

Cost Effective Options for the Victoria Bridge Design

Dear Chair and CWC colleagues,

In the upcoming multi-year budget, we will consider replacing the Victoria bridge near Ridout and Horton with a *Through-Arch-Bridge*. The cost of this design is 2.3 million dollars more than a standard concrete girder design so substantial savings are available if we look to a more cost-effective alternative.

The enhanced design was chosen because a greater visual appeal was requested by the 17 and 18 people that attended the two PICs. I believe we can honour their wishes, preserve heritage, and save more than a million dollars by simply using a standard design and incorporating two of the existing trusses.

The need for housing in our community is placing large capital demands upon us so we should look for savings on capital projects where possible. For this reason, I ask that the following motion be endorsed as a means of giving us new options at budget time.

That staff determine the cost of incorporating two of the Victoria bridge's existing trusses into a concrete girder design as a means of finding savings, preserving heritage, and enhancing the visual appeal of a new structure.

Sincerely,

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