Planned North Branch of TVP

Unique Urban Area Should Be Protected

- We oppose this alternative because the construction of the two bridges from the south to the north side of the Thames will greatly increase access by people and their pets to this sensitive area where SARS are located.
- The long term impacts of this project are unknown, and the risk to the environment is high.

Public Process Flawed

- Improve public input process when species at risk are involved
  - This council has been committed to public input, but in this case the public was not fairly engaged in the process as, understandably, they were not informed about species at risk
  - This means that public input is not accurate as they did not have key information on which to base their opinions

Recommendation: Improve process when species at risk are involved

Recommendations

- In the event that the city chooses to go ahead with the planned alternative, using the collective scientific expertise of our group, we have made many recommendations regarding all phases of the project, including pre-construction, construction and post-construction phases, to minimize potential impacts
- Based on our meetings with the city staff, we believe that they support many of these recommendations
- ***Recommendation: City council ensures that all of our recommendations are met and that council require mitigation as per the City's Official Plan Section 15.3.3.iiia.***

Requests from EEPAC

- We ask that the working group comments be forwarded to the standing committee with the EA and be on the agenda for the standing committee
- We request that EEPAC continue to be involved in the next phases of the planning process for this city project