

## INFO-24-52

Hello, Please note the following response to Delegation Request Form has been submitted at Tuesday February 13th 2024 4:07 PM with reference number 2024-02-13-073.

- **First Name:**  
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<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1)>
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- **If you know who you wish to address, please select.**  
City Council
- **In order to address City Council, you must first appear before the Standing Committee responsible for your issue. Have you appeared before the appropriate Standing Committee?**  
No
- **Please provide an overview of the issue you wish to speak about.**  
Hello ...  
I have been transparently in contract with city staff (clerks) and planning PM and one our councillors wanting to provide some feedback gathered from numerous neighbours impacted by the planned Harmony Creek Trail Extension.  
  
I have not been informed what standing committee we would need to first work with and possibly present and as such am submitting this request at the general council level.  
  
The feedback I've gathered so far from neighbours stem from simply requesting for an extension on the consultation deadline as the feedback period was very small , all the way to actual concerns on the impacts of the proposed trail from a safety, security and ecological perspective..  
  
This group of neighbours is excited and supportive of the Active Lifestyle mandate but is hoping to look at all options available to promote this while addressing concerns regarding the ecological concerns of the Harmony Creek ravine system.
- **Will you provide a PowerPoint Presentation? You must submit your slides by noon on the business day prior to the meeting.**  
Yes

**From:** Melissa Mcaslan <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:32 PM  
**To:** Melissa Mcaslan; clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>  
**Subject:** Harmony Creek extension project

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Harmony Creek Extension project, specifically the proposed construction of the bridge connecting the Arborwood Parkette to Esterbrook Drive and the proposed path around the storm retention pond.

As a resident deeply invested in the environment and the welfare of our community, I urge you to consider the potential risks and impacts of this proposed development. While I applaud the desire to create accessible pathways for recreational purposes, it is crucial to acknowledge the environmental and safety implications of such projects.

A project of this magnitude needs to ensure that it does not contribute to destroying sensitive ecosystems by exacerbating flooding and disrupting wildlife habitats. The proposed area is extremely prone to flooding. In fact, the area where the bridge is to be constructed has been flooded for the last five years, and the stormwater retention pond required extensive city maintenance this fall to remove blockages, which caused the water to rise so high that it encroached on the residential properties on the east side of the pond. Moreover, the disturbance caused by construction activities can lead to soil erosion, loss of vegetation, and degradation of water quality, further compromising the ecological integrity of the ecosystem.

I know this project has been made possible through a generous grant provided by the federal government. I am also aware that there is a timeline in which the funds must be used. With that information, I respectfully request a SHORT extension in the decision-making process, allowing for actual community input. This brief extension would allow for thorough consideration of alternative solutions and mitigation measures to minimize environmental and safety concerns while still achieving the project's objectives.

Together, we can ensure that our actions align with our commitment to environmental stewardship and the well-being of our city. We have a delegation of community members who would be pleased to meet to discuss this proposal anytime.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I'm looking forward to working towards a satisfactory solution for all of us.

Sincerely,

*Melissa McAslan*

From: [noreply@oshawa.ca](mailto:noreply@oshawa.ca) <[noreply@oshawa.ca](mailto:noreply@oshawa.ca)> On Behalf Of Neda Safvati agius  
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:31 PM  
To: clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>  
Subject: Extension

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Harmony Creek Extension project, specifically the construction of the path within the ravine. As a resident deeply invested in the welfare of our community and environment, I urge you to consider the potential risks and impacts associated with this development.

While I understand the desire to create accessible pathways for recreational purposes, it is crucial to acknowledge the environmental implications of such projects. Research indicates that paths constructed in sensitive ecosystems like ravines can exacerbate flooding and disrupt wildlife habitats.

Flooding poses a significant threat to both property and public safety, and the construction of pathways in flood-prone areas can exacerbate these risks. Moreover, the disturbance caused by construction activities can lead to soil erosion, loss of vegetation, and degradation of water quality, further compromising the ecological integrity of the ravine ecosystem.

Additionally, the presence of human activity in these areas can disrupt wildlife behavior and lead to habitat fragmentation, endangering the diverse species that call the ravine home. As stewards of our environment, it is our responsibility to prioritize the preservation and protection of these natural spaces for current and future generations.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request an extension in the decision-making process for the Harmony Creek Extension project. This will allow for thorough consideration of alternative solutions and mitigation measures to minimize environmental harm while still achieving the project's objectives.

I am more than willing to collaborate with the city and other stakeholders to explore sustainable and environmentally conscious approaches to enhancing recreational opportunities in our community. Together, we can ensure that our actions align with our commitment to environmental stewardship and the well-being of our city.

**From:** Jackie Graham <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:29 PM

**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>

**Subject:** Request of extension in timeline for the Harmony Creek extension

I am writing to formally request an extension to the harmony creek extension plan due to multiple concerns from the community regarding flooding and safety.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Harmony Creek Extension project, specifically the proposed construction of the bridge connecting the Arborwood Parkette to Esterbrook Drive and the proposed path around the storm retention pond.

As a resident deeply invested in the environment and the welfare of our community, I urge you to consider the potential risks and impacts of this proposed development. While I applaud the desire to create accessible pathways for recreational purposes, it is crucial to acknowledge the environmental and safety implications of such projects.

A project of this magnitude needs to ensure that it does not contribute to destroying sensitive ecosystems by exacerbating flooding and disrupting wildlife habitats. The proposed area is extremely prone to flooding. In fact, the area where the bridge is to be constructed has been flooded for the last five years, and the stormwater retention pond required extensive city maintenance this fall to remove blockages, which caused the water to rise so high that it encroached on the residential properties on the east side of the pond. Moreover, the disturbance caused by construction activities can lead to soil erosion, loss of vegetation, and degradation of water quality, further compromising the ecological integrity of the ecosystem.

I know this project has been made possible through a generous grant provided by the federal government. I am also aware that there is a timeline in which the funds must be used. With that information, I respectfully request a SHORT extension in the decision-making process, allowing for actual community input. This brief extension would allow for thorough consideration of alternative solutions and mitigation measures to minimize environmental and safety concerns while still achieving the project's objectives.

Together, we can ensure that our actions align with our commitment to environmental stewardship and the well-being of our city. We have a delegation of community members who would be pleased to meet to discuss this proposal anytime.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I'm looking forward to working towards a satisfactory solution for all of us.

Sincerely,

*Jackie Graham*

**From:** Jay B <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:28 PM  
**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Harmony Creek Extension Project

I wanted to draft this note to express my request for reconsideration of the Harmony Creek Extension project to Conlin Rd due to the many unresolved issues.

As a new resident to the area, I'm deeply invested in the welfare of our community and environment, and am a bit concerned with the lack of transparency around this project, specifically details around potential risks and impacts associated with this development. While I understand the desire to create accessible pathways for recreational purposes, it is crucial to acknowledge the environmental and operational implications of such projects. Research indicates that paths constructed in sensitive ecosystems like ravines can exacerbate flooding and disrupt wildlife habitats. As someone who backs onto the ravine, I have concerns around the potential for flooding, which poses a significant threat to both property and public safety, and the construction of pathways in flood-prone areas can exacerbate these risks.

Moreover, the disturbance caused by construction activities can lead to soil erosion, loss of vegetation, and degradation of water quality, further compromising the ecological integrity of the ravine ecosystem. Additionally, the presence of human activity in these areas can disrupt wildlife behavior and lead to habitat fragmentation, endangering the diverse species that call the ravine home. As stewards of our environment, it is our responsibility to prioritize the preservation and protection of these natural spaces for current and future generations. I am more than willing to collaborate with the city and other stakeholders to explore sustainable and environmentally conscious approaches to enhancing recreational opportunities in our community. Together, we can ensure that our actions align with our commitment to environmental stewardship and the well-being of our city. I was actively engaged in a similar construction project, the Carruthers Creek Trail, which fronted my previous home in Ajax, so I'm more than open to discussion, however again there's been no communication aside from the one post on the city website. In light of these concerns, I respectfully request an extension in the decision-making process for the Harmony Creek Extension project. This will allow for thorough consideration of alternative solutions and mitigation measures to minimize environmental harm while still achieving the project's objectives. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to discussing these concerns further and working towards a mutually beneficial solution. Sincerely

**Jason Barham**

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1)>

**From:** Mark Bronny <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:24 PM

**To:** clerks <[clerks@oshawa.ca](mailto:clerks@oshawa.ca)>

**Subject:** Harmony Creek Trail Extension concerns for next information package

Hello,

Please add the following to the next available information package for council's consideration:

Regarding the Esterbrook/Arborwood/Woodstream/Conlin Rd E. area Harmony Creek Trail extension project, I am concerned that the currently proposed location of the walking trail on the east side of Harmony Creek between Woodstream Ave. and Conlin Rd. is not feasible. This is because it would be located far too close to the Harmony Creek river which floods every spring. This segment of the proposed trail would be at great risk of being eroded away by the flood waters, and this risk would be further exacerbated by the removal of the existing trees whose root systems are vital in reinforcing the river bank. The solution is to build the walking trail on the west side of Harmony Creek.

I believe this issue is real and significant enough that it warrants a Council reconsideration for correspondence and delegations to be placed on the public meeting agenda.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you,

Mark

<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec. 14(1)>