

Beaver River Trail - Alice Street East Connection

Deputation to Council
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Climate Action Now Network



Who is CANN?

We are a volunteer group in the Town of The Blue Mountains
Our goal is to reduce the carbon footprint of the area and work
Together towards a more sustainable community
October 2019: Our Town Declared a Climate Emergency



Hands- on Community and Town Projects

- Mattress, drywall, shingle recycling and Styrofoam collection
- Natural Burial at the Thornbury-Clarksburg cemetery
- Fairs and Events – Earth Day/Community clean-ups/Tree planting/give-aways
- Strong Focus on Town Policy – Official Plan, Natural Assets, Tree preservati
- Climate cafes
- Green Economy Hub, regional groups
- Naturalize Your Yard – grass roots community engagement (Spring 2024)
- Families Go Green for Blue – grass roots engagement to reduce CO2 (Fall 2024)

We must protect our trails and natural spaces

The Beaver River trail is a valued community resource

Town policies look to creating more trails and active transportation corridors

Linear parks cost taxpayer \$\$\$ to create

Protect the natural spaces/trails we have

Maintain invaluable naturalized access areas



If the Alice Street E. opening is approved:

Multiple trees will be lost

Valuable natural area will be paved over

The input of the community/neighbourhood will be “window dressing”

Many Town goals, strategies, priorities and policies will be ignored



Key Points

- Consider the cost of replacing this natural amenity
- Why pave paradise?
- Council is the steward of our natural spaces
- This is public land, public trees, public greenspace



Town Policies

Let's interpret the policies the way they were meant:

- Strategic Plan
- Official Plan
- Leisure Activities Plan
- Sustainability Plan
- .- Transportation Master Plan
 - Natural Assets and Heritage studies.

Climate Emergency



Our Ask

Explore the permanent closure of Alice Street East road allowance

Assume the unopened road allowance as part of the Town's trail network

Protect the trees on town-owned property

Secure the trail access in perpetuity

Plot the Beaver River Trail on the OP Schedule B2

Amend PLU-COR-07-04 to exclude the Beaver River Trail from Delegated Authority to the Committee of Adjustment



Trail access belongs to the people

The trees belong to the people

Council must protect our natural areas as you are stewards of the land.

Thank you

