

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM C
MINUTES**

Present: G. Drewitt (Chair) E. Stahl
C. Parent S. Lohnes
B. Mungall M. Gillen
R. Park

Regrets: K. O'Reilly, E. Blenkhorn

Staff: A. Labbé, V. Laur

External Groups: Valerie Stevenson, Natural Resource Solutions Inc.
Nyssa Clubine, Natural Resource Solutions Inc.
Helmuth Strobel, Coletara Development
Hugh Whiteley

1. Watson and Starwood Node Environmental Impact Study Terms of Reference

A. Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, provided a brief overview of the subject property and reviewed the staff report.

Valerie Stevenson, from Natural Resource Solutions Inc., spoke to the staff report comments and agreed to revise and address staff comments as outlined in the document.

Helmuth Strobel, from Coletara Development, spoke to comment #7 of the staff report expressing concern with respect to the appropriateness of incorporating a public trail through a private site.

The floor was opened to delegations.

Delegation:

Hugh Whiteley provided background information on the site and noted the following:

- Carefully review the scope of the EIS in view of the absence of a fully comprehensive subwatershed study.
- Include considerations of opportunities to connect to, extend and enhance the environmental corridors of Watson and Clyde Creeks.
- Include consideration of further naturalization of stormwater pond to better connect to and protect Clyde Creek.

- Take into account recent studies of Clythe Creek and of the effect of a buried valley on groundwater flow.

General discussion took place and the Environmental Advisory Committee commented on the following:

- Address recent studies of Clythe Creek, specifically the potential influence of buried valleys on the movement of groundwater and the Grand River Source Protection Area Approved Assessment Report.
- Incorporate relevant background information and address recommendations from the Clythe Creek subwatershed overview.

Moved by M. Gillen and seconded by C. Parent

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee support the EIS Terms of Reference prepared by NRSI for the Watson and Starwood Mixed-Use Node with the following:

That the EIS ToR shall be revised to the satisfaction of City Staff to include the following main items:

- Incorporate relevant background information and address recommendations from the Clythe Creek Subwatershed overview;
- Clarification as to what is being referred to as an inclusion;
- Provision for the functional assessment of the drainage swale and system;
- Confirmation of the woodland limit in the field by City staff;
- Incorporation of comments from the GRCA;
- An analysis of trail routes based on information provided by Parks Planning;
- An additional Component: Restoration, Enhancement and Stewardship Opportunities;
- Address recent studies of Clythe Creek, specifically the potential influence of buried valleys on the movement of groundwater (i.e. Cole et al. 2009 Hydrogeology Journal 17:1411-1425) and Grand River Source Protection Area Approved Assessment Report. Potential hydrogeological impacts (i.e. to the municipal well, the natural heritage features and functions of the surface/groundwater interactions) of the proposed development should be assessed in the EIS by a Hydrogeologist.”

**Motion Carried
-Unanimous-**

2. New EAC Member Introductions:

A. Labbé introduced E. Stahl as a new member to the the Environmental Advisory Committee.

3. Other Business

- A. Labbé provided the Conflict of Interest Act to EAC. EAC discussed drafting a statement of policy around this item. G. Drewitt will prepare a draft statement and circulate to EAC members for review.
- C. Parent advised the he and S. Lohnes have drafted an outline for EIS ToR Guidelines. These may possibly be distributed by the next meeting.
- A. Labbé circulated 1897 Gordon Street and will put the digital document on the City’s web site.
- M. Gillen announced she will be resigning from the EAC Committee.

4. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2012

Moved by C. Parent and seconded by R. Park –

“To accept the minutes as printed.”

Motion Carried

1 member abstained

5. Next Meeting

March 13, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN