

# MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	<b>River Systems Advisory Committee</b> November 18, 2015
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room C 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Nicola Lower (Chair), Eric Wilson, Ryan VanEngen, Beth Anne Fischer, Javier Acosta
STAFF PRESENT	April Nix, Prachi Patel, Abby Watts, Stacey Laughlin, Arun Hindurpur, Janet Sperling, Jyoti Pathak
MEMBERS ABSENT	April Wepler, Mariette Pushkar, Jeremy Shute, Ian McCormick

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll call and certification of quorum- met</li> <li>• Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan/MESP Terms of Reference:</b></p> <p>April Nix, City of Guelph Environmental Planner, presented the City Staff Report to the RSAC Committee.</p> <p>S. Laughlin, Senior Policy Planner and A. Hindupur, Infrastructure Planning Engineer with the City of Guelph provided a PowerPoint presentation to update RSAC on the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan terms of reference.</p> <p>S. Laughlin and A. Hindupur outlined the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed outline of terms of reference and detailed tasks</li> <li>• Presented the process outline/timeline; currently finalizing the terms of reference to bring to IDE Committee and Council in December</li> <li>• Reviewed the project phasing and points of contact with RSAC throughout the project</li> <li>• Outlined the next steps</li> </ul> <p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion regarding contracts and timing/funding</li> <li>• Important to keep the community involved in this project</li> </ul> <p><b>A.</b> In Committee Discussion</p>

	<p>Moved by Ryan VanEngen and seconded by Javier Acosta,</p> <p>THAT the River Systems Advisory Committee support the proposed Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan, Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Community Plan Draft Terms of Reference.</p> <p>THAT the City takes a precautionary approach to considering future development within the Clair-Maltby area, recognizing that the Clair-Maltby area is located on the Paris Galt Moraine, is a sensitive headwater area supporting Hanlon, Mill and Torrance Creeks and includes important natural heritage features and areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried Unanimous</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Speedvale Bridge Underpass and Multi-use Trail Linkage:</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> April Nix, City of Guelph Environmental Planner, presented the City Staff Report to the RSAC Committee.</p> <p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map of overall trail system</li> <li>• Definition of multi-use</li> <li>• extreme weather and trail durability</li> <li>• Restoration and enhancement opportunities</li> </ul> <p>Marc Garon-Nielsen, Landscape Architect, and Cheryl Anne Ross, Wildlife Ecologist, from Aboud &amp; Associates (consultants hired by the City) provided a brief presentation to address A. Nix’s comments in the Staff Report.</p> <p>Committee Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fish and habitat study for baseline data</li> <li>• Opportunities for enhancement and restoration (fish habitats)</li> <li>• Would like to see more of an ecosystem approach for improvements and enhancement of fish habitat</li> <li>• Discussion around existing hydrology and potential trail options</li> <li>• Structural assessment of retaining wall</li> </ul> <p><b>B.</b> In Committee Discussion</p> <p>Moved by Beth Anne Fischer and seconded by Ryan VanEngen,</p> <p>Staff recommends that the River System Advisory Committee conditionally support the Terms of Reference for an Environmental Impact Study prepared by Aboud and Associates for the Speedvale Bridge Underpass and Multi Use Trail Linkage Project, subject to the following being addressed:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional clarification be provided to staff regarding the proposed scope of wildlife studies as noted in the staff report;</li> <li>• That the MNRF be contacted in relation to requirements under the Endangered Species Act;</li> <li>• That fish and fish habitat are considered including consideration for surface water quality and quantity.</li> <li>• That the EIS include consideration of alternative trail alignments and also look at ways to avoid impacts, in addition to mitigating them as part of the evaluation of the alternatives;</li> <li>• The edge management recommendations be expanded to also include an examination of invasive species and the protection and enhancement of riparian functions of the river system, including enhancement and restoration opportunities for the River System including the river corridor; and,</li> <li>• That a holistic approach regarding the trail linkage and bridge construction also consider the long term need for the retaining wall.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried Unanimous</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal By-law Review</li> <li>• Trail Master Plan in budget for 2016</li> </ul> <p><b>Adoption of October 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes:</b></p> <p>Moved by Beth Ann Fischer and seconded by Eric Wilson. “To approve the minutes as amended.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried Unanimous</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>Motion to adjourn. Moved by Javier and seconded by Beth,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried Unanimous</p> <p>Adjourned 6:00 pm</p>