

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM C  
MINUTES**

**Present:** C. Oakes (Chair) A. Mason  
L. Renzetti V. Capmourteres  
L. Todd

**Regrets:** A. Miller, A. Singh, A. Baron, M. Wilson

**City:** A. Nix, A. Labbe, M. Myhill

**External Groups:** Kristen Harrison – WSP  
Chris Lorenz – WSP  
Tara Brenton – NRSI  
Jennifer McCarter – NRSI

**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. 78 & 82 Eastview Road EIS TOR**

A. Labbe, City of Guelph Environmental Planner, provided a summary of the staff report and was available to answer questions from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Discussion with WSP:

- A presentation was provided to the Committee
- Clarified that MMM is now WSP, so they have access to previous work done on the site
- The Site backs onto large natural heritage area as well as a pollinator park
- Not in the TOR, but ELC done previously which indicates a rare ELC community
- Clarification around milksnake protocol as it was not addressed in response to comments – will look at the recommendation and consider transects
- Discussion around surveys for terrestrial crayfish and where they were found previously
- Data can be used as baseline for monitoring in the future

- The groundwater study was not done from the beginning – suitable information is available but aware that it may be requested

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

Moved by L. Todd and seconded by L. Renzetti,

AMENDMENT

Moved by A. Mason, L. Renzetti,

**The Environmental Advisory Committee conditionally supports the EIS Terms of Reference for 78-82 Eastview Road, prepared by WSP, providing a revised EIS TOR is provided which includes:**

- **Proper legislative and policy references;**
- **Clarification as it relates to the field study program including information relating to spring ephemeral vegetation, amphibian breeding habitat, raptors (wintering and nesting), **terrestrial crayfish habitat**, snake habitat, habitats for species of conservation of concern (including monarch butterfly, yellow banded bumble bee) and habitats for significant species using methodologies that are supported by the Guelph District MNRF, where applicable;**
- **Clarification that the EIS will also include an evaluation of Habitat for Significant Species, as applicable and that this be carried into the impact assessment;**
- **Clarification that the EIS will also include a tree inventory and related analysis for protection enhancement and restoration of trees forming part of the City’s urban forest;**
- **Consideration for the protection of groundwater functions including recharge through site-specific hydrogeological investigations **including infiltration testing** to inform the application;**
- **Incorporates the development of a stormwater management approach that achieves a pre to post water balance for the site and surrounding natural areas using low impact development techniques as part of the EIS and supporting technical studies;**
- **Incorporates a buffer analysis and seeks opportunities for enhancement and restoration; and**
- **Incorporates a proposed trail network into the development and undertake an impact analysis for the proposed alignment which considers mitigation techniques;**
- **That a member of the OALA complete the trail and park planning requirements of the EIS outlined in points 16 and 17 of the Staff Report dated January 10, 2018.**

**Motion Carried  
-Unanimous-**

**5. Paisley Park TOR**

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

General Discussion:

- Discussion around intentions for the park – it will be a neighbourhood park which is not being planned by the developer
- Discussion around connectivity between woodlots (0 Paisley and this site)
- Clarification around trail proposal – would be a public walkway to connect through the site to the park from an urban design perspective.

Discussion with NRSI:

- No concerns addressing staff comments
- Aware that a hydrogeological study needs to take place, but not confirmed who will be doing this yet
- Active agricultural land – likely no hibernacula, but has not studied the wooded area yet
- Amphibian surveys will be considered
- Clarification around significant wildlife habitat
- Concerns about cancellation of significant wildlife habitat analysis prior to doing studies
- Discussion around buffers and as this borders two municipalities

Moved by L. Renzetti, seconded by V. Capmourteres,

**The Environmental Advisory Committee conditionally supports the EIS Terms of Reference for Paisley Park, prepared by NRSI subject to the following:**

**THAT a revised EIS TOR is provided which includes:**

- **Clarification that the supporting hydrogeological study design incorporate a combination of monitoring wells and piezometers both along the woodland/wetland feature edge and within the feature to be able to assess existing hydrological functions and conditions;**
- **The EIS and supporting studies will assess and determine whether the wetland feature is internally draining in order to inform the characterization of the feature and its functions as well as the corresponding impact analysis.**
- **Clarification as it relates to the field study program regarding the need for amphibian studies for the wetland;**
- **Identification of Opportunities for protection, enhancement and restoration of trees within the Urban Forest as part of the EIS.**

**Motion Carried  
-Unanimous-**

**6. Correspondence & Information**

None

**7. Other Business**

- **2018 meeting dates and membership**
- **NHAP – register to attend workshops**

**8. Next Meeting-** February 14, 2018

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Moved by L. Renzetti and seconded by L. Todd,

**Motion Carried  
-Unanimous-**

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**CHAIRMAN**