

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM C
MINUTES**

Present: R. Park (Chair) Y. Roy
B. Mungall K. McNeill
S. Lohnes C. Parent
E. Blenkhorn

Regrets: E. Stahl, G. Johnstone,

Staff: A. Labbé, V. Laur

External Groups: Nancy Shoemaker, Black, Shoemaker, Robinson and Donaldson
Tonya Lonsdale, Braun Consulting Engineers Ltd.
Sal Spitale, North-South Environmental Inc.
Paul F. Puopolo, Polocorp Inc.
Paul Douglas, MTE Consultants
Rebecca Hay, MMM Group

C. Parent declared a conflict of interest on Agenda item #1 – 816 Woolwich Street – Natural Heritage Review.

1. 816 Woolwich Street – Natural Heritage Review

A. Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, reviewed the staff report.

Sal Spitale, from North-South Environmental Inc. provided a brief description of the site and advised that the site does not have any natural features except for the hedgerow.

Sal Spitale also noted the following:

- A Breeding Bird Survey has been done.
- There is an opportunity to retain the hedgerow.
- There are no impacts of runoff.
- Staff comments can be addressed.

Nancy Shoemaker, from Black, Shoemaker, Robinson and Donaldson advised there will be a 15m buffer between the townhouse/hedgerow.

General discussion took place and K. McNeill requested that a map be included with the ELC of the wetland.

Moved by B. Mungall and seconded by Y. Roy

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee conditionally support the Natural Heritage Review prepared by North South Environmental, with the following conditions:

That the Natural Heritage Review be rebranded as a Scoped EIS and revised to include:

- a) Species-at-Risk Screening utilizing appropriate background sources such as NHIC and in consultation with the MNR.
- b) Confirmation that there are no potential impacts to the PSW as a result of the proposed SWM and Servicing Plan as described in the Functional Servicing Report undertaken by Braun Consulting.
- c) Confirmation that the existing buffer width (which includes the entire City-owned lands) is adequate to protect the long-term integrity of the PSW.
- d) A detailed Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan which seeks to preserve the northern hedgerow as well as mature trees in good condition throughout the site and most particularly the mature, individual trees located north of proposed Building A.“

Motion Carried

1 member abstained

E. Blenkhorn declared a conflict of interest on Agenda item #2 – 66 Eastview Road – Environmental Implementation Report.

2. 66 Eastview Road – Environmental Implementation Report

A. Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, reviewed the staff report.

Rebecca Hay, from MMM Group spoke to comments in the staff report and advised on the following:

1. Site Plan Change at Carter Drive
 - Carter Drive – will deal with at a later stage.
2. Wetland Water Balance and Stormwater Management
 - Wetland – Key issues are wetland water balance.
 - Lake bank sedge – does have tolerance to fluctuations.
 - Monitoring Program – are waiting for comments from GRCA and will then be able to finalize further.
3. Biological and Surface Water Monitoring Protocol and Baseline Data
 - Normally look at 2 year time frame.
 - Will work with the GRCA and the City to come up with an appropriate monitoring plan

4. Trail Alignment

- Not much room, grading concerns
- Sediment basin would be in the same location of ultimate SWM.

5. Tree Conservation Plan

- Will sort out issue of owner/proponent shared trees
- Will work with the City for compensation plantings in the SWMP within Carter Park

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

C. Parent noted the following:

- Acknowledged Wetland Water Balance section and asked that it relates literature findings to what is on site.
- Page 5 – conditions for amphibians to breed will persist. Need to monitor water quality. Need Salt Management Plan
- Monitoring - Supports the idea of monitoring beyond 1 year post construction.
- That adaptive management for encroachment issues be included in the monitoring plan with particular emphasis on how these measures would be implemented (i.e. funded);
- Page 7 – Amphibian Surveys
 - Wood Frog/Leopard Frog have been identified. Suggests considering 1 or 2 more monitoring nights during early spring (total of 5 surveys).
 - Adaptive management of encroachment
- Page 8 – Monitoring Report – final report should be explicit in terms of effectiveness.

B. Mungall noted the following:

- Page 8 – Debris Clean Up - There are a lot of tires in the wetland and would like to see them removed.
- Suggested naturalization of trail sooner rather than later as this would suppress a lot of informal uses on the site.

Y. Roy noted that the Homeowner's Brochure is too technical and it needs to use language the general public can understand.

Moved by C. Parent and seconded by S. Lohnes

“That the Environmental Advisory Committee conditionally support the Environmental Implementation Report prepared by MMM, with the following conditions:

- That mini-piezometers are utilized in the monitoring plan;
- That water quality parameters are included in the monitoring plan;
- That the monitoring plan be minimum 3 year post-construction;

- That adaptive management for encroachment issues be included in the monitoring plan with particular emphasis on how these measures would be implemented (i.e. funded);
- That the Storm Water Management Pond adjacent to Carter Park be included as part of the restoration utilizing compensation trees, and
- That the Condominium Corporation prepare and implement a Salt Management Plan.”

Motion Carried

1 member abstained

3. Correspondence and Information

- A. Labbé advised OPA 42 was approved by the OMB June 4, 2014.
- A. Labbé advised the Arboretum contacted her and advised of two rare species of Dragonfly that were found (Painted Skimmer and Swamp Darner). RE: 781 Victoria Road site.

4. Other Business

Upcoming Applications

- A. Labbe distributed the following items:
- Draft EIS Terms of Reference Guidelines
 - Hart Property EIS and associated documents
 - Second distribution - W.C. Woods Property – 5 Arthur Street EIR Terms of Reference – Phase 1
 - S. Lohnes advised she has resigned from the EAC Committee effective immediately.

5. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2014

Moved by K. McNeill and seconded by Y. Roy –

“To accept the minutes as printed.”

**Motion Carried
-Unanimous-**

7. Next Meeting

July 16, 2014.

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

CHAIRMAN