

March 25, 2013

To the Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee:

Councillor Polhill (Chair)
Mayor Fontana
Councillor Branscombe
Councillor Henderson
Councillor Hubert
Councillor White

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the Medway Valley Trail Discussion. I am a resident of the area and will be directly impacted by the recommendation the Planning and Environment Committee makes on this issue. For this reason, I hope that you will factor my input into your decision making process.

I have been anxiously awaiting the completion of the Medway Valley Trail. I am aware that many options have been evaluated and discussed and that the City has sought public feedback along the way. My position has not changed, I would like to see Option 4A - Continuous Link.

As a local resident, I plan to use this pathway for the community connections to the adjacent subdivisions it will bring and also for the physical, social and emotional benefits. As an active person who appreciates the outdoors, my family and I plan to access the pathway year round. For this reason, I would like to see the pathway be constructed with asphalt. This will provide a well delineated, safe and stable surface that can be accessed year round by all our residents - whether they are young children, seniors, or those with mobility issues.

I appreciate the environmental significance of the area and feel strongly that through well thought out pathway placement and construction, the social and environmental interests can be balanced. By employing public education information in the area, I have no doubt that the current and future residents of the area will be good stewards of this unique natural resource.

Please include this letter within the Planning and Environment Meeting Agenda Package.

Sincerely,

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