



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
INFORMATION ITEM**

Committee: Committee of the Whole, Administration & Operations

Date: December 4, 2023

Department: Administration & Recreation

Topic: Canal Bank Cleanup – Bridge St - Update

Background: On November 14, staff met onsite with representatives from SNC and Kollaard Associates. The purpose of the meeting was twofold. First, to briefly outline the priority areas of focus for beautification and enhanced utilization of the asset. Second, options to assess current canal bank stability and factors to consider moving forward.

There was general agreement and understanding that the overall objective was not to make a major financial investment to rehabilitate but rather to have more frequent and safer use of the area. It was determined that there is no accurate way to compare the current bank to the study completed in 2007 as no benchmarks were established at the time.

The primary outcome of the meeting was the value in establishing a risk management plan for the area. Staff have asked SNC and Kollaard Associates to prepare a cost estimate for the development of the risk management plan for inclusion into the 2024 budget. This would provide a mechanism to accurately monitor stone stability moving forward and additional warning signage.

Initial beautification efforts would consist of tree removals along Bridge St at the top of the bank and along a portion of the lower platform on the south side.

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Manager, Parks Recreation & Facilities

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