

NEWS RELEASE

PLEASE HELP US INSTALL A PERMANENT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT CHAPMAN MILLS!

RIDEAU WATERSHED, January 23, 2012 — The beautiful Chapman Mills Conservation Area on the Rideau River in southern Ottawa is the gateway to a 12 km network of lovely forest trails, riverside boardwalk and wildflower/wetland meadows teeming with life. Currently, a floating sectional bridge is used to cross an inlet of the Rideau but it must be removed in the fall and re-installed each spring due to ice damage. This is hard on the environment, costly for taxpayers and frustrating for park users since the trail becomes impassable for five months of the year.

The solution is to build a 35-metre permanent pedestrian bridge across the inlet to complete a 12 km outdoor, year round, walking facility jewel in the heart of this burgeoning south Ottawa community. This new, safe and secure link would eliminate the environmental problems of the old bridge, avoid the dangerous temptation for people to try and cross the ice on foot, and open up a whole new world of close-to-home active outdoor recreation facilities.

Our Permanent Pedestrian Bridge at Chapman Mills project has been accepted for “cheering” or online voting in the **Molson Coors Community Cheer contest**. If we are one of the lucky finalists, we could receive a very generous gift from Molson Coors to complete the funding needed for this great new community asset.

Please, take a minute and cheer for the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation’s Permanent Pedestrian Bridge at Chapman Mills project with an online vote at www.ourcommunitycheer.com. You will need to login on the right hand side of the page with a few questions and then you become a Molson Insider and can cheer our project on. One cheer per valid email address. Cheering continues until February 17.

Thank you very much for any and all cheers you can muster. Don’t forget to share the opportunity with friends, family and colleagues who like the great outdoors.

We really appreciate your support! Thank you.

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