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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>River Systems Advisory Committee</u></b><br/><b><u>(RSAC)</u></b></p> |
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**Purpose:**

To provide advice and assistance to City Staff and Council on issues that impact on waterways and adjacent lands within the City of Guelph.

**Mandate of Committee:**

The RSAC is a citizen advisory group established by and responsible to City Administration and through the Community Development & Environmental Services Committee. The RSAC will provide recommendations to City Staff and Council on the following items:

1. Monitoring, implementation and updating of the River Systems Management Study.
2. Monitoring, implementation and updating of subwatershed studies.
3. Planning and implementation of stream restoration for channels not included in the subwatershed plans.

The issues to be dealt with by the committee are:

1. Compatibility of land use in valley lands with river land values including natural and historical heritage concerns.
2. Stream ecology with emphasis on water quantity and quality.
3. Trails, Recreational access to streams and valley lands.
4. Education, Engagement, Awareness and Partnerships of River Systems.

**Coordination & Implementation:**

For specific implementation of projects, a subcommittee will be created i.e. Torrance Creek Subwatershed Committee comprised of membership from RSAC plus other community and agency members.

The RSAC will be circulated and involved in all new subwatershed studies as well as existing subwatershed studies.

The RSAC will be circulated for comment on selected public and municipal projects involving lands within the River System Management Plan corridor, lands adjacent to or abutting watercourses, and municipal infrastructure projects.

**Operating Procedure and Staff Resources:**

RSAC will report to City Council through the Community Development & Environmental Services Committee with an annual report as well as on an as needed basis. Subcommittees of the RSAC will report to the committee through a RSAC member.

The RSAC will advise Environmental Services and Community Design and Development Services staff on matters relating to river systems, subwatersheds, and natural and historic heritage concerns including public education, engagement, awareness and partnerships.

Community Design and Development Services staff will be the primary staff resource to the committee with staff liaisons from other City service areas to be available on an as needed basis.

All budget requests and related matters will be dealt with during the normal budget process through the appropriate City service area.

**Meetings:**

The River Systems Advisory Committee will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (four to six times per year)

**Number of Appointments:**

Nine (9) citizens with a high level of expertise or experience with respect to environmental matters including landscape and open space planning, public education or community outreach, terrestrial and aquatic ecology and hydrology.

A Committee member shall be appointed by Council by By-law for one year for the first term and three years for any subsequent terms, up to a maximum of 10 years.

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