

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 08, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM C
MINUTES**

Present: S. Lohnes (Chair) E. Stahl
E. Blenkhorn K. O'Reilly
C. Parent B. Mungall

Regrets: R. Park

Staff: A. Labbé, V. Laur

External Groups: Nancy Shoemaker, Black, Shoemaker, Robinson and Donaldson
Gerry Armstrong, Victoria Wood
Ken Behm, K. J. Behm & Associates

1. EAC Members Vote for New Chair and Vice-Chair

S. Lohnes was voted the new Chair for EAC and E. Stahl was voted Vice Chair for EAC.

C. Parent declared a conflict of interest on the 246 Arkeil Road Environmental Implementation Report agenda item.

2. 246 Arkeil Road Environmental Implementation Report

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

Chris Parent, from North-South Environmental Inc., reviewed the staff comments and noted the following:

Staff Comment #1 – Tree Compensation: NSE indicated that:

- City policy is in flux.
 - OPA 42 – increased emphasis on compensation – under appeal, so not in effect
 - UFMP – doesn't have specific compensation calculations
- Proposed compensation numbers in EIR were arrived at by looking at previous compensation approaches which did not include compensation for non-natives.
- Discussed Manitoba Maple specifically, and how it is considered by some to be non-native and how it exhibits invasive tendencies.

Staff Comment #2 – Noted, to be added to ESC.

Staff Comment #3 – Joint Utilities Plan will be overlaid on tree plan. C. Parent distributed revised landscape plans and advised some trees have been shifted to try to prevent conflict with utilities plan.

Staff Comment #4 – Noted.

Staff Comment #5 – Noted, will provide educational signage.

Staff Comment #6 – Noted.

Staff Comment #7 – Noted.

Staff Comment #8 – Noted.

Staff Comment #9 – Noted. Consultant is still waiting for comments from Parks Planning and GRCA.

General discussion took place and the consultants were available to respond to questions and hear feedback from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

C. Parent advised that there are 113 trees on site. Of these, Thirty-two are native trees in fair to excellent condition.

C. Parent proposed no compensation for the Manitoba Maple or Apple trees based on compensation guidelines accepted by the City of Guelph in recent Environmental Impact Studies, OPA 42 not being in effect and lack of specific City compensation requirements. He suggested precedence should be used for compensation to this point until policies are in place.

Moved by K. O'Reilly and seconded by E. Blenkhorn

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee support the EIR prepared by North-South Environmental Inc. for 246 Arkell Road with the following condition:

That the following items are provided:

- Compensation for non-native trees in fair to excellent condition;
- A Joint Utilities Plan;
- Educational signage for the SWMP;
- Clarification that the proponent is responsible for the monitoring plan;
- Homeowner information;
- Address forthcoming Parks Planning and GRCA comments.”

Motion Carried

3. Other Business

a) New Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review Public Steering Committee

A. Labbé advised that an EAC Member is desired to sit on the Steering Committee. Contact Vivian De Giovanni at 519-822-1260 ext. 2090 if you are interested or require more information.

E. Stahl expressed an interest in the Steering Committee and will contact Vivian to enquire about time commitment etc.

b) EIS ToR Guideline Progress Report from all Members

A. Labbé advised on the following items:

- Staff has been working on the EIS ToR Guideline Draft Document
- Have added a Table “Screening for Known or Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat”
- Have begun a flowchart to map the process
- Have received the draft EIS Guidelines for the Hydrogeology and Hydrology from E. Stahl
- Have received the draft EIS Guidelines for the ELC and Flora survey from K. O’Reilly
- Have received the draft EIS Guidelines for Aquatics from R. Park. A. Labbé will forward to EAC for review
- Completed sections are to be forwarded to A. Labbé

c) Notice of Commencement(s) – Municipal Projects

- Speedvale Avenue Improvements – EA for road improvements and bridge replacement
- Green Meadow Park Flood Protection Facility – EA Study to construct a stormwater management facility within Green Meadow Park
- Niska Road Improvements from Ptarmigan Drive to the City Limits including Bridge Replacement over the Speed River – EA Study for proposed improvements to Niska Road from Ptarmigan Drive to the City limits including replacement of the existing Bailey bridge over the Speed River.

All are welcome to attend the public meetings

d) Two Rivers Festival

This is the second year of the Two Rivers Festival to celebrate the Speed and Eramosa rivers that meet in the City of Guelph. The festival begins June 9-16, 2013. E. Stahl advised she will be speaking on a panel on health of river, groundwater etc. Go to <http://www.2riversfestival.org/> for more information.

e) Updates and Upcoming Files

- EIS submission for 5 Arthur Street -
 - Still waiting for more information and Breeding Bird Surveys.
- EIS Addendum for Victoria Park Village -
 - Possibility for June Meeting

f) Other

- EAC Membership – We have received applications for 2 open positions. We may have new EAC members for the June EAC Meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2013

Moved by E. Stahl and seconded by K. O'Reilly –

“To accept the minutes as amended.

- In agenda item #2 - 5 Arthur Street EIS Terms of Reference. Paragraph 6 (general discussion) first bullet point, delete the word *Conservation*.”

Motion Carried

1 member abstained

5. Next Meeting

June 12, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN