

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee January 20, 2016
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room "A" 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Mariette Pushkar (Chair), Jeremy Shute, Ian McCormick, Javier Acosta, April Wepler, Ryan VanEngen
EXTERNAL GROUPS	Matt Dil, MMM Group
STAFF PRESENT	Prachi Patel, April Nix, Don Kudo, Arun Hindupur, Majde Qaqish, Vaile Laur
MEMBERS ABSENT	Nicola Lower, Eric Wilson, Beth Anne Fischer

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roll call and certification of quorum - Attendance was noted and quorum was declared ▪ Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None ▪ Adoption of November 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes: <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by J. Shute and seconded by R. VanEngen "To approve the minutes as amended."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
2	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>York Road (Clythe Creek) Environmental Study</p> <p>A. Nix, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph provided a presentation on the York Road (Clythe Creek) Environmental Study. Arun Hindupur, Infrastructure Engineer, was introduced to the Committee and is the Project Manager for the York Road Environmental Design Study.</p> <p>A. Nix advised that City staff are seeking feedback on the proposed EIS for the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>General discussion took place and RSAC noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the required corridor width to support the stream corridor functions • Include adequate consideration to the water quality and quantity contributions from the two other unnamed creeks on the GID property

- Include providing additional baseline data upstream and downstream of the Hadati Creek confluence, and completing a high level determination of the source of perceived sediment loading
- The ToR recognize Elizabeth Trunk Sewer as part of Stevenson Creek in terminology
- The design study to give consideration to the visual aesthetic value of Clythe creek, particularly maintaining the view of the creek from York Road
- The concept plan consider integration of a multi-use pathway, as well as maintaining public access to the creeks

The RSAC went into committee to discuss the motion.

Moved by R. VanEngen and seconded by A. Wepler

“That the River System Advisory Committee conditionally support the draft Terms of Reference for the EIS as part of the York Road Environmental Design Study providing the following are incorporated into the final Terms of Reference, including:

- That RSAC will have opportunities to provide feedback and input into the alternatives being examined, including the development of a natural channel design that considers the required corridor width to support the stream corridor functions;
- That the ToR recognize Elizabeth Trunk Sewer as part of Stevenson Creek in terminology;
- That when addressing water quality impacts the EIS will also consider recommendations for a longer term monitoring program, including providing additional baseline data upstream and downstream of the Hadati Creek confluence, and completing a high level determination of the source of perceived sediment loading;
- That adequate consideration to the water quality and quantity contributions from the two other unnamed creeks on the GID property be included;
- That the impact assessment also include direct, indirect and induced impacts, avoidance measures, an analysis regarding buffers, invasive species management plan, bio salvage opportunities, and also consider the time period associated with impacts;
- That the design study give consideration to the visual aesthetic value of Clythe creek, particularly maintaining the view of the creek from York Road;
- That the concept plan consider integration of a multi-use pathway, as well as maintaining public access to the creeks; and,
- That the EIS include a section on monitoring which will identify any/all monitoring recommendations to be completed through detail design, during construction, as well as post construction monitoring and include recommendations regarding effectiveness monitoring.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

York Sewer Class EA (Phase 2A) Detailed Design

P. Patel, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the York Trunk Sewer/Feedermain EA and introduced Madje Qaqish, Project Engineer who is leading the detailed design of the York Trunk Sewer Project.

P. Patel advised that City Staff are seeking feedback and endorsement from RSAC on the final detailed design of the Phase 2A of the York Trunk Sewer and Paisley-Clythe Feedermain project and supporting documents.

Presentation Highlights:

- Background
- The Project
- Phase 1 Lessons Learned
- Phase 2A
- Environmental Studies
- Phase 2A Study Area
- Mitigation Measures
- Impact Assessment
- Compensation
- Staff Recommendations

P. Patel responded to questions from the Committee.

General discussion took place and RSAC noted the following:

- Manage for any invasive species when encountered during construction
- Wastebin and storage should be greater than 15 m away from the riverbank

The RSAC went into committee to discuss the motion.

Moved by I. McCormick and seconded by J. Acosta

“That the River System Advisory Committee support the final detailed design for the Phase 2A of the York Trunk Sewer and Paisley-Clythe Feedermain project which extends east from Gordon Street to Waterworks Place with the following conditions:

- That the final construction drawings for Phase 2A incorporate minor revisions to the satisfaction of the City Environmental Planning Staff, that includes:
 - Revisions to the Dewatering (Discharge) Plan associated with recommending alternative sediment/perimeter controls such as SiltSoxx or other instead of straw bales;
 - Clarification on requirement of a topsoil stockpile considering the proposed open cut trench method;
 - Incorporate notes on mitigation measures for vegetation, wildlife and species of conservation concern as documented on Pg. 16-18 of MMM Environmental Report directly on construction drawings in addition to the recommended

	<p>inclusion in contract specification documents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate note specifying construction work is not to commence prior to inspection of tree protection fence and sediment fence. Contract Admin to contact City Environmental Planning for inspection with 72 hours prior notice; • Incorporate environmental monitoring/inspection note for the contract admin specifying that the Contract Admin Staff (including the Environmental Monitor) shall monitor the condition of the site during construction and until the site is stabilized. The Environmental Monitor/Inspection shall undertake walk-through inspection of the construction site on a weekly basis, as well as after every rainfall event, after a significant snowmelt event, and on a daily basis during extended rainfall or snowmelt period; • Incorporate additional pollinator species such as milkweed, asters, goldenrods and other in the restoration seedmix; manage for any invasive species when encountered during construction; • Wastebin and storage should be greater than 15 m away from the riverbank; • That the RSAC encourage the City to implement trees and shrubs along the creeks and rivers, as appropriate; and • That staff return to the RSAC in future with the detailed design of the next phase of the project.” <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
3.	Next meeting of RSAC will be March 16, 2016