

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee June 18, 2014
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room "A" 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Jeremy Shute (Chair), Mariette Pushkar, Nicola Lower, Stan Kozak, Eric Wilson, Ian McCormick, Mark Randall,
STAFF PRESENT	Adele Labbé, Vaille Laur, Melissa Aldunate, Stephen Robinson, David DeGroot
MEMBERS ABSENT	Jo-Anne McDermott, Ryan VanEngen

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roll call and certification of quorum ▪ Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None ▪ Review of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Niska Road – Delegation – Laura Murr ▪ Add “Animal Control By-law” – Protocols
2	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>1. Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District – Presentation by Stephen Robinson</p> <p>Stephen Robinson, Senior Heritage Planner with the City of Guelph provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Draft Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines and asked RSAC to provide any comments.</p> <p><u>Presentation Outline:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value of Cultural Heritage and Heritage Districts • District Boundary • Heritage and Non-Heritage Properties • Heritage Permit Process • Implementation of the Heritage Conservation District • Next Steps in the Heritage District Designation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Meeting – June 24, 2014 at 6:30pm-8:30pm <p>General discussion took place and Stephen Robinson was available to respond to questions from RSAC.</p>

Mariette Pushkar noted the following in regards to water levels and flows:

- The HCD Study speaks to water level but not water “area”. She noted that if you wanted to naturalize to benefit habitat or water quality, you could potentially maintain the water level, but for a smaller area.

Nicola Lower requested clarification of what is meant by “historic levels of water”.

The floor was opened to delegations.

Delegation:

Hugh Whiteley gave a brief Power Point presentation on the “Boundaries of Heritage Landscape Districts” and noted the following:

- The importance of having boundaries with further setbacks from the river.
- Noted a naturalization plan for south bank of Royal City Park
 - Issues:
 - Note that the boundary follows the edge of the river on the east of Gordon
 - It would be good to include the minimum buffers of OPA 42
 - Should consider generous boundaries to the river

Hugh Whiteley also spoke to the Wellington Street Dam and noted the following:

- Encourages the City to accept ownership of the Dam
- Decision is 5 years past due
- The community that grows up along the water’s edge will have interest in keeping it.

Hugh Whiteley recommended to revise heritage district boundaries based on landscape and a review of Wellington Street Dam ownership decision be made by Council.

General discussion took place and RSAC will continue to dialogue outside of this meeting. Comments were requested to be provided to Jeremy Shute by June 30, 2014. RSAC comments due to Stephen Robinson by July 3, 2014.

2. Downtown Private/Public Streetscape and Built Form Manual – Presentation by David DeGroot

David DeGroot, Senior Urban Design Planner with the City of Guelph provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Downtown Streetscape Manual and Built Form and asked RSAC to provide comments to him by June 28, 2014.

Presentation Outline:

- Project Components
- Project Timeline
- Creating Flexible Streets
- Woolwich/Wellington/Macdonell
- Built Form Standards

- Mill Street District
- Resources

General discussion took place and David DeGroot was available to respond to questions from RSAC.

3. Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund Update and Next Steps

Eric Wilson advised on the following:

- Successful planting was done on May 24 and May 31, 2014
 - 650 shrubs and trees
 - 360 herbaceous plugs
 - Focus on Silvercreek Park
- Fall Project in Riverside Park (late September/early October)
 - Working with Rory Templeton
- Need to do a progress report in August. Eric and Kiran will work on this together.

4. Open Guelph

Item was Deferred.

5. Niska Road Bridge – Laura Murr

Laura Murr provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Niska Road Bridge.

Laura Murr noted the following:

- RSAC should be circulated the alternatives/options for review early in the process
- Believes there is cultural heritage value

General discussion took place and RSAC requests that the Niska Bridge EA Project be brought to RSAC for review. Adele indicated that she would pass this message on to April Nix, the Environmental Planner who is working on this file.

3. Committee Updates/Other Business

1. Next Meeting

It was requested that RSAC be polled to see what date was preferable to meet- August or September. Adele will send out an email to poll members of meeting date preference.

2. Other Business

Adele provided an update on the Guidelines for the Preparation of Environmental Impact Studies. This is a guideline for the Development Community so they are aware of what requirements are needed for EIS submissions. Adele will send a link to the document for review. Please provide

	<p>comments to Adele by August 15, 2014. Adele asked RSAC if they wished to be circulated the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Implementation Report (EIR) for the 5 Arthur Street site for comment. RSAC wished to receive the report. Adele will distribute the material and RSAC has 4 weeks to review. Jeremy Shute asked for a volunteer to coordinate and collate RSAC comments.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Adoption of February 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Moved by Mariette Pushkar and seconded by Stan Kozak “To approve the minutes as amended.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p> <p>Adoption of March 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Moved by Ian McCormick and seconded by Nicola Lower “To approve the minutes as amended.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Next meeting of RSAC will be September 17, 2014</p>