

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM C
MINUTES**

Present: K. McNeill (Chair) Y. Roy
H. Wheeler M. Mosco
C. Oaks M. Wilson
L. Renzetti S. Jobber

Regrets: N. Yap

City: P. Patel, A. Nix, A. Watts, M. Ursic (Beacon Environmental)

External Groups: Tara Brenton, NRSI
Kevin Brousseau, Stantec
David Stephenson, NRSI
Matt Nelson, GM Blue Plan
Chris Simms, GM Blue Plan
Pam Kraft, Fusion Homes
Astrid Clos, AJC Planning
Andrew Lambden, Applicant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Call and Certification of Quorum

Attendance was noted and a quorum was declared.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None

4. 55-75 Cityview EIR

M. Ursic from Beacon Environmental reviewed the EIR and prepared the staff report on behalf of the City of Guelph, and was available to answer questions from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

T. Brenton, Project Manager from NRSI, reviewed the staff report and overall they accept the comments and suggested motion. She provided further clarification around tree compensation, restoration and mossy boulders.

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

Comments from EAC:

- Need for stronger language around the need to salvage native wetland plants from non-provincially significant ELC Unit SWTM2-1 and install them in the protected PSW / buffer / restoration area
- Include summary table for the monitoring
- Make environmental stewardship insert more engaging and the language more accessible to people with less technical knowledge of the subject matter

Moved by H. Wheeler and seconded by Y. Roy.

“THAT an Addendum to the EIR is provided, to the satisfaction of the City, that includes:

- The updated tree compensation numbers for the 451 trees to be removed that require compensation;
- The actual landscape plans for the Open Space / Restoration Area that illustrate how this compensation will be implemented;
- Confirmation that the “mossy boulders” are “ethically sourced” or that they will not be used;
- An alternate seed mix to replace the “Native Prairie Meadow Mix” identified in Drawings L2A and L2B;
- A monthly water balance for both the wetland and ephemeral watercourse;
- Clarification on the frequency and duration of terrestrial monitoring (i.e., every second year for a period of five years);
- A more complete suite of water quality monitoring parameters.
- Summary table with monitoring commitments during and post construction to include frequency and protocols; and
- Plan for a bio-salvage to be undertaken to relocate plants from the non-PSW to the restoration area associated with the PSW.”

**Motion Carried
-Unanimous-**

5. Harts Farm (Subdivision) EIS

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

Comments from EAC:

- Clarification of the retention of large Oak and plan for the park space
- What type of monitoring for the crayfish? Flagging it at this point, to be determined at the EIR stage
- Discussion around the removal of trees on the north east side to facilitate an off road trail, revised tree plan to include potential hazards

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- Discussion around alternative SWM systems, increased evapotranspiration as the best way to mitigate excess volume that hasn't been addressed

David Stephenson from NRSI provided a background of the application and commented on various aspects of the staff report. Overall, NRSI is in agreement with the City comments.

- Will include further detail regarding seepages
- Fish habitat provided that confirms cooling approach
- Spreader swales, will provide more information- at EIR will be looking at the location
- Lack of direction from the MNR regarding barn swallows. Will include 1 year post move monitoring
- Agreement with trail comments
- Looking at passive monitoring of Crayfish
- Clarification about the park- it's oversized to accommodate the oak as the ground under the oak is a steeper slope then what Parks wanted. It is planned to be a neighbourhood park

Comments from EAC:

- Discussion about SWM pond location directly beside a wetland and discharge without quantity control. Discussion of alternative methods.
- Discussion about barn swallow nesting structures and maintenance
- EIR should track impacts to amphibians

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Moved by C. Oakes and seconded by M. Wilson.

“THAT the outstanding staff concerns as set out in the staff report are addressed, and that the stormwater management approach be reviewed by the applicant, City and the GRCA to address concerns regarding necessity of quantity control measures and consider alternatives including several distributed bio retention vegetation units to enhance water quality and evapotranspiration (water balance) opportunities in place of a stormwater management pond.

Provide clarity on the overall functionality of the overall proposed stormwater management system as it pertains water volumes entering the wetland.

THAT the following is incorporated into the recommendations for the EIR:

- That a monitoring program for terrestrial crayfish be completed concurrently with the post construction vegetation monitoring program;
- That the proposed water balance post construction monitoring be completed over the same timeframe as the revised post construction vegetation monitoring program (i.e. over a 5 year period);

- That the detailed design of the apartment block confirm that groundwater flows are maintained, if underground parking or other components would penetrate the water table;
- Preparation of a Salt Water Management plan (for Apartment Block 121 and Condominium Block 120) and that this is also to be incorporated into the declaration of future plans of condominium;
- Consideration for water quality monitoring of the wetland unit as part of the monitoring commitments in the EIR;
- Include the (re)design of Harts Lane, based on the analysis provided in the EIS addendum and that this include clarification regarding requirements under LRIA;
- Include information (e.g. maintenance requirements) and monitoring plans (if applicable) regarding any further requirements in relation to species at risk (barn swallow) required by the MNR.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

6. Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2015

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

“To accept the minutes as amended.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

7. Correspondence & Information

- Prachi circulated files- Guelph Turf Grass EIS TOR, 60 Arkell EIR

8. Other Business

Moved by C. Oakes, Seconded by L. Renzetti.

“Y. Roy is the interim Chair for next meeting. Election to be held in November.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

- EAC requested for orientation related to City of Guelph’s Stormwater Management and Monitoring programs. City Environmental Planning Staff to request and invite City Engineering Department to make the associated presentation.

9. Next Meeting- October 14, 2015

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Moved by Y. Roy and seconded by C. Oakes.

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

CHAIRMAN