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| ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE **WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2015 AT 7:00 p.m.**  **cOUNCIL cOMMITTEE ROOM C** MINUTES |

**Present:** C. Oaks (Chair) H. Wheeler

M. Mosco L. Renzetti

M. Wilson

**Regrets:** N. Yap, S. Jobber

##### **City:** P. Patel, A. Nix, A. Watts, S. Laughlin, A. Hindupur

**External Groups**:

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. **Call and Certification of Quorum**

Attendance was noted and a quorum was declared.

1. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest**

None

1. **Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan/MESP Terms of Reference**

A. Nix, City of Guelph Environmental Planner, provided a summary of the staff report and was available to answer questions from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

S. Laughlin, Senior Policy Planner and A. Hindupur, Infrastructure Planning Engineer with the City of Guelph provided a PowerPoint presentation to update EAC on the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan terms of reference.

S. Laughlin and A. Hindupur outlined the following information:

* Reviewed outline of terms of reference and detailed tasks
* Presented the process outline/timeline; currently finalizing the terms of reference to bring to IDE Committee and Council in December
* Reviewed the project phasing and points of contact with EAC throughout the project
* Outlined the next steps

General discussion took place and City staff was available to respond to questions from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

The Environmental Advisory Committee noted the following:

* Discussion regarding the participants involved in the charrette process
* Timing of environmental data collection starting earlier than other studies
* Stormwater management approach in relation to the moraine should consider innovative design concepts to achieve necessary recharge. Wording should include alternative design standards for the way we build the community
* Principles of Low Impact Development should be incorporated
* Alignment of sensitive areas with lower impact developments/ land uses
* Sustainable growth

**Delegate: Hugh Whiteley**

* Concern related to the Comprehensive EIS and technical definition of ‘comprehensive’ under the Planning Act. This is replacing the Class EA process, suggests that it will minimize aspects
* Reference to Cambridge West MESP document. Functions the same as this study and is now completed. Emphasis is given to stormwater management practices. Requires a salt assessment study for all developments and then a salt management plan
* Need to determine the financial component of monitoring to ensure it happens
* City doesn’t have an operational open space master plan
* Terms of reference excludes the area just west of Bishop Macdonell High School. This land should be reinstated in the NHS and this may be an opportunity to include it

The Environmental Advisory Committee went into committee to discuss a motion.

Moved by H. Wheeler and seconded by M. Wilson.

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee support the proposed Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan, Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Community Plan Draft Terms of Reference, subject to the following being included:

* Wildlife corridors need to be studied beyond the secondary plan boundary and incorporate linkage connections at a sub watershed level
* That as part of the background review within Phase 1 the Ecological Sensitive Landscape Policies from the Regional Official Plan and the Cambridge West MESP be reviewed.
* That a salt assessment study be incorporated into the MESP and Community Plan and feed into the development of future salt management plans.

THAT the City takes a precautionary approach to considering future development within the Clair Maltby area, recognizing that the Clair Maltby area is located on the Paris Galt Moraine, is a sensitive headwater area supporting Hanlon, Mill and Torrance Creeks and includes important natural heritage features and areas.

**Motion Carried**

**-Unanimous-**

1. **Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Moved by M. Mosco and seconded by M. Wilson.

“To accept the minutes.”

**Motion Carried**

**-Unanimous-**

1. **Correspondence & Information**

* City animal By-law review

1. **Other Business**

* 1888 Gordon TOR- resubmission- December
* 132 Clair Rd West EIS- tentatively January
* EIR Landsdown Drive- new year
* 781 Victoria EIR- scheduled for December
* City Engineer presentation- January presentation
* **Appoint new Chair- C. Oakes**

Moved by H. Wheeler and seconded by L. Renzetti.

**Motion Carried**

**-Unanimous-**

1. **Next Meeting-** December 9th, 2015
2. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Moved by M. Mosco and seconded by M. Wilson.

**Motion Carried**

**-Unanimous-**

CHAIRMAN