

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM C
MINUTES**

Present: K. McNeill (Chair) S. Jobber
H. Wheeler N. Yap
C. Oaks M. Mosco

Regrets: Y. Roy

City: P. Patel, M. Ursic (Beacon Environmental), V. Laur

External Groups: Hugh Handy, GSP Group
Tara Brenton, NRSI
Pam Kraft, Fusion Homes
Hugh Whiteley, LRG3
Charles Cecile, Delegate

1. Call to Order

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

2. Call and Certification of Quorum

Attendance was noted and a quorum was declared.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None

P. Patel, new interim Environmental Planner – Development with the City of Guelph, was introduced to the Committee.

4. 55-75 Cityview Road Environmental Implementation Report Terms of Reference

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

T. Brenton from NRSI advised they were satisfied with the comments from the staff report and noted the following:

- Trail Alignment – suggested the confirmed conceptual trail alignment be incorporated into the EIR and not provided to the City as a separate addendum.

The consultants were available to respond to questions from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

K. McNeill confirmed the intent of EAC's original direction related to monitoring - that two different types of monitoring (i.e., of the restoration area and the wetland itself) were to be undertaken.

The floor was opened to delegations.

Delegation:

Charles Cecile provided the following comments:

- Monitoring plots – good to have in wetlands
- Importance of accurate baseline data for plants in the EIS – errors in plant list were noted
- Include an updated plant list based on Native Guelph's comments as per the October 8th 2014 EAC Meeting
- It is important to know how the wetland is to be affected
- Trail alignment should consider the location of any locally rare plant species and also be considered as an opportunity to manage invasive species

Delegation:

Hugh Whiteley, with LRG3 provided the following comments:

- The 55 and 75 Cityview Development application is currently under appeal
- The Clythe Creek Overview Study (1998) – provided important context and recommendations for this site, including the need to preserve the wetland
- Recognition of disturbance on 78 Starwood, and how this may relate to protection of the wetland
- Provided some information on the local hydrology / hydrogeology

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

Moved by H. Wheeler and seconded by N. Yap

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee accept the Environmental Implementation Report (EIR) Terms of Reference prepared by Natural Resource Solutions Inc. for 55 and 75 Cityview Drive with the following conditions:

- That the proposed vegetation monitoring plots are located both within the area between the natural feature buffer and rear lot lines, and within the protected wetland communities.
- That an EIS Addendum identifying the final proposed trail alignment be provided to the satisfaction of the City prior to submission of the EIR.
- That an updated plant list (identified to species) is produced based on Nature Guelph's comments and that GPS locations of significant species are provided.”

**Motion Carried
-Unanimous-**

5. Correspondence and Information

- Victoria Park Village has been delayed.
- Distribution of Materials –
 - N. Yap asked for electronic materials only.
 - EIR/EIS's – hard copies will be delivered

6. Other Business

- Election of Vice Chair -
 - H. Wheeler (6 months) – May 2015 to October 2015
 - C. Oaks (6 months) – November 2015 to April 2016
- Cumulative Impacts Discussion
 - K. McNeill will provide notes to V. Laur for circulation.

7. Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2015

Moved by M. Mosco and seconded by N. Yap –

“To accept the minutes as printed.”

**Motion Carried
-Unanimous-**

8. Next Meeting

June 10, 2015.

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

CHAIRMAN