



Economic and Development Services Department

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To: Heritage Oshawa

From: Harrison Whilsmith, Planner A
Economic and Development Services Department

Re: Scope of Work for Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Reports concerning the Albert Street Bridge and the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge

On April 18, 2024, staff received a letter from Metrolinx regarding Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Reports ("D.S.C.R.s") that will be produced for the Albert Street Bridge and the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge. The letter includes a scope of work for the D.S.C.R.s, and a request that Heritage Oshawa review said scope of work.

The letter from Metrolinx dated April 18, 2024 is affixed to this memo.

In the event that Heritage Oshawa wishes to provide any advisory comments on the scope of work, staff suggest that Heritage Oshawa strike a working group to provide comments at their subsequent meeting on May 23, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact Harrison Whilsmith at 905-436-3311, extension 2697 or hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca.

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April 18, 2024

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City of Oshawa

Delivered by Email

Dear Harrison Whilsmith,

**RE: Bowmanville Extension: Albert Street Bridge and Farewell Street Bridge
Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Reports**

In support of the Bowmanville Extension project, Metrolinx is advancing the development of Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Reports (DSCRs) for the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge and Albert Street Bridge located in the City of Oshawa. Below is a scope of work we would like your team to review prior to our approval.

For reference, Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) were prepared for the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge and Albert Street Bridge in November 2023 and were reviewed by Heritage Oshawa. The final HIAs and comment/responses from Heritage Oshawa and Metrolinx can be downloaded at the Dropbox link [here](#). The HIAs recommended the preparation of DSCRs for each bridge.

Scope of Work

DSCRs create a public record of a structure and provides researchers and the general public with a historical context, construction details, and a photographic record of the resource. Through the select salvage and commemoration of heritage attributes, the cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI) of a structure can be partially retained, albeit in a different context. At present, there are no regulatory frameworks in Ontario that guide the preparation of a DSCR. As best practice, these reports adhere generally to the National Park Service's (NPS) Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) photography guidelines.

The DSCRs will comprise a series of tasks as outlined below:

FAREWELL STREET MULTI-USE BRIDGE AND ALBERT STREET BRIDGE

Task 1 - Summary of CHVI: A full copy of the statement of cultural heritage value as approved by Metrolinx Heritage Committee (MHC) will be included in the report to assist the reader in understanding the CHVI of the property.

Task 2 - Documentation: A written and visual photographic description of the bridges in their current condition will be included in the report. An on-site field program will be undertaken from the municipal right-of-way and from the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) railway corridor in coordination with CPKC flagging personnel to document the structures.

Task 3 - Salvage Identification: A recommended list of identified heritage attributes to be salvaged,



where feasible, will be compiled. The list of heritage attributes to be salvaged will be coordinated with Heritage Oshawa. Prior to demolition, the temporary location of the salvaged materials will be confirmed and recorded.

Task 4 - Commemoration: Potential locations for commemoration and the display of salvaged materials will be explored and discussed, including in coordination with Heritage Oshawa. Potential commemorative text for a plaque, panel, or signage will also be prepared in coordination with Heritage Oshawa using the best practices for interpretive writing, including clarity, simplicity of style, and brevity.

Task 5 - Community Engagement: The DSCRs will include engagement with relevant heritage groups, including the Oshawa Historical Society, and the City of Oshawa and summarize the results of the engagement, including responses and comments.

Task 6 - Report Preparation: The results of Tasks 1-4 will be compiled into narrative reports for the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge and Albert Street Bridge.

Task 7 - Report Finalization: This scope includes effort to respond to one round of comments from Metrolinx, Heritage Oshawa, CPKC, and the Oshawa Historical Society and Museum and one round of comments from the Metrolinx Heritage Committee to finalize the reports. Copies of the finalized DSCRs will be deposited with relevant repositories of historical information to create a public record of the structures prior to demolition.

Assumptions

Access to the rail corridor will be required to complete the documentation task of the DSCRs. It is assumed that CPKC will provide flagging personnel and the Stantec and CPKC flaggers will document both bridges in a single site visit. No access to private property is required.

Deliverables

Deliverables will include one draft (to Metrolinx, Heritage Oshawa, CPKC, and the Oshawa Historical Society and Museum), final draft (to MHC) and final versions of the:

- DSCR of Albert Street Bridge
- DSCR for Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge

We kindly request that Heritage Oshawa review the scope of work noted above for input into the DSCRs.

Sincerely,

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Attachments - Included in Dropbox link

- Comment/Responses from Heritage Oshawa and Metrolinx on the Albert Street Bridge Farewell Street Pedestrian Bridge HIAs. Email titled "*RE_ Heritage Impact Assessments-- Albert Street Bridge Farewell Street Pedestrian Bridge*"
- Addendum to Oshawa to Bowmanville Rail Service Extension Project: Heritage Impact Assessment - Albert Street Bridge Final Report. Stantec, 2023
- Addendum to Oshawa to Bowmanville Rail Service Extension Project: Heritage Impact Assessment - Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge Final Report. Stantec, 2023