

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM C
MINUTES**

Present: E. Stahl (Chair) Y. Roy
B. Mungall K. McNeill
G. Johnstone
R. Park

Regrets: S. Lohnes, E. Blenkhorn, C. Parent

Staff: A. Labbé, V. Laur, R. Ellerman

External Groups: Shari Muscat, Stantec Consulting Ltd.
Shawn Keeper, Dunsire Developments
Yousif Kazandji, Dunsire Developments
Kevin Moniz, Kam Engineering.
Todd Fell, Dougan & Associates
Krista Walkey, Stantec Consulting Ltd.
Hugh Whiteley, LRG3
Judy Martin, Sierra Club of Canada
Charles Cecile, Nature Guelph

1. Stormwater Management Facility Maintenance Practices

R. Ellerman, Engineering Technologist with the City of Guelph, gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on Stormwater Management Sediment Removal Protocol.

Some highlights noted from the presentation include:

Presentation Outline

- Capital Work
- Best Management Practices
- Previous Projects
 - 2010 – 2 Ponds – Carrington Drive and portion of the N/W drainage channel
 - 2011 – 1 Pond – Brady Lane
 - 2012 – 1 Pond – Cold Point Subdivision
- Future Stormwater Management Projects
 - Ongoing stormwater management funding study
 - Update to Stormwater Facility Inventory Assessment and Maintenance Needs Plan

General discussion took place and R. Ellerman was available to respond to questions and hear feedback from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

B. Mungall asked if channels should be included in the maintenance plan. R. Ellerman advised she would look into this request.

It was noted that EAC would like to receive a brief one page of written text outlining general practice on wildlife rescue.

2. 24, 26, 28 & 32 Landsdown Drive

A. Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, reviewed the background and described the proposal on the subject property.

Yousif Kazandji, from Dunsire Developments, introduced the consulting team working on the file and the consultants spoke to comments in the staff report.

It was determined that some items need to be further discussed with City staff.

General discussion took place and EAC noted the following:

- Identify Carex to species
- Mean Coefficient of Conservatism were low – if non-natives are included, please indicate
- Check over species list as some Mean Coefficient of Conservatism are incorrect
- Page numbers and Appendices do not line up
- Review plant names for accuracy
- For large Tables, repeat the headings on each page

The floor was opened to delegations.

Delegation:

Charles Cecile with Nature Guelph provided the following comments:

- A 3 season survey should be done.
- Do breeding bird surveys.
- The current Compensation Plan Plant List has a lot of species not native to this area. Only use native plant list to this area.
- Date of TOR Review by EAC was December 2013 which is coincident with the EIS Report Date.

Moved by Y. Roy and seconded by K. McNeill

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee defer the Scoped Environmental Impact Study prepared by Dougan and Associates until such time:

- That it is demonstrated that there are no negative impacts to the PSW and SWH;
- That an alternative SWM plan is considered and groundwater elevations are confirmed;
- That the limits of Significant Woodlands are confirmed;
- That opportunity for tree retention is further examined and an appropriate compensation plan is provided;
- That recommendations with respect to monitoring are provided;
- That an appropriate trail alignment is recommended;
- That a minimum 2 season Botanical Study (Spring/Summer) be included; and
- That Nature Guelph comments be addressed and rationale be provided.”

**Motion Carried
-Unanimous-**

R. Park declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item #3 - 781 Victoria Road South (formerly 50 Stone Road East)

3. 781 Victoria Road South (formerly 50 Stone Road East)

Shari Muscat, from Stantec Consulting Ltd. reviewed the document that was distributed to EAC members titled “Significant Woodland Delineation Response”.

Shari Muscat noted the following:

- Significant Woodland: considering its proximity to the FOM it would be considered part of the significant woodland
- Removal of the Trembling Aspen community won’t impact the SW
- Buffer area represents an area to offset the loss – loss 0.06 ha
– buffer 0.13

General discussion took place and the consultant was available to respond to questions from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

The floor was opened to delegations.

Delegation:

Charles Cecile with Nature Guelph provided the following comments:

- Opposed development.

- The development is next to a nature reserve and residential developments can impact woodlands.
- 20 metres is not adequate for a wetland buffer
- Didn't undertake reptile surveys

E. Stahl noted Hugh Whiteley's written submitted comments to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

General discussion took place and EAC noted the following:

- Chloride concerns – there will eventually be impacts to the municipal well.
- Should consider having the Condominium Corporation use alternatives to salt.
- Put a long term management plan in place i.e. education in the neighbourhood.
- Buffer enhancement plan – design to also minimize encroachment
- The EIR to include a monitoring plan addressing encroachment in to the natural feature.

Moved by B. Mungall and seconded by G. Johnstone

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee support the Environmental Impact Study Addendum prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd., subject to the following conditions:

- That a revised report be provided which address the remaining concerns outlined by City staff and the GRCA.

AND

- That an EIR be undertaken which addresses the recommendations of the EIS;
- That SWM and hydrogeology, including groundwater level monitoring results, be integrated into the EIR; and
- That the monitoring plan to be developed in the EIR, be developed in partnership with the University of Guelph Arboretum staff”
- That the proponent engage Waterworks in trail/long term needs beyond the site boundaries;
- That the EIR addresses long term management needs of the sensitivity of the site;
- That the Buffer Enhancement Plan be designed to minimize encroachment; and
- That the EIR report includes a monitoring plan addressing encroachment into the natural features.”

Motion Carried

1 member abstained

4. Correspondence and Informationa) Upcoming Applications

- 66 Eastview EIR
- 78 Starwood Resubmission
- Curling Club Application

5. Other Business

- EAC Symposium May 3, 2014
 - Adele and Yvette attended the Symposium. Check out Oshawa and Burlington's web site to see what they accomplish with their EAC.
- E. Stahl advised the Solid Waste Management Committee has ended and the final report will be out soon.
- B. Mungall advised there will be one more meeting of the Storm Water Management Committee after the Municipal Election.

6. Approval of Minutes from April 09, 2014

Moved by K. McNeill and seconded by R. Park –

“To accept the minutes as printed.”

**Motion Carried
-Unanimous-**

7. Next Meeting

June 11, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN