

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee September 16, 2015
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room 112 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Mariette Pushkar (Chair), Nicola Lower, Javier Acosta, Eric Wilson, Ryan VanEngen, April Wepler, Ian McCormick, Beth Anne Fischer
STAFF PRESENT	April Nix, Prachi Patel, Madeleine Myhill, Abby Watts, Margo Ursic, Shelly Gorenz
MEMBERS ABSENT	Jeremy Shute

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call and certification of quorum- met • Introduction of RSAC and City Employees • Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None • Adoption of July 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes: <p>Moved by A. Wepler and seconded by J. Acosta, “THAT the Minutes of July 29, 2015 be approved as written.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried Unanimous</p>
2	<p>1. Victoria Park Village EIR Submission</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Information from City Staff and consulting team</p> <p>Margo Ursic and Shelly Gorenz, Environmental Planners from Beacon, on behalf of the City of Guelph reviewed the Staff Report and provided justification for comments.</p> <p>Shari Muscat from Stantec provided a background of the application. She noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have engaged in discussion with City Engineering- regarding water balance, groundwater, SWM design, thermal mitigation. Ongoing discussions will take place to resolve issues from City Staff Report. • Will be meeting with Parks and working towards addressing their comments • Working towards gaining baseline information, data loggers to get peak times over the summer for aquatic information. Will be able to satisfy City comments.

- Discussion of ponds that will be taken offline. Opportunity to make the improvements to Torrence Creek. SWM pond that will provide quality and quantity function and outlet to Torrence Creek.

Dan McCreery from Stantec provided further comments:

- A description and methodology that can be included in the report
- In favour of providing more discussion in the report
- Inclusion of detail around structure placement as well as erosion control

General Discussion:

- Fish habitat data to be included in the revision
- Chanel corridor can be expressed in more detail in the report- historical overlays, full review that could influence the future
- Intent is to construct in the next available season to allow some growth and establishment
- Little discussion around the existing water depths to provide a benchmark. Should include better presentation of this
- Be careful to not over design/static design

b. In Committee Discussion

The committee is in agreement with Staff comments and would like to see the report back at RSAC.

Moved by N. Lower and seconded by A. Weppler,

“That the River Systems Advisory Committee defer the approval of the Environmental Implementation Report prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. for 1159 Victoria Road (April 2015) until the comments included in the Staff Report are addressed to the City’s and GRCA’s satisfaction.”

Motion Carried
Unanimous

2. Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund

- a. April Nix, Environmental Planner with the City, provided a presentation related to the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund.
- Possible partnership opportunity with Wellington Water Watchers
 - Review of technical requirements

Committee Discussion:

- Informal meeting to be organized by A. Nix
- Suggested planting locations
- Short term focus on planting and start think of other initiative for the future

	<p>“THAT RSAC support persuing this application for the Great Lakes Community Fund and appoint Eric Wilson and April Wepler as the RSAC representative.”</p> <p>Moved by I. McCormick and seconded by R. VanEngen,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried Unanimous</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Committee Updates/Other Business</p> <p>1. Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Meeting of RSAC (late Sept. early Oct.) discussion of meeting date selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting planned for October 8th, 2015 4-6 p.m. ○ Will check with members that are not present
<p>4.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Motion to adjorn.</p> <p>Moved by M. Pushkar and seconded by A. Wepler,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried Unanimous</p> <p>Adjourned 5:49 pm</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Next meeting of RSAC will be November 18, 2015</p>