



## ***TARA ROTARY CLUB***

*Mayor Steve Hammell and  
Members of Arran-Elderslie Council  
Chesley, ON.  
N0G 1L0*

*Aug 23, 2022*

*Re: Arran Township Shed Bridge, Conc 6, Arran*

Greetings from the Rotary Club of Tara. We have been monitoring the situation with the bridge at the Arran Township shed and can certainly appreciate the difficult choices faced by both the County and our Municipality.

An opportunity appears to exist here to support our mutual interest in the well being of our communities and the ongoing need for appropriate and safe outdoor activities. We were pleased to see and are very supportive of the recommendation that Mr Pelletier – Director, Transportation and Environmental Services for Bruce County presented at your Jan 11, 2021 meeting. The recommendation was as follows: *“that a pedestrian / bicycle bridge rehabilitation project be developed in 2021 for implementation when funding is available in future years.....”*. Having installed a pedestrian bridge approximately 2 years ago in Tara (with very much appreciated Municipal facilitation) we can definitely point to community support, significant use and positive feedback as evidence of its value. It is our belief that if the existing Conc 6 Arran bridge could be rehabilitated and repurposed for pedestrians and bicycles as per the recommendation that it would also be of substantial value to the community.

If however there is a desire to remove the existing structure we would propose that the County retain the existing abutments. This would be subject to having their engineer determine their suitability to support a future walking bridge. Our success with the Ann Street bridge in Tara would indicate strong community support for enhanced walking opportunities.

We realize that this is a County owned bridge at this point however we wanted to express our support and desire to have Arran–Elderslie Council actively pursue this recommendation. We also encourage you to share this letter as appropriate at the County level and advise us if we can be of further assistance.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours truly,

***Mike Medwedyk  
President***

*On behalf of the Rotary Club of Tara*