

Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge Fact Sheet

October 23, 2017

- Restoration of the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge has been a critical request of the Elora BIA since it was removed in 2005-2006.
- Pearle Hospitality's Elora Mill project will see \$150 million in direct investment into Centre Wellington's economy, an estimated 110 full-time jobs, the restoration of an existing brownfield site and ongoing new tax revenues. Council recognized the significance of this initiative from an economic development perspective expressing its support of this project within the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.
- In the 2012 Pearle Hospitality original development, the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge was the key public connection point the existing Elora Mill & Spa. This was communicated at their various public meetings.
- The original cost estimate for the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge was **\$1,017,940**. This estimate was provided by MTE Consulting in March 2014. This cost included design engineering, removals, site preparation, bridge construction, surface work, landscaping and lighting. This estimate **did not include** an Environmental Assessment, Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, Heritage Impact Assessment, bridge design guidelines, or a public engagement process.
- County initiated an Environmental Assessment process for Metcalfe Street (Badley) Bridge in Spring/Summer 2015. Township staff worked with County staff on this project as the closure of the bridge for reconstruction or replacement would be a major impact to the business of downtown Elora.
- As part of the Metcalfe Street Bridge discussions with the County, it was proposed that the re-instating of the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge would be important for downtown businesses and residents to ensure access to the downtown from the south side during the closure of the Metcalfe Street Bridge.
- **Council approved the allocation of \$1,000,000 for the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge in the 2016 Capital budget (Proposed Year for construction 2017).**
- Late 2016/early 2016 - Township and County staff discussed the Township including the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge in the County's Metcalfe Street Bridge Environmental Assessment as a Schedule B Environmental Assessment was required given the heritage of the bridge and area.
- In March 2016, Staff presented Jack R MacDonald Trust funding and allocated the initial funding as follows:

▪ Clear internal loan	138,000
▪ Elora Downtown Public Realm Improvements	<u>1,862,000</u>
▪ Total	2,000,000
- In March 2016, Council approved working with the County to complete an Environmental Assessment for both the County of Wellington Metcalfe Street Bridge and the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge. At the same time, Council also approved hiring Stantec Consulting for the conceptual design of the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge (estimated costs - \$43,982). This work included developing design guidelines, 2 public meetings, and development of 2-3 bridge concepts. Additional meetings were held for public consultation including meetings with Elora BIA (2-3) and CW Heritage (2-3) and additional bridge concepts were developed and reviewed (bridge concepts submitted by community members)
- As part of Environmental Assessment for the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge it was decided that a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report and Heritage Impact Assessment were required due the significance of adjacent heritage properties and the historic culture of downtown Elora. **These were not part of the original Stantec Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge design concept proposal by Stantec Consulting.**



- Given Council’s approval in March 2016 to include West Mill St Public Realm, Stantec’s scope of work was expanded to include the conceptual design of West Mill (part of MacDonald Trust Fund report).
- Public meetings were held in Spring 2016 for public engagement to seek input into the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge, Bridge Design Guidelines, and West Mill St Public Realm:
 - May 18 and June 28, 2016
 - Meetings were advertised, posted on website, and other than first meeting posters were hung in downtown. All meetings were also emailed to Elora BIA and Centre Wellington Heritage.
 - Electronic survey was also available for people to provide input into Bridge Design Guidelines for all 3 bridges.
- In June 2016, Council was provided with Briefing Note regarding the following 4 projects to provide the key background to Council about the following projects:
 - Elora Bridges Design Guidelines
 - Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge Concepts
 - West Mill Street Public Realm Enhancements
 - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
- On October 4th 2016, a 3rd public meeting held to seek input into design concepts for Victoria St Pedestrian Bridge. This meeting including all reports completed to date - draft Environmental Assessment Report, Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, Heritage Impact Assessment Report, and material for County’s Metcalfe Street Bridge.
- In August 2016, Design Guidelines were approved by Council.
- In December 2016, Council approved:
 - Final Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge Preferred Concept approved (\$1,000,000)
 - West Mill public Realm Preferred Concept approved (\$800,000) including new parking lot by LCBO (not included in funding –paid by land sale and Pearle Hospitality)
 - Preferred Alternative in the Environmental Assessment for the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge
- On January 19, 2017, the Environmental Assessment Notice of Completion was posted.
- Two Elora residents requested a “Part 2 Order for EA” on March 10, 2017. (This request resulted in an additional cost of \$30,000 for work by BTE to provide documentation to Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change.)
- On April 18, 2017, the detailed design, contract administration, and construction inspection of the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge was awarded to the engineering consulting firm BTE for \$222,955 with the approval of Council.
- In August 2017, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change approved the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge and the County Metcalfe St Bridge EA with some conditions to meet prior to construction.
- Staff and BTE completed value engineering exercise for the Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge based on the estimated costs to build the preferred bridge at just over \$1.6 million.

Revised design keeps all heritage elements including stone and metal sides, lighting, concrete deck with some stamped, low profile (actually improved lower profile), and only reduces bridge deck to 4.8 metres wide on two ends of bridge and revising the belvedere feature.

Costing

1. Consulting Fees for Stantec & BTE for Phase 1 of Project

- Elora Downtown Bridge Design guidelines
- Victoria St Pedestrian Bridge Various Concepts & Preferred Concept
- West Mill St Public Realm Various Concepts & Preferred Concept
- Environmental Assessment including CHER & HIA
- Public consultation process and numerous stakeholder meetings with Elora BIA and CW Heritage

Total costs for Stantec & BTE - \$146,000

2 Consulting fees for Victoria Street Pedestrian Bridge for Phase 2

- Value Engineering Review
- Detailed Design
- Contract Document Preparation
- Tendering
- Contract Administration
- Construction Inspection

Total estimated costs for BTE - \$226,880

3 Part 2 Order work

- Additional costs of approximately \$30,000 for work by BTE to provide additional documentation to MOECC in response to Part 2 Order Request.

4 Council Report

- Council report speaks to a \$1,000,000 bridge construction for revised bridge and \$100,000 for West Mill St plaza construction