



Economic and Development Services Department

Date: June 21, 2024

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To: Heritage Oshawa

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

Re: Request for Input – Albert Street Bridge and Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Reports

On May 23, 2024, Heritage Oshawa considered Report HTG-24-30 and endorsed the scope of work for the Documentation, Salvage and Commemoration Reports (“D.S.C.R.s”) concerning the Albert Street Bridge and Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge as provided by Metrolinx.

On June 17, 2024, staff received correspondence from Stantec Inc. (“Stantec”) regarding the aforementioned D.S.C.R.s. In their correspondence, Stantec asks if Heritage Oshawa has any general input on the following:

- Input regarding components of the Albert Street Bridge and Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge which should be salvaged;
- Input regarding a suitable locations for the display of salvaged components of each bridge and their interpretation; and,
- Input regarding the interpretation of the salvaged components of each bridge through text on a plaque/sign.

The correspondence from Stantec dated June 17, 2024 is affixed to this memo.

For reference, the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports that were completed for the Albert Street Bridge and the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge can be found at the following link under the Environmental Project Report Addendum Appendices as Appendix A7-02 and Appendix A7-04, respectively: <https://www.metrolinx.com/en/projects-and-programs/lakeshore-east-line-go-expansion/studies/bowmanville-extension---tpap>

In the event that Heritage Oshawa wishes to provide any advisory comments on the request from Stantec, please be advised that those comments should be made at their meeting on June 27, 2024.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H Whilsmith".

Harrison Whilsmith, Planner A
Planning Services

Attachment

From: [Smith, Frank](#)
To: [Laura Moebs](#); [Harrison Whilsmith](#)
Cc: [Lunt, Justine](#)
Subject: Request for Input: Albert Street and Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge Documentation, Salvage, and Commemoration Reports
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 3:45:28 PM
Attachments: [165011019_DSCR_fig01_StudyArea_20240606.pdf](#)
[165011019_DSCR_fig01_StudyArea_20240606.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Moebs and Mr. Whilsmith,

Reference: Documentation, Salvage, and Commemoration Reports (DSCR)—Albert Street Bridge and Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge.

Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) has been retained by Metrolinx to prepare DSCRs for the Albert Street Bridge and Farewell Street Pedestrian Bridges in Oshawa. 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. In addition, recommendations are made regarding the potential salvage, interpretation, and commemoration of heritage attributes.

Albert Street Bridge Information:

The Albert Street Bridge is a Class A Listed Resource on the *Heritage Oshawa Inventory* and was identified as a potential cultural heritage resource in the *Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions Report and Preliminary Impact Assessment for the Oshawa to Bowmanville Rail Service Extension*. Due to the potential for direct impacts to the Albert Street Bridge, a *Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report* (CHER) was completed for the Albert Street Bridge in 2021 and finalized in 2023.

The CHER recommended that the Albert Street Bridge be considered a Provincial Heritage Property (PHP) as it meets two criteria of *Ontario Regulation* (O. Reg.) 9/06. The evaluation concluded that the Albert Street Bridge is a rare surviving example of a hybrid bridge that combines both the timber stringer bridge design and plate girder bridge design. In 2022, the Metrolinx Heritage Committee (MHC) made an interim decision that the Albert Street Bridge is a PHP. This decision will be confirmed by MHC once Metrolinx owns, manages, or controls the structure.

The Albert Street Bridge is proposed to be removed as part of the Oshawa to Bowmanville Rail Service Extension Project (the Project). As per the *Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties – Information Bulletin 3*, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was required to determine the impacts of a proposed activity on a PHP where the proposed activities may affect the cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI) and/or heritage attributes of a PHP. The HIA identified direct impacts to the Albert Street Bridge as a result of its proposed demolition. The HIA recommended that preparation of a Documentation, Salvage, and Commemoration Report (DSCR) was an appropriate mitigation measure.

Farewell Street Pedestrian Bridge Information:

The Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge was identified as a potential built heritage resource in the *Addendum to Oshawa to Bowmanville Rail Service Extension: Cultural Heritage Report—Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment*. Due to the potential for direct impacts to the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge, a *Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report* (CHER) was completed for the bridge in 2021 and finalized in 2023.

The CHER recommended that the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge be considered a Provincial Heritage Property (PHP) as it meets one criterion of O. Reg. 9/06. The evaluation concluded that the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge is a rare surviving example of a timber stringer bridge along the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) line in the City of Oshawa and Regional Municipality of Durham. In 2022, the Metrolinx Heritage Committee (MHC) made an interim decision that the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge is a PHP. This decision will be confirmed by MHC once Metrolinx owns, manages, or controls the

structure.

The Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge is proposed to be demolished and replaced as part of the Oshawa to Bowmanville Rail Service Extension Project (the Project). As per the *Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties – Information Bulletin 3*, an HIA was required to determine the impacts of a proposed activity on a PHP where the proposed activities may affect the cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI) and/or heritage attributes of a PHP. The HIA identified direct impacts to the Farewell Street Multi-Use Bridge as a result of its proposed demolition and replacement. The HIA recommended that Design Guidelines for the Replacement Bridge and preparation of a Documentation, Salvage, and Commemoration Report were appropriate mitigation measures.

Community Input:

Does the City of Oshawa and/or Heritage Oshawa have any general input regarding the preparation of these reports? In particular, does the City and/or Heritage Oshawa have any input regarding:

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- Input regarding a suitable locations for the display of salvaged components of each bridge and their interpretation.
- Input regarding the interpretation of the salvaged components of each bridge through text on a plaque/sign.

A draft of each DSCR will be circulated to the City of Oshawa and Heritage Oshawa for review and comment.

Mapping has been attached which shows the location of each bridge. A response would be appreciated by July 5, 2024.

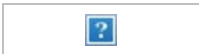
Sincerely,

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