa Bernier, Conservation Halton
Allan Newell, Conservation Halton
Jessica Dorgo, Halton Region
Joseph Harvey, MHSTCI
Sam Bush, City of Burlington
Daryl Bender, City of Hamilton
Erika Waite, City of Hamilton
Susan Jacobs, City of Hamilton
Dave Addington, City of Hamilton
Steve Hasselman - City of Hamilton
Susan Jacobs, City of Hamilton
Kara Bunn, City of Hamilton
Cynthia Graham, City of Hamilton
Catherine Plosz, City of Hamilton
Alan Jazvac, City of Hamilton
Janelle Trant, City of Hamilton
Dipankar Sharma, City of Hamilton
Rafael Sandoval, City of Hamilton
Adam Renaud, Stantec Consulting Ltd.
Paula Hohner, Stantec Consulting Ltd.
David Kielstra, Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Absentees: Conservation Hamilton, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Distribution: Distribution List

Safety Moment: Stop & Talk: Types of snow conditions and impact on driving conditions**Item:****Action:****Presentation**

The meeting began with introductions, a safety moment and a welcome to agencies participating in the meeting.

A presentation was provided by Stantec Consulting to provide an overview of the Valley Inn Bridge Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment project. The presentation also included information about fieldwork progress to date, a review of the preliminary evaluation table and preliminary mitigation

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measures. The project is anticipating a 30-day public review period in approximately May 2021.

Question and Answers

- Joe Tavares (RBG): Has the bridge weight and existing abutments been reviewed? Will the bridge be constructed offsite to limit the site impacts?
- Response: The existing abutments will not be used. New abutments will be built behind the structure so that the existing abutments can be left in place. The new bridge will pass over top of the abutments. The bridge will be built in sections offsite. A crane will be used to lift the bridge pieces into position.
- MECP: Has the project reached out to MECP Species at Risk staff? Will they be re-engaged regarding results?
- Response: SAR information has been obtained and MECP engagement will occur to determine permitting requirements. Stantec is completing the Municipal Class EA portion while the City of Hamilton will complete the detail design.
- Barbara Slattery (MECP): Is construction dewatering required for bridge removal or other processes?
- Response: The project will remove the existing bridge as is using a crane. The project is trying to avoid in-water work.
- Barbara Slattery (MECP): The project file report should consider a waste management plan to ensure proper waste management of the bridge components.
- Response: Approximately 60m³ of material will be removed. Excess materials will be reviewed. The City of Hamilton has a corporate contract to properly dispose of the structure. The City of Hamilton also confirmed a soil characterization report is underway at the structure.
- Barbara Slattery (MECP): Typically, only Schedule "C" projects require mandatory MECP review. A Schedule "B" project is not required to be submitted as a draft to MECP for review unless there is significant public opposition, or a Part II order is anticipated.
- Joseph Harvey (MHSTCI): Please send the heritage reports to MHSTCI when completed.
- Response: The heritage reports will be sent to MHSTCI.
- Sam Bush (City of Burlington): Has the construction route been established?
- Response: The project will require access from the Burlington side of the bridge since there is more space. The CN railway line also presents a

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constraint on the City of Hamilton side.

- Daryl Bender (City of Hamilton): What will be the width of the new structure?
- Response: The bridge will maintain the existing width.

Project Manager Dipankar Sharma noted that the City of Hamilton has had generally positive public feedback so far. The project has received private funding for the bridge and would like to see it completed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

Stantec Consulting Ltd.



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Attachment: Presentation Slides

- c. Dipankar Sharma, Janelle Trant, City of Hamilton
Adam Renaud, Paula Hohner, Stantec Consulting Ltd.



City of Hamilton
Valley Inn Bridge
Schedule B Municipal
Class EA

Stakeholder
Meeting



Agenda

1. Safety Moment
2. Study Area
3. Background Information
4. Municipal Class EA Process
5. Consultation & Engagement Plan
6. Problem & Opportunity Statement
7. Existing Conditions
8. Alternative Solutions
9. Proposed Mitigation Measures
10. Permitting Requirements
11. Project Schedule & Next Steps



Safety Moment

Types of Snow
Conditions





Stop & Talk: Types of Snow Conditions

Health, Safety, Security, & Environment

SaferTogether

When road markings are obscured, slow down and leave lots of stopping distance. Always clear snow from your vehicle, including the roof (as a courtesy to the cars behind you). Clear off your hood, lights, mirrors and windows. The following are various types of snow conditions you should be aware of and take precautions against:

- **Pavement Frost** – a buildup of frost that reduces braking power
- **Drifting Snow** – blowing snow due to winds; may cause snow to stick to road surfaces and lower visibility
- **Swirling Snow** – snow that is circling on road surfaces; caused by wind and traffic
- **Loose Snow** – less than 8 centimeters (approximately 3 inches) of unpacked flakes covering the driving surface
- **Heavy Snow** – more than 8 centimeters (approximately 3 inches) of denser snow that can cause problems when stopping or passing
- **Snow Packed** – the entire road is coated in densely packed snow
- **Snowdrifts** – small peaks of snow at intermittent intervals
- **Visibility Reduced** – drivers can see less than 800 meters (0.5 mile) ahead



Information provided by CAA Magazine, Winter 2020

If you have questions, please contact your supervisor, [Office Safety and Environment Coordinator \(OSEC\)](#), or local HSSE representative.

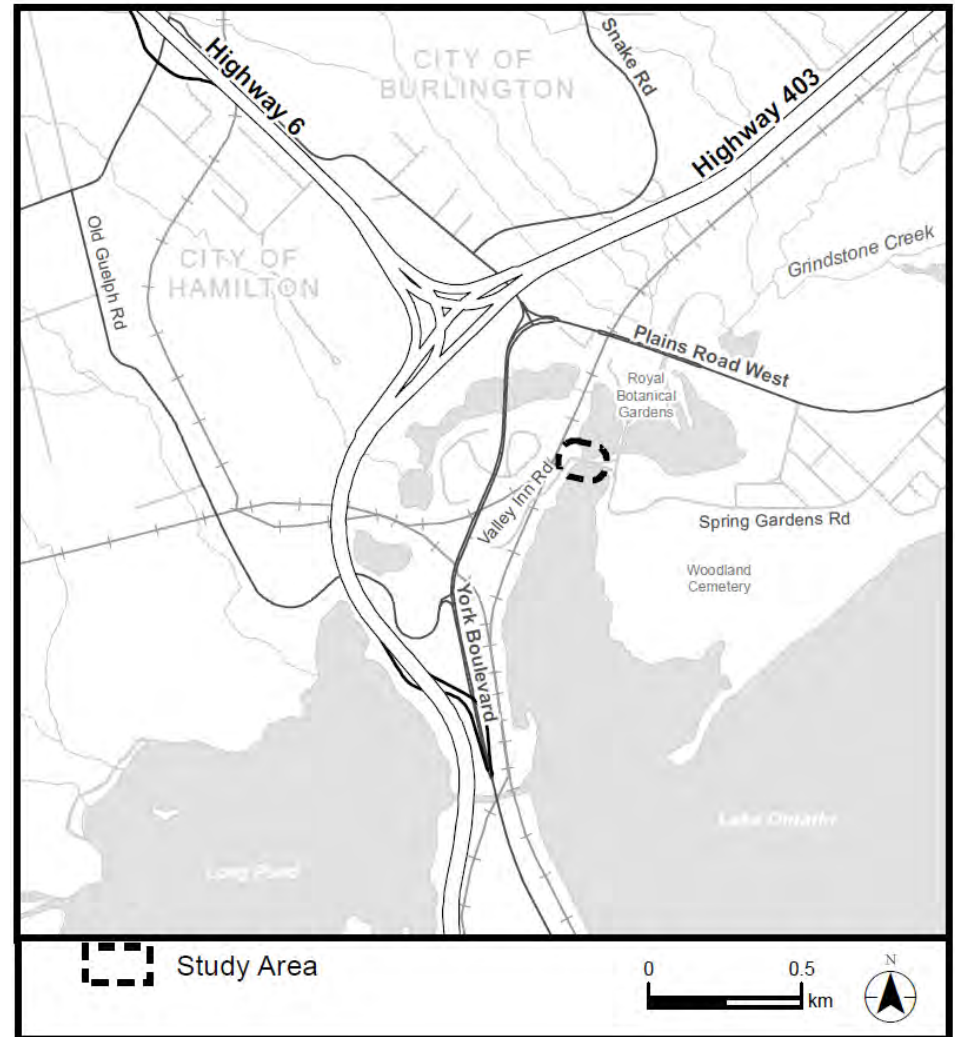
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ver, December 2020*



Study Area

The study area is situated on the border between the City of Hamilton and the City of Burlington.

The Valley Inn Bridge is located 535m east of York Boulevard, in the City of Hamilton, and adjacent to the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG).



Valley Inn Bridge Study Area Map

Background Information

- The existing Valley Inn Bridge previously carried a pedestrian trail over Carroll's Bay Marsh.
- Most recent rehabilitation was completed in 2003 to the modular Bailey bridge and is maintained by the City of Hamilton.
- Stantec completed a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) for this bridge in 2017 and found that the bridge has moderate heritage value.

Municipal Class EA Process

This study will be completed as a Schedule B Municipal Class EA, including Phase 1 (problem/opportunity) and Phase 2 (alternative solutions).

- Key Activities include:
 - Problem/opportunity statement
 - Development and assessment of alternative solutions
 - Documentation of the existing environmental conditions within the study area
 - Identification of a preferred alternative solution following technical review and input received from the public, stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and agencies
 - Preparation of a Project File Report summarizing the Class EA process and consultation completed

Consultation & Engagement

- Introductory engagement letter sent to Indigenous communities on December 17, 2020
- Notice of Study Commencement
 - Mailed to public / stakeholders on January 12, 2021
 - Published in the Hamilton Spectator newspaper January 14 and January 21, 2021
 - Published in the Burlington Post newspaper January 21 and January 28, 2021
- City of Hamilton website
- City of Burlington website
- Stakeholder Meeting February 10, 2021
- Notice of Study Completion May 2021

Problem & Opportunity Statement

- Due to the current condition of the bridge, pedestrian and cyclist access has been restricted.
- The bridge links the City of Hamilton and City of Burlington and has the potential to provide active transportation connectivity if rehabilitated or replaced.

Draft Problem & Opportunity Statement:

Due to the existing structural condition of the Valley Inn Bridge the bridge has been closed for public use. If not addressed, the existing bridge will be unable to provide a safe, efficient and cost-effective crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.

Existing Conditions – Natural Environment

- Fieldwork was completed December 10, 2020.
- Natural Heritage memo prepared to document findings and background review.

Key findings:

- No nests were observed under the bridge
- Confirmed Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) – waterfowl staging area, raptor wintering area, shorebird migratory stopover area, migratory land bird stopover areas
- Potential Blanding's Turtle habitat (SAR)
- Potential habitat for American Eel and Lilliput (mussel) (SAR)
- DFO records indicate potential for Spotted Gar (Endangered), but no records of findings in the Study Area



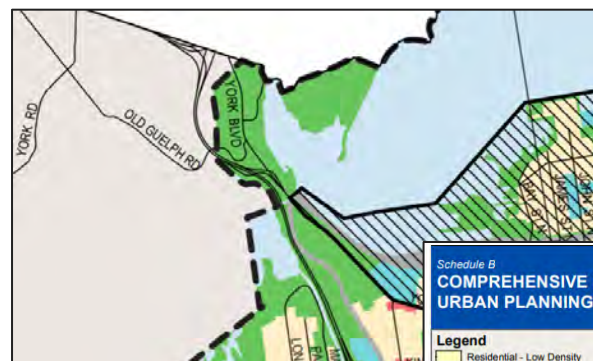
Existing Conditions – Socio-Economic Environment

Hamilton Urban Official Plan

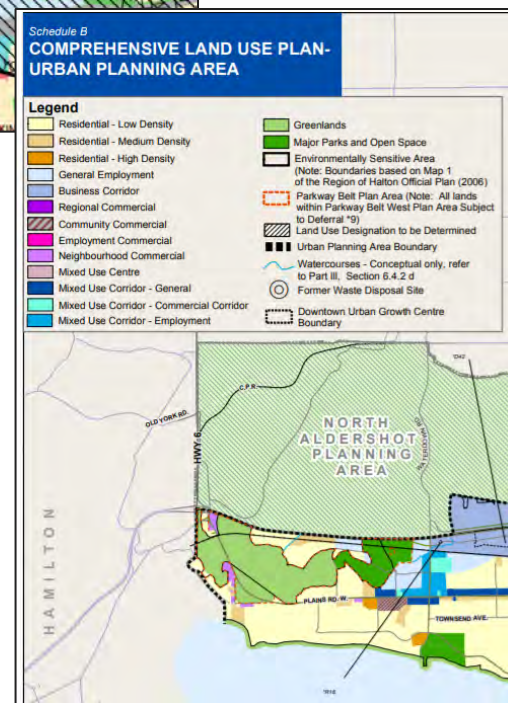
- Designates area as “Open Space” (natural areas along the Hamilton Harbour).

Burlington Official Plan

- Urban Planning Area designates as “Residential-Low Density” and “Greenlands” (Royal Botanical Gardens).



City of Hamilton and
City of Burlington
Official Plan excerpts



Existing Conditions – Cultural Environment

Cultural Heritage

- Heritage Impact Assessment (draft) identified preliminary impacts and mitigation measures:
 - Recommended replacement of the Valley Inn Bridge with a historically sympathetic design (such as a truss and wood decking).
 - Recommended a Documentation and Salvage Report to support anticipated removal of bridge.

Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment (draft)

- Previous archaeology assessment study was completed in 2007.
- Current inspection is complete, and report has been submitted for review.
- No Stage 2 assessment is required.

















Alternative Solutions

- **Do Nothing** – Maintain the bridge in its existing condition and do not proceed with any modifications. The bridge will not support pedestrians or cyclists.
- **Remove the Existing Bridge** – Remove the existing bridge and do not have a crossing in this location. Cyclists and pedestrians would be directed to Plains Road.
- **Rehabilitation of the Existing Bridge** – Rehabilitate the existing bridge and related infrastructure to accommodate pedestrian and cycling.
- **Replace the Existing Bridge** – Replace the existing bridge with a new bridge to accommodate pedestrian and cycling.

Alternative Solutions were assessed using several factors and criteria.

Alternative Solutions – Preliminary Assessment

Evaluation Criteria	Do Nothing	Remove Bridge	Rehabilitation of the Existing Bridge	Replace the Existing Bridge
Natural Environment	Does not address the problem/ opportunity statement			
Social/Cultural				
Technical				
Cost				
Overall Score	Does not address the problem/ opportunity statement	Does not address the problem/ opportunity statement	Least preferred 	Most preferred 



Alternative Solutions – Summary of Evaluation

- Natural environment - potential impacts can be avoided or mitigated using migratory bird timing windows, avoiding in-water work, construction methods, and by reducing disturbance to vegetation.
- “Do Nothing” and “Remove Bridge” - do not address the problem/opportunity statement. Increases trail travel time by directing users to Plains Road.
- “Rehabilitation of the Existing Bridge” - not cost-effective for a bridge originally intended for temporary use.
- “Replacement of the Existing Bridge” - provides a safe, efficient, and cost-effective long-term solution.

Proposed Mitigation Measures

- Limit encroachment into natural vegetation through design and construction methods (e.g., sediment fencing).
- Vegetation clearing and removal activities, including removal of the existing bridge, to occur prior to April 1 or after August 31 (migratory bird timing window).
- Sediment fencing to be installed prior to May 15 or after September 15 (outside of turtle nesting period).
- No in-water work to occur between March 15 and July 15.
- Prepare fish relocation plan/ mussel relocation if in-water work is required. Screen water intake pipes as required.
- Minimize removal of vegetation and re-stabilize and re-vegetate disturbed areas immediately following construction.
- Prepare “Documentation and Salvage Report” of existing bridge prior to removal.
- Design and erect signage/plaque commemorating heritage of the existing bridge.

Permitting Requirements

During detailed design and prior to construction, the following is recommended:

- Consultation with MECP once design details and staging plans are available to confirm mitigation measures and determine authorization requirements for provincially regulated SAR.
- Consultation with RBG regarding post-construction restoration measures.
- Targeted surveys for plants and wildlife are recommended if the project footprint or construction methods change.
- If work is required below the normal high-water level, submit a Request for Review to DFO under the Fisheries Act and for screening under the Species at Risk Act.
- Requirements for a Conservation Authority permit will be determined.

Project Schedule & Next Steps

- Finalize Specialist Reports February 2021
- Confirm Preferred Alternative Solution February 2021
- Draft Project File Report February 2021
- MECP Review of Project File Report April 2021 (to be confirmed)
- Notice of Study Completion & 30-day Review Period May 2021

Contact Information

Contact information for the project team is provided below:

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Thank you!

From: Slattery, Barbara (MECP) <barbara.slattery@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>; Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>
Cc: Del Villar Cuicas, Joan (MECP) <Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca>
Subject: Acknowledgement letter for the Valley Inn Road Bridge Schedule "B" Class EA

With best regards to all,

Barb Slattery, EA/Planning Coordinator
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Project Review Unit, Environmental Assessment Branch
(365) 366-8185

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Conservation and Parks**

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de la Protection de la nature
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February 26, 2021

Dipankar Sharma
City of Hamilton

Adam Renaud
Stantec Consulting

**Re: Response to Notice of Commencement
Valley Inn Road Bridge
MEA Schedule "B" Environmental Assessment**

This letter is in response to the Notice of Commencement for the above noted project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) acknowledges that the Cities of Hamilton and Burlington have initiated this EA process that will follow the requirements for Schedule "B" projects as it assesses improvement options to the Valley Inn Bridge, a pedestrian crossing over Carroll's Bay Marsh. The EA is being undertaken to

"...confirm the problem and opportunities, develop and assess alternative planning solutions (do nothing, repair or replace the bridge), and document the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments within the area."

It is expected that the EA, will consider the following in the identification and evaluation of improvement options:

- How each alternative will address climate change adaptation and mitigation which includes resiliency to more severe storm events and the manner in which surface run-off will be addressed. A document is included with this correspondence to provide guidance in this regard;
- Is this an area that has been assessed for the presence of any Species at Risk and their habitats? If so, is there any potential for proposed improvements to have an adverse effect that would require mitigation measures? You are encouraged to contact the

ministry's Species At Risk unit at SARSOntario@ontario.ca with detailed locational information and a complete project description to obtain direction as to what needs to be done at the EA stage to facilitate the issuance of any authorizations or permits that might be required when the project is being implemented. A guidance document has also been included to assist with this;

- The best management practices that will be incorporated into the implementation of any works that are required in order to be sufficiently protective of the surface water;
- All permits, licences and approvals that would be required in order to implement the identified preferred alternatives for each of the options; and
- Consideration of waste management if demolition of the existing structure, or any components of it will be considered.

The Crown has a legal duty to consult Aboriginal communities when it has knowledge, real or constructive, of the existence or potential existence of an Aboriginal or treaty right and contemplates conduct that may adversely impact that right. Before authorizing this project, the Crown must ensure that its duty to consult has been fulfilled where such a duty is triggered. Although the duty to consult with Aboriginal peoples is a duty of the Crown, the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of this duty to project proponents while retaining oversight of the consultation process.

Your proposed project may have the potential to affect Aboriginal or treaty rights protected under Section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act* 1982. Where the Crown's duty to consult is triggered in relation to your proposed project, **the MECP is delegating the procedural aspects of rights-based consultation to you through this letter.** The Crown intends to rely on the delegated consultation process in discharging its duty to consult and maintains the right to participate in the consultation process as it sees fit.

Based on information you have provided to date and the Crown's preliminary assessment you are required to consult with the following communities who have been identified as potentially affected by your proposed project:

- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River (both Elected Council and Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council)
- Huron-Wendat Nation (only if there are potential archeological impacts)

Please be aware that HWN is to be consulted if there are potential archaeological impacts but not to the exclusion of the other communities. The other communities are also interested in archaeology.

Steps that you may need to take in relation to Aboriginal consultation for your proposed project are outlined in the "Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process" which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/consultation-ontarios-environmental-assessment-process>

Additional information related to Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act is available online at: www.ontario.ca/environmentalassessments

You must contact the Director of Environmental Approvals Branch under the following circumstances subsequent to initial discussions with the communities identified by MECP:

- Aboriginal or treaty rights impacts are identified to you by the communities
- You have reason to believe that your proposed project may adversely affect an Aboriginal or treaty right
- Consultation has reached an impasse
- A Part II Order request is expected

The Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch can be notified either by email with the subject line "Potential Duty to Consult" to EAASIBgen@ontario.ca or by mail or fax at the address provided below:

Email:	EAASIBgen@ontario.ca Subject: Potential Duty to Consult
Fax:	416-314-8452
Address:	Environmental Approvals Branch 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1 st Floor Toronto, ON, M4V 1P5

The MECP will then assess the extent of any Crown duty to consult for the circumstances and will consider whether additional steps should be taken, including what role you will be asked to play in them.

Royal Assent to Bill 197 was given on July 22, 2020, changing certain aspects of the provincial environmental assessment process. Proponents are still required to prepare and issue a Notice of Completion providing at least 30 days during which documentation may be reviewed and comment and input submitted to the Proponent.

Now however, the Notice of Completion will advise that outstanding concerns are to be directed to the Proponent for a response, and that in the event the outstanding concerns relate to **potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights**, Part II Order requests on those matters (only) should be addressed in writing to:

Minister Jeff Yurek
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
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Please note that you cannot proceed with the project until at least 30 days after the end of the comment period provided for in the Notice of Completion.

You may not proceed after this time if:

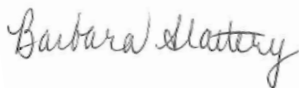
- a Part II Order request has been submitted to the ministry regarding **potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights**, or
- the Director has issued a Notice of Proposed order regarding the project.

If other concerns with the Project File and/or EA process are made known to the minister, or determined following a review of the document, the Minister reserves the right to issue an order on his or her own initiative within a specified time period. Within the 30 days following the Notice of Completion, the Director would first issue a Notice of Proposed Order to you if the Minister is considering an order for the project. At that time, the Director may request additional information from you.

Once the requested information has been received, the Minister will have 30 days within which to make a decision or impose conditions on your project.

Should you have questions or wish to discuss these comments, please contact me at Barbara.slattery@ontario.ca or by calling me at (365) 366-8185. Also, please note that as of March 22nd, the REAC for West Central Region will be Joan Del Villar.

With regards,



EA/Planning Coordinator

Encl.

From: Mike Stone <Mike.Stone@conservationhamilton.ca>
Sent: January 20, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Hello Sharma,

Thank you for providing the Notice of Study Commencement for the Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA.

The project location straddles the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) and Conservation Halton (CH) watershed boundary. HCA has reviewed with CH and agreed that CH will take the lead. HCA will provide input to the study through CH as necessary.

Notwithstanding this, if you could please keep HCA on the project mailing list and circulate notices and new information as it becomes available that would be appreciated.

Kind regards,
Mike

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Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

To whom it may concern:

Please see the attached Notice of Study Commencement for the Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA.



Thank you,

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From: Graham, Cynthia <Cynthia.Graham@hamilton.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject: FW: Valley Inn Road - permit requirements

One last email, - info about turtles in the body of the email.

Cynthia Graham

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From: Ash Baron <abar@hrca.on.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2010 10:06 AM
To: Graham, Cynthia <Cynthia.Graham@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road - permit requirements

Hi Cynthia,

- Typically we would ask for rodent protection for trees only. Usually this consists of the plastic coiled rodent guards that will expand with tree growth and allow for some air to pass between the tree and the rodent guard. These guards usually work fairly well and are more cost effective than metal wire caging. It would be a shame to lose trees due to hungry rodents!
- Kate is correct; our standard tree protection zone is one metre set back from the dripline.
- On sheets P-1, P-2 and P-3, the tree protection fencing is shown within the dripline of the trees. The tree protection fencing should be shown outside of the dripline, just in case the contractor thinks that the fencing should be set out 1000mm from the trunk of the tree and not the outer reaches of the branches as stated on sheet P-3. I understand that works will be within one side of the dripline of tree # 5787 and cannot be avoided, but the tree protection fencing should be 1000mm from the dripline on the remaining sides of that tree.
- You are correct; the drawings do show tree protection fencing along the water's edge. When I reviewed the drawings, I assumed that since the materials used for tree protection fencing are also used for erosion control (black snow fencing), the tree protection fencing lines on the shore were for the purpose of erosion control. I am concerned with machinery causing soil compaction and possibly damaging tree limbs during construction. I did not see any tree protection fencing for the existing vegetation south of the proposed bicycle racks, only a thick dashed line denoting the limits of construction. That is the area I am concerned with. Sorry for the confusion.
- Tys Theysmeyer (ttheysmeyer@rbg.ca) at the RBG would be a good person to get into contact regarding the turtles and their nesting sites. It is my understanding that the RBG is tracking nesting sites, so they might have an idea of where the nests are. Hopefully there are none on site, but due to the rarity and reproductive rates of a lot of the turtle species present in the area, it would be good if we could do what we can to make sure that construction does not affect their reproduction.

Hopefully this clarifies the comments you received from CH. If you have any other questions with regards to my comments, feel free to contact me. I'll be in and out of the office all week with site visits, but will be checking my emails daily.

Ash Baron, B.ES



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From: Graham, Cynthia [<mailto:Cynthia.Graham@hamilton.ca>]

Sent: 26 April 2010 11:22

To: Ash Baron

Subject: Valley Inn Road - permit requirements

Hi,

I just spoke with Kate from your office regarding my submission for permit approval for Valley Inn Road.

I would like to follow up with you for clarification on a few items:

- What kind of rodent protection would you normally ask for in this type of area? Are you concerned about the trees, or the trees/shrubs/herbaceous?
- What is your standard tree protection zone setback from the dripline - Kate mentioned 1000mm? Can you please confirm?
- Will you require tree protection for the mass of vegetation that is along the embankment (south) of the loop path? I think we show protection fencing for the trees along the water's edge.
- I do not have knowledge or expertise regarding turtle nesting sites or how to deal with this - can you advise? What would be the course of action if a nesting site is found in the development area? Outside the development area? Would you have a resource that could assist us with this when we get out on site?

Thanks....

Best regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 2:12 PM

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Subject: FW: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Hi Cassandra,

Thank you for your email, I will look forward to your checklist.

Regards,

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To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Good morning,

My name is Cassandra Connolly and I am the Regulations Officer with Conservation Halton who will be the file manager for CH for this project; For the EA itself and for the required permits to follow. That being said, we are working to put together a complete EA Checklist to be provided to you. The Checklist identifies the areas of interest or concern that Conservation Halton may have with the subject Environmental Assessment (EA). The level of detail recommended will be dependent on the proposed works as well as the natural hazards, natural heritage system, and environmental conditions in the study area.

This Checklist will be provided to you following the project overview meeting taking place tomorrow.

Regards,

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Regulations Officer

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Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

To whom it may concern:

Please see the attached Notice of Study Commencement for the Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA.

Thank you,

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Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:15 AM

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Cc: Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca; Hatcher, Laura (MHSTCI) <Laura.E.Hatcher@ontario.ca>; Barboza, Karla (MHSTCI) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>; Hohner, Paula <Paula.Hohner@stantec.com>

Subject: RE: File 0013575: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Hi Joseph,

This is to confirm receipt of your comments. We will review and follow up if we have any further questions.

Thanks and have a good weekend,

Adam

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Subject: File 0013575: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Adam Renaud,

Please find attached MHSTCI's comments on the above referenced project notice. Please do not hesitate to contact Laura Hatcher if you have any questions.

Joseph Harvey

On behalf of

Laura Hatcher

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Heritage Planning Unit

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February 11th, 2021

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Adam Renaud, P.Eng.
Project Manager
Stantec Consulting Ltd.
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MHSTCI File : 0013575
Proponent : The City of Hamilton and The City of Burlington
Subject : Notice of Study Commencement– Schedule B – Municipal Class EA
Project : Valley Inn Road Bridge
Location : The City of Hamilton and The City of Burlington

Dear Adam Renaud:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries (MHSTCI) with the Notice of Study Commencement and the invitation to the City of Hamilton's stakeholder meeting on February 10, 2021 for the above-referenced project. MHSTCI attended the meeting and has reviewed the associated materials, and we have the following comments.

MHSTCI's interest in this environmental assessment (EA) project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage.

Project Summary

The City of Hamilton and the City of Burlington need to make improvements to the Valley Inn Road Bridge. The bridge improvements are being planned as a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) project under the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015).

Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources

While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to these communities. Municipal Heritage Committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations may also have knowledge that contributes to the identification of cultural heritage resources.

Archaeological Resources

Slide 12 of the stakeholder meeting notes that the area has been cleared of Archaeological potential. A stage 1- 2 Archaeological assessment (Project Information Form Number P057-543-2009) has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.

Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

Slide 12 of the stakeholder meeting indicates that a draft Heritage Impact Assessment, which identified preliminary impacts and mitigation measures, has been completed and will be submitted to MHSTCI for review.

Environmental Assessment Reporting

All technical cultural heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects.

Thank you for consulting MHSTCI on this project. We look forward to reviewing the Heritage Impact Assessment and the draft Project File Report. Please contact Laura Hatcher with any further questions.

Sincerely,
Joseph Harvey
On behalf of

Laura Hatcher
Heritage Planner
Heritage Planning Unit
laura.e.hatcher@ontario.ca

Copied to: Dipankar Sharma, Project Manager, City of Hamilton

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Please notify MHSTCI if archaeological resources are impacted by EA project work. All activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and a licensed archaeologist is required to carry out an archaeological assessment in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

If human remains are encountered, all activities must cease immediately and the local police as well as the Registrar, Burials of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (416-326-8800) must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MHSTCI should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

From: Kielstra, David
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Cornelisse, Ken (MNRF); Cerniavskaja, Karina (MNRF)
Cc: Hohner, Paula; Sharma, Dipankar; Trant, Janelle; Renaud, Adam
Subject: RE: City of Hamilton - Valley Inn Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Stakeholder Meeting
Attachments: ppt_1203_coh_valleyinn_stakeholder_mtg_fnl.pdf

Hello Ken and Karina,

Thank you for the mailing list update. Our records will be updated accordingly.

Karina, I am attaching the stakeholder meeting presentation from earlier today so that you have a copy. If you have any questions or need anything else, please let me know.

Thank you,

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Subject: FW: City of Hamilton - Valley Inn Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Stakeholder Meeting

Hi David,

Could you please remove my name from the distribution list for this project and add our Planner (Karina - see above).to the distribution list?

Thank you.

Ken

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Subject: City of Hamilton - Valley Inn Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Stakeholder Meeting

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Good morning,

Thank you for your participation in the Stakeholder Meeting this morning for the City of Hamilton Valley Inn Bridge Municipal Class EA. I am sending the presentation for your records.

If you have any questions or comments please let our team know.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Meeting regarding RBG comments on Valley Inn Road.

Good morning Tÿs,

Thank you for providing your comments. We have reviewed your comments internally and wanted to setup a meeting to discuss attached with you. Please let me know what time noted below works best in the coming weeks.

March 23rd : 11:30 AM to 12:30PM

March 29th: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

March 31st: 1:00PM to 4:00 PM

Thank you,

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Re: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Comments

Date: February 11 2021

Attention: Sharma Dipankar City of Hamilton Public Works Department

The natural constriction facilitated by the causeway through Grindstone Marsh and the bridge over the flowing waters of Grindstone Creek create a complex history of use. This location is of strategic interest to the Royal Botanical Gardens as it represents an internal crossroads, a connection to the water, and supports management of the Lake Ontario ecosystem. Our ability to plan its future within our recent masterplan was challenged by the lack of clarity over the future of the bridge, however we have previously expressed our interest in the area due to its relevance to multiple current and future RBG programs. Our interest reflects the locations strategic use throughout history, including a traditional landing and transportation corridor by water for indigenous people, for industry and for recreation by both water and land, and a hub of activity to observe and harvest fish and wildlife. Our comments are listed below and are centred around returning the area to a more traditional, pre-European development industrial and mass transportation use. Note: The Royal Botanical Gardens is the owner of all the surrounding lands that are not transportation based, including the bed of the marsh.

On behalf of the Royal Botanical Gardens the following comments are provided

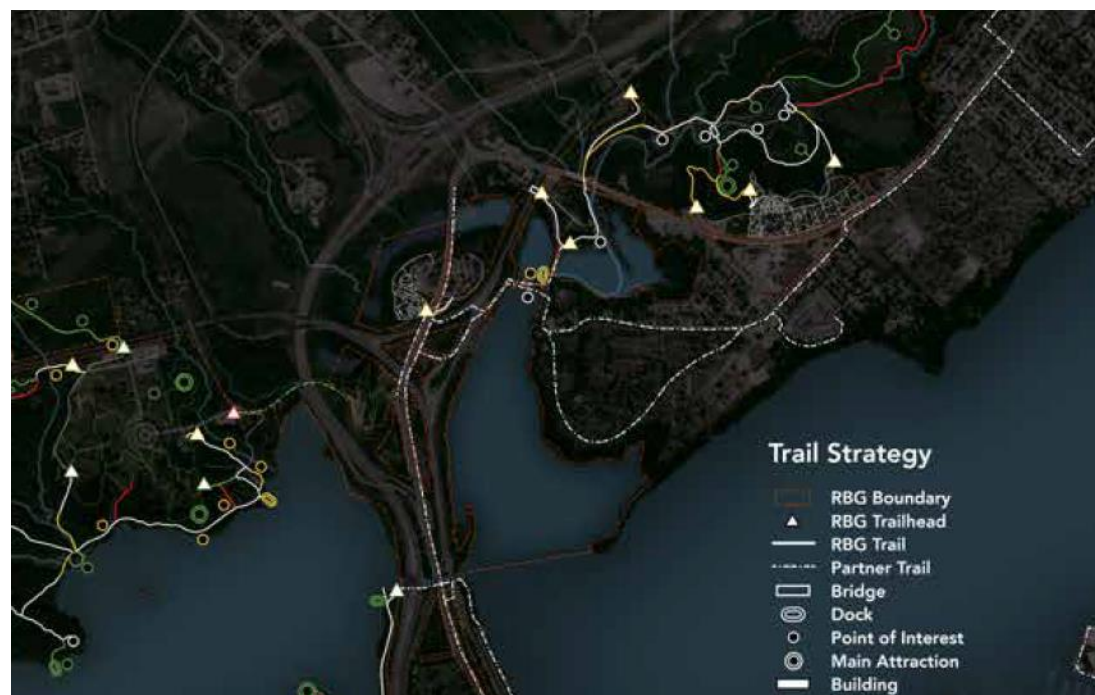
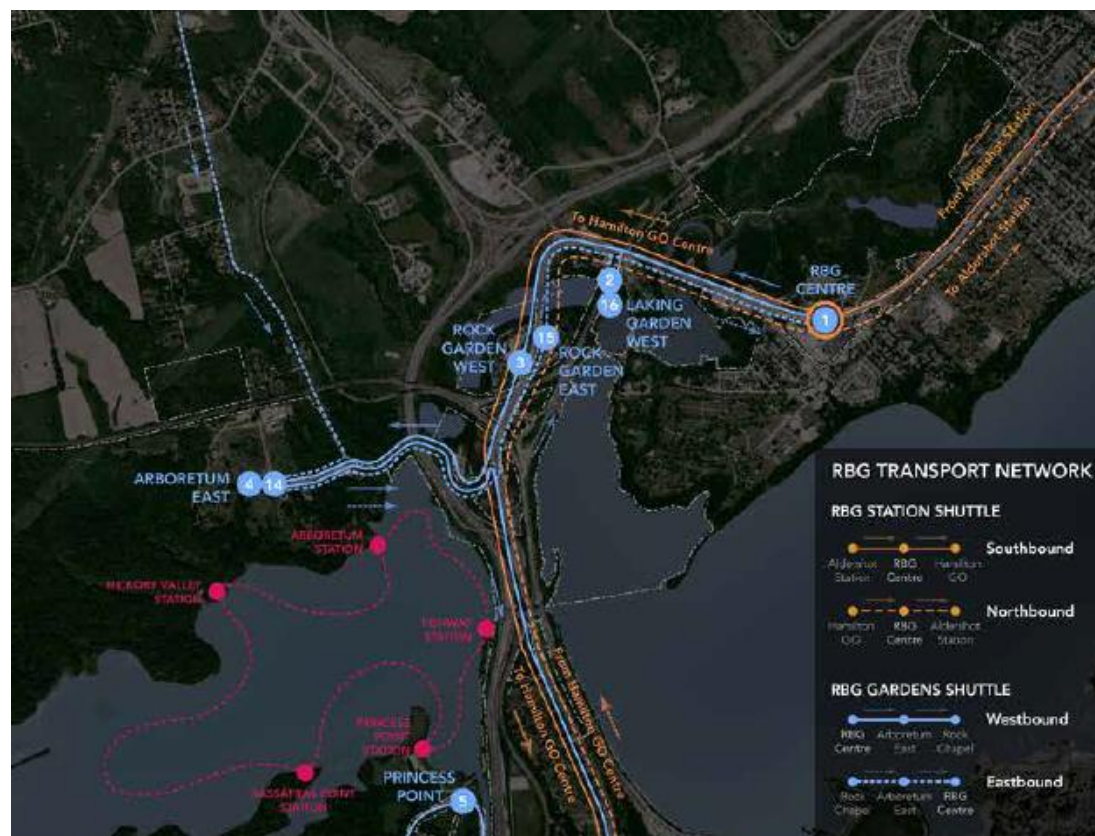
1. The location provides connectivity between the Rock Garden and Laking locations and associated parking for this region. The bridge is also a general link between Hendrie Valley and Cootes Paradise
2. Desirable transportation changes are noted in the Cootes to Escarpment Management Plans for Lower Grindstone and Burlington Heights, as well as the current RBG Masterplan (2020-2045)
3. This is an internal route for Royal Botanical Gardens visitors on foot and potentially by small shuttle
4. Bridge support capacity = 5 tonnes+
5. As outlined in various HHRAP documents, the site should accommodate a future carp barrier on the downstream side of the bridge (see note/images below)
6. The desire for RBG ownership of this area has been expressed to both City of Hamilton and Burlington staff on multiple occasions and is contained within multiple documents.
7. The site is a causeway through Grindstone marsh, with the current bridge flow capacity volume well below the 100year flood flow for Grindstone Creek. Designs should consider the causeway as a spillway and that both this site and the adjacent Spring Garden Rd causeway will be fully underwater during a 100year flood. The only property owner affected will be the Royal Botanical Gardens. This situation is equally already likely during extreme lake seiche events.
8. The Royal Botanical Gardens does not necessarily support the lengthening of the bridge to accommodate flood flow under the current Valley Inn Bridge.
9. Consistent with the Lakes and Rivers Act, Boat access for small shallow water watercraft is required – expect high lake level of 75.8msl, thus under clearance 90cm (i.e. bridge deck base at 76. 7msl)
10. The Cootes Paradise Fishway does represent a template option for a combined barrier and bridge.
11. In water work is generally not recommended due to the presence of Species at Risk Mussels including, Mapleleaf, Lilliput, and Eastern Pondmussel
12. Construction work will require considerations for nesting turtles (various species) if done in the June July period (i.e. to keep them out of the construction site/process).
13. Any works associated with the south-west corner require a rehabilitation plan designed to limit trespassing along the environmentally sensitive Royal Botanical Gardens shoreline property.
14. Note: At the south west corner of the bridge a large spring enters the waterway to be considered

Tys Theijsmeijer
Head of Natural Areas
Royal Botanical Gardens



Pertinent RBG transportation and connectivity graphics from the RBG Master Plan

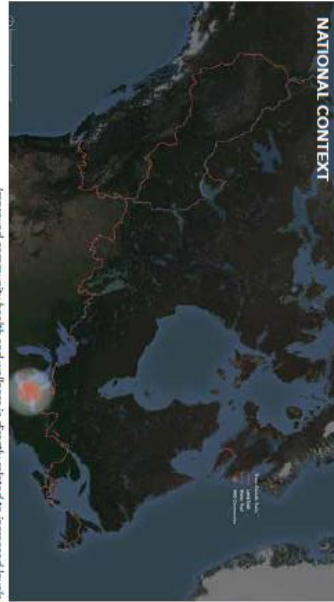
Transportation note: this graphic was developed base on a lack of understanding of the currently closed Valley Inn Bridge over Grindstone Creek



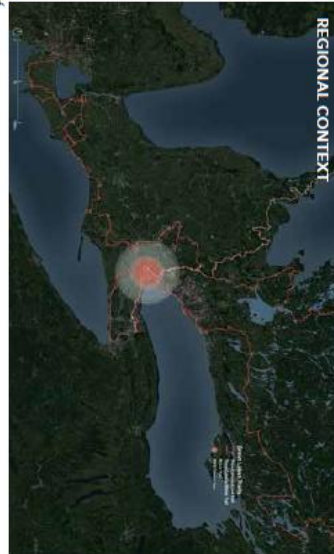


1.3 TRAILS NETWORK

NATIONAL CONTEXT



REGIONAL CONTEXT



CITY CONTEXT



HEALTH



Improved community health and wellness is directly related to increased levels of physical activity. The ability for all residents and visitors to safely and conveniently access trails is a fundamental equity measure and translates to numerous community health and quality-of-life benefits. A growing body of literature has shown a strong connection between parks and trails and increased mental and physical health. An expanded and accessible trail network could dramatically increase opportunities for residents and visitors to walk within nature, leading to increased frequency and duration of physical activity among residents. This could, in turn, lead to reduced risk of health concerns attributed to physical inactivity.

ENVIRONMENT



A successful trail network will result in increased access and connections to many local and regional destinations. It provides residents and visitors with more travel options and presents a safe, comfortable, efficient, and enjoyable way for people to get around.

CONNECTIVITY



A comprehensive trail network provides recreational and transportation opportunities for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other active users. Connectivity to an on-street network of bike lanes, signed routes, and sidewalks extends the reach of the network and provides access to destinations, neighborhoods, and places of employment. Providing for seamless transitions between trails and on-street facilities encourages use of the facilities as one comprehensive network.

ECONOMY



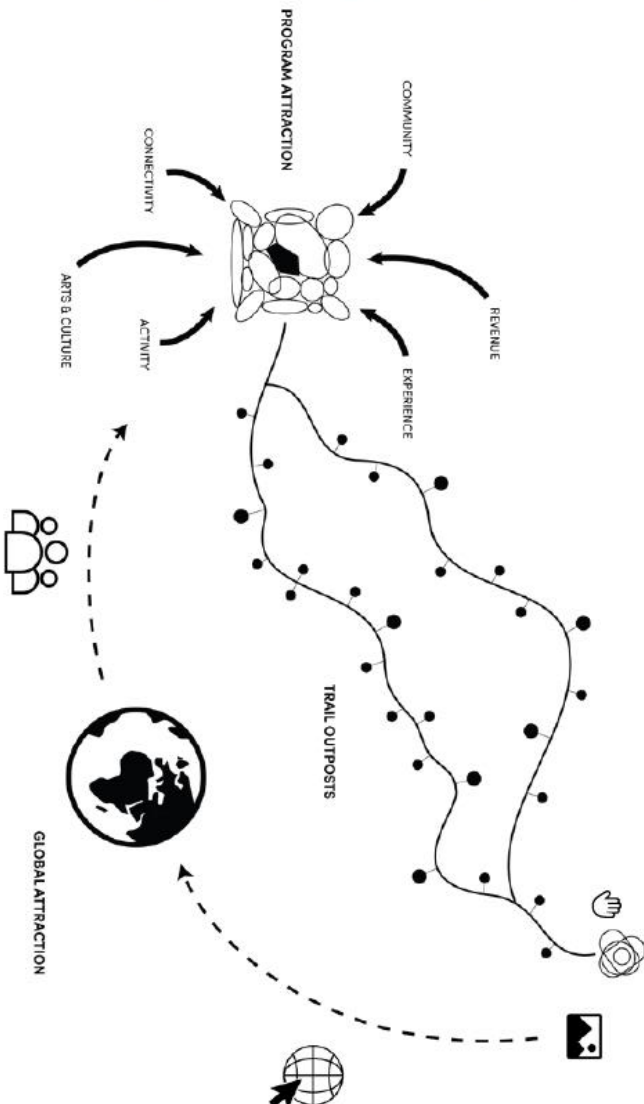
Trail networks provide residents and visitors access to local parks, regional destinations of cultural and historical significance, and all of the everyday connections that the community makes for work, school, shopping, and play. Tourism is an increasingly important basis for developing trail networks. Trail networks may also lead to the creation of tourism-based jobs. Additionally, the transportation and recreation amenities that the network provides could incentivize residents and business owners to invest in property.

CONSERVATION



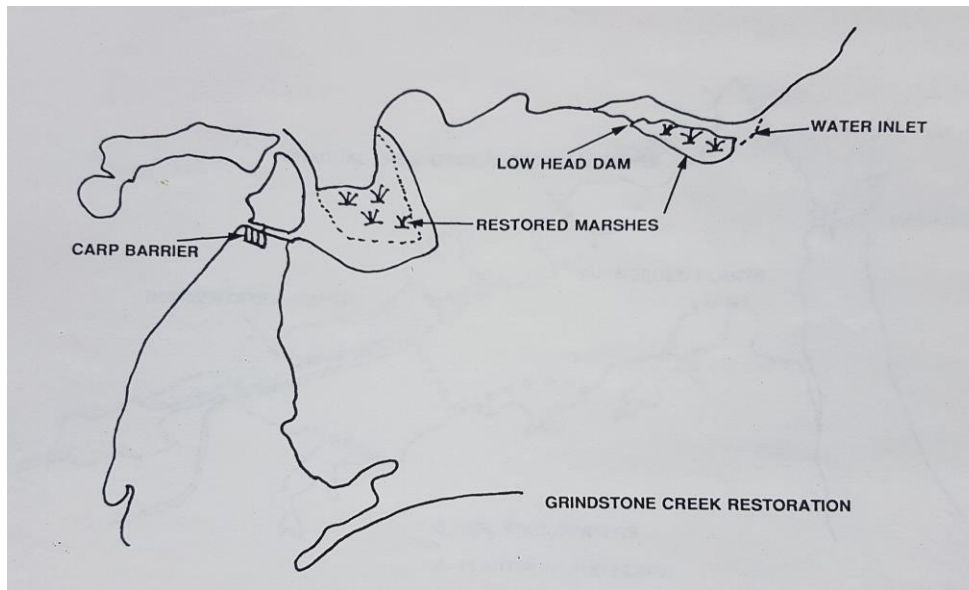
Trails can help to preserve corridors for wildlife to move between habitats, protect water quality, offer flood plain control, reduce erosion on river banks and with trees and vegetation, reduce air pollution and temperature gains.

DEFINING MOMENT





Grindstone Marsh Invasive Fish Management Great Lakes Restoration



Fish and Wildlife Concept Map 1990, and articulated the HHRAP Implementation Stage 2 document/recommendations (1992) and the Stage 3 Update (update)



Current Concept reconstruction to a single Grindstone Marsh Carp barrier (similar design principles to the Cootes Paradise Fishway). Royal Botanical Gardens draft (background aerial Nov 2012 low lake level)

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Hi Dipankar,

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Thanks in advance,

Kaylan

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Subject: Re: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Good morning Dipankar,
I'm the Burlington Planner for Cogeco. I've reviewed our records and Cogeco does not have any plant in this area.
If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Regards,

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To: Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca
Cc: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>
Subject: Hydro One Response: Valley Inn Road Bridge

Please see the attached for Hydro One's Response.

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Hydro One Networks Inc
483 Bay St
Toronto, ON

January 20, 2021

Re: Valley Inn Road Bridge

Attention:

Dipankar Sharma, P.Eng. Project Manager City of Hamilton, Public Works Dept.

Thank you for sending us notification regarding (Valley Inn Road Bridge). In our preliminary assessment, we confirm there are no existing Hydro One Transmission assets in the subject area. Please be advised that this is only a preliminary assessment based on current information.

If plans for the undertaking change or the study area expands beyond that shown, please contact Hydro One to assess impacts of existing or future planned electricity infrastructure.

Any future communications are sent to Secondarylanduse@hydroone.com.

Be advised that any changes to lot grading and/or drainage within proximity to Hydro One transmission corridor lands must be controlled and directed away from the transmission corridor.

Sent on behalf of,

***Secondary Land Use
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Hydro One Networks Inc.***

From: Hatcher, Laura (MHSTCI) <Laura.E.Hatcher@ontario.ca>
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To: Rivard, Meaghan <Meaghan.Rivard@stantec.com>
Cc: Smith, Frank <Frank.Smith@stantec.com>
Subject: RE: Heritage Impact Assessment - Valley Inn Road Bridge

Good afternoon Meaghan,

Thank you for providing the Heritage Impact Assessment to the ministry. I have reviewed the report and have no concerns. We will continue to track the Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA and will look to see that the findings of the HIA are incorporated into the EA reporting.

All the best,

Laura

Laura Hatcher, MCIP, RPP

Heritage Planner

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From: Barboza, Karla (MHSTCI) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca> **On Behalf Of** Registrar (MHSTCI)
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Subject: FW: Heritage Impact Assessment - Valley Inn Road Bridge

Hi Meaghan,

Hope this email finds you well.

Thanks for sending the Heritage Impact Assessment for the above mentioned bridge for MHSTCI's review.

Laura Hatcher, MHSTCI Heritage Planner (copied), will review and provide comments, as appropriate, by April 1.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us, should you have any questions.

Thanks,
Karla

Karla Barboza MCIP, RPP, CAHP | (A) Team Lead, Heritage
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From: Rivard, Meaghan <Meaghan.Rivard@stantec.com>
Sent: February-24-21 4:36 PM
To: Registrar (MHSTCI) <Registrar@ontario.ca>
Cc: Smith, Frank <Frank.Smith@stantec.com>
Subject: Heritage Impact Assessment - Valley Inn Road Bridge

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Good afternoon,

Stantec has completed the attached Heritage Impact Assessment, referred to as a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment in the City of Hamilton, for the *Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment*. The EA is being undertaken by the City of Hamilton with support from the City of Burlington.

The report is being submitted to MHSTCI for review and comment.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is any additional information required.

Have a nice evening!

Best,
Meaghan

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Mar 29, 2021

Patrick Hoskins (P415)
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RE: Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment: Valley Inn Bridge Replacement Part Lot 29, Concession 1, Geographic Township of West Flamborough, former Wentworth County, now City of Hamilton, and part Lot 14, Concession 1, Geographic Township of East Flamborough, former Wentworth County, now City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton, Ontario ", Dated Jan 27, 2021, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Mar 9, 2021, MHSTCI Project Information Form Number P415-0269-2020, MHSTCI File Number 0013792

Dear Mr. Hoskins:

The above-mentioned report, which has been submitted to this ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18, has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports without technical review.¹

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cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Dipankar Sharma, City of Hamilton
Dipankar Sharma, City of Hamilton

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From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:13 PM

Cc: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>; Sandoval, Rafael <Rafael.Sandoval@hamilton.ca>

Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge

Hello

Thank you for providing your input to our project. We will definitely consider your suggestion and file it as a part of our EA report.

Please take a look at the following page for more information.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/valley-inn-road-bridge>

Regards,

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From:

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:55 PM

To: dipankar.sharma@hamilton.ca; Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>

Subject: Valley Inn Road Bridge

Read the article in the Hamilton Spectator today, I have a suggestion that should work and not cost a lot of money. Three or four large corrugated sewer pipes side by side and fill the top with gravel and top off with asphalt. Cheap and allows both water to flow under neath and pedestrians to cross over.

Thank you

From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:25 PM

Cc: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>; Trant, Janelle <Janelle.Trant@hamilton.ca>; Yaromich, Janine <Janine.Yaromich@burlington.ca>
Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge

Thank you for your email and interest in this project. The project includes the study and review of existing natural, socio-economic and cultural heritage conditions of the Valley Inn Road Bridge. Once the evaluation is the complete, our recommendation would be will include on of the following: do nothing, repair or replace the existing bridge.

With the current condition of the bridge, the best possible outcome can be repair or replace, this will concluded upon the completion of the study. Please refer to the following website for constant update about project progress. If you would like provide any input you can email me or Adam ccd on this email.

Regards,

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Sent: January 18, 2021 7:30 PM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Valley Inn Road Bridge

Hello Dipanker –

I noticed the City advertisement regarding the MCEA process for improvements to this bridge.

I'm not sure if the process includes public input but, of the alternatives being considered, I support repair or replacement for pedestrian and cycling traffic.

Thank you –

From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:52 AM

Cc: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>
Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Thank you for replying to the email, that is a beautiful picture. We should definitely have the bridge ready for 2022, the construction start date will be summer 2021.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Regards,

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Sent: January 13, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Thank you Dipankar,

I really appreciate you sending me the Notice of Study. The Around the Bay Road Race is very interested in rebuilding the Valley Inn Bridge. It is a key element of our 30K course and is a significant part of the race's 127 year history.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help the process (letters of support, stats, petition, etc)

We would love it to be ready for March 27, 2022 when we can hopefully have an in-person race again. The participants would be so disappointed if they were not able to run on Valley Inn Rd. Yes, please add me to the study mailing list.

Here is an old photo of the bridge from 1974 with Jerome Drayton a celebrated Canadian runner. That's when cars were allowed on it!



Please let me know if there is anything we can do to help.

Best,

From: Sharma, Dipankar [<mailto:Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 5:37 PM

Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached Notice of Study Commencement for the Valley Inn Road Bridge Municipal Class EA.

Thank you,

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From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:14 PM

Subject: RE: Valley Inn Bridge Improvements

Thank you for providing your input to our project. We will definitely consider your suggestion and file it as a part of our EA report.

Please take a look at the following page for more information.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/valley-inn-road-bridge>

Regards,

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Sent: January 21, 2021 8:03 PM

To: adam.renaud@stantec.com; Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Valley Inn Bridge Improvements

Hello Adam and Dipankar

I read the notice regarding the study of the Valley Inn Bridge Improvements.

Having lived in the area for the last 20 years, I have frequently travelled over the bridge. It is integral to the community and some form of crossing is needed.

Having said that I think there are a couple of items you may wish to consider:

1. the width of the crossing could be reduced since vehicular traffic was removed some years ago and only pedestrian traffic is required
2. do you need a bridge? The opening allows for Grindstone Creek to empty into the Hamilton Harbour. Could the bridge be replaced by a large culvert(s) with a paved path on top (see below). This should be a much less expensive alternative.



Thank you

Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:17 PM

To: dipankar.sharma@hamilton.ca; Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>

Subject: Valley Inn Road Bridge

Gentlemen,

Please get on with it and let's get her done! Any chance it will be completed by this summer?

Best Regards,

From: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>
Sent: January 22, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Cc: Trant, Janelle <Janelle.Trant@hamilton.ca>; Hohner, Paula <Paula.Hohner@stantec.com>; Kielstra, David <David.Kielstra@stantec.com>
Subject: Valley Inn Road - NOSC Public Comment

Hi Dipankar,

I just wanted to let you know that I received a phone call this morning from a gentleman named . He was responding to the NOSC posting in the newspaper. Here's a few notes that I wrote down during our phone call:

- Lives on Spring Garden Road and has been there for 19 years.
- He really enjoys the area and how it connects people with nature.
- He's very excited that we are replacing the bridge to accommodate pedestrian and cyclist access.
- He was upset when the railway added barriers at the top of the hill on Old Valley Inn Road and restricted cyclist access.

His phone number We will log this comment and add it to our summary table. Overall, he is very happy that we are proceeding with the replacement of this structure. It's great to hear the positive reaction from the public for this project.

Thanks,
Adam Renaud P.Eng.
Transportation Engineer

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From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 11:33 AM

Cc: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>

Subject: RE: Valley inn road bridge

Thank you for providing your input to our project. We will definitely add you on the mailing list.

Please take a look at the following page for more information.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/valley-inn-road-bridge>

Regards,

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Sent: January 24, 2021 11:38 AM

To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Valley inn road bridge

Hello I would like to be added to the mailing list as is being offered in the notice. .

Sent: January 26, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Re: Valley Inn Road Bridge Class EA

Morning Dipankar,

thxs for the info and closing date.
Will be sending in some comments and sharing this with a group to which I belong. Hope they will send comments as well.

Regards,



On Tue, 26 Jan 2021 at 08:57, Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your interest in the project, the closing date of the comments are by February 10th.

Please take a look at the following page for more information.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/valley-inn-road-bridge>

Regards,

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Sent: January 23, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Valley Inn Road Bridge Class EA

Morning,

Further to the ad in Thursday's Spectator, please place me on your mailing list.

When is the closing date for comments?

Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

From: Renaud, Adam
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Sharma, Dipankar
Cc: Kielstra, David; Hohner, Paula
Subject:

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Hi Dipankar,

I have the following notes from the conversation:

- He's a retired
- He had some history on the structure from his previous site visits
- He was interested in seeing a photo of the original structure (before the steel truss structure in 1897)
- He'll be submitted comments at a later date

We will record this in our response tracking table.

Thanks,
Adam

From: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>
Sent: February 1, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Subject:

From: Renaud, Adam
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Sharma, Dipankar
Cc: Kielstra, David; Hohner, Paula
Subject:

Hi Dipankar,

I talked to today. Here are my notes:

- Existing Bailey structure lasted nearly 60 years. Why can't we call the army up and have them do an exercise to replace the bridge with a new Bailey bridge? I explained the environmental and design process required and the new structure incorporating some of the aspects of the existing structure. He was very happy to hear that the bridge is going to be replaced and the crossing opened again to pedestrians and cyclists. He was frustrated that the bridge has been closed for so long.
- He ended the call with a joke...I was going to be a doctor but I ran out of patience (A good chuckle for a Friday afternoon)

We'll record this in the response table (minus the joke).

Thanks,
Adam

From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 3:41 PM
To:
Cc: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>
Subject: RE: Class Environmental Assessment-Valley Inn Bridge

Thank you for your email and providing a very interesting history note on the bridge. We will definitely add you on the mailing list. Please take a look at the following page for more information.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/valley-inn-road-bridge>

Regards

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From:
Sent: February 8, 2021 3:19 PM

Subject: Re: Class Environmental Assessment-Valley Inn Bridge

Very interesting!

On Mon, Feb 8, 2021 at 3:17 PM

wrote:

Hello Dipankar,

Here are my comments regarding the future of the Valley Inn Bridge for inclusion as part of the Class Environmental

Assessment.

During my time as a resident

I have walked (and previously driven) over the Valley Inn Bridge many, many times. The bridge forms an essential connection between Hamilton and Burlington, a link which has provided easy pedestrian and cycle access between York Boulevard and the Grindstone Creek, Hendrie Valley and the lands owned by Royal Botanical Gardens, including the extensive trail network.

This link has a long history. The connection between Hamilton and Burlington was originally made by a ferry across the mouth of the Grindstone Creek. The ferry was replaced by a swing bridge in approximately 1830 (Bill Manson, *Getting Around Hamilton*, 2002) and then by a permanent bridge. A permanent bridge link has been in place since at least 1853, when James K. Griffin founded the Hamilton, Waterdown and Carlisle Road Company, and built a toll road between Hamilton and Carlisle. The southern toll for this road was situated near the Valley Inn. (Waterdown and East Flamborough 1867 1967) All in all, there has been a fixed link at this location for over 170 years. And we should not forget that the bridge has been a part of the route of the Around the Bay Road Race, since its inception in 1894.

In Spring, 2009, vehicle access to the bridge was closed, leaving it for pedestrian and cycle use alone. In December, 2019, the bridge was completely closed, due to structural issues.

I firmly believe that this historic link between Hamilton and Burlington should be restored. This will once again permit access for pedestrians and cyclists- and runners!- between the two cities and allow the enjoyment of this part of Aldershot and the RBG lands. The re-establishment of the link will help to promote a healthy lifestyle choice for many people, a goal embraced and promoted by both cities. This is something which should not be overlooked during these pandemic times when walking and cycling are the only outdoor exercise possible for so many people. I believe that the bridge should not be open to vehicles.

I understand that the Patrick J. McNally Charitable Foundation has offered to provide \$1 million for the restoration of the bridge. The Foundation should be applauded for this generous proposal which in turn means that citizen taxes will not need to be spent here.

In conclusion, the re-opening of the bridge for pedestrian and cycles is essential. I look forward to being able to walk across the restored bridge again and watch turtles basking in the sun in the marsh.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Class Environmental Assessment for the Valley Inn Bridge.

Best regards,

Sent from my iPad

From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:57 PM

Cc: Renaud, Adam <Adam.Renaud@stantec.com>

Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road Bridge - study mailing list

Thank you for your email, we have added you on our mailing list.

Please take a look at the following page for more information.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/valley-inn-road-bridge>

Thank you

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Sent: January 14, 2021 11:10 AM

To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Valley Inn Road Bridge - study mailing list

Hello Dipankar

Please add me to the study mailing list.

Thanks!

From: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>
Thursday, February 25, 2021 8:10 PM

Subject: RE: Valley Inn Road CEA

I apologize for not responding to you earlier, thank you for your great insight on the bridge. The project includes the study and review of existing natural, socio-economic and cultural heritage conditions of the Valley Inn Bridge. Once the evaluation is complete, our recommendation would be will include one of the following: do nothing, repair or replace the existing bridge.

With the current condition of the bridge, the best possible outcome can be repair or replace, this will be concluded upon the completion of the study. Please refer to the following website for constant update about project progress.

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If you would like provide any additional input you can email me or Adam ccd on this email.

Thank you,

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Sent: February 10, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Sharma, Dipankar <Dipankar.Sharma@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Valley Inn Road CEA

The Royal Botanical Gardens Volunteers would like to comment on the Class Environmental Assessment respecting the future of the Valley Inn Bridge. RBG Volunteers are a group of more than 500 people who assist the Royal Botanical Gardens in fulfilling their important mission. Our group has been providing volunteer assistance to RBG for 60 years.

RBG lands sit on both sides of the border between Hamilton and Burlington and the Valley Inn Bridge has always been an essential link between the two areas. The bridge connects Hendrie Park and the Laking Garden with the areas of Cootes Paradise, the Arboretum and the extensive trail system around and beyond the marsh.

A bridge at this location has been in existence since at least 1853, when a toll road between Hamilton, Waterdown and Carlisle was constructed. The complete closure of the bridge has led to a break in this historical connectivity between Hamilton and Burlington. It has also severed the physical connection of RBG lands, to the detriment of all the users of these beautiful natural areas.

Outdoor exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle is now considered essential to our well being. Recreational use of this part of the two cities is well established, with walking, cycling, visiting RBG, fishing and birdwatching drawing many participants. We believe it is essential to re-open the bridge for use by pedestrians and cyclists to assist in these beneficial activities.

Reconstructing the Valley Inn Bridge, for pedestrian and cycling use, will restore the link between York Boulevard and Aldershot, and between the areas of RBG.

We consider this to be essential and that it is the only possible outcome of the Class Environmental Assessment.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter. Would you please keep us informed as this process moves forward.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important decision.

Sent from my iPad

