

The City environmental assessment (EA) investigating which of the bridges should rebuilt found that the Pearl St bridge was the only one to be implemented. I did not agree with that assessment but technically the EA cannot be changed as it represents the "professional" opinion of the assessment.

So, I worked with City staff to gain the wording that allows for Poulette to be built in some fashion; the term "alternate funding" provides me with direction to pursue other means. To begin with, I'm working with Mac's Civil Engineering department to get the bridge design completed; from there, depending upon their recommendations, we'll talk to steel or wood suppliers and perhaps concrete for the bridge abutments. If it turns out we need a relatively marginal amount of funding from the City (ie. \$100K), I will head in that direction, having completed most of the work.