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Allan Botham  
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Dear Mr. Botham,

The Board of Directors of the Ontario Heritage Trust (Trust) considered your application for a provincial plaque to recognize *The River Canard Bridge* at a recent meeting. On their behalf, it is my pleasure to advise you that your application has been approved. Congratulations!

The next steps are contingent on the Trust entering into a partnership agreement with the County of Essex and obtaining a minimum funding contribution of \$13,000 (for two plaques) plus in-kind support. The Trust's Community Programs Officer, Leslie Valpy, will be in touch to discuss this with you. She can be reached at 416-704-3239 or by email at [leslie.valpy@heritagetrust.on.ca](mailto:leslie.valpy@heritagetrust.on.ca).

*The River Canard Bridge* is a rare example of its kind, and it represents Ontario's history of innovation in engineering and infrastructure. We look forward to working together to share its story with a new provincial plaque.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ecker'.

John Ecker  
Chair  
Ontario Heritage Trust