

Recreational Pathway Crossing of Richmond Street

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THEME #1 – Protection of Provincially Significant Wetland Complex

The project and the use of the pathway crossing should not impact the features and functions of the Provincially Significant Wetland Complex and the associated woodlands. EEPAC provides the following recommendations.

Recommendation 1: The location of the pathway leading to and from the crossing must avoid the wetland and should avoid the woodlands. This means EEPAC does not support the pathway along Richmond to the north.

Recommendation 2: Suitable wayfinding should be provided that directs users to the pathway. Lack of wayfinding could result in pedestrians and bicyclists wandering into the natural features.

Recommendation 3: Visual barriers such as fencing or railings as well as physical barriers such as native plantings of thorny plants be used to demarcate the pathway and crossing from the components of the Natural Heritage System.

Recommendation 4: Education signage or information boards be provided that explain the significance of the wetland and why it is important not to disturb the natural features and functions.

Recommendation 5: The bike path needs to follow the pipeline and avoid the natural features.