

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee July 29, 2015
LOCATION	City Hall - Meeting Room "B"
TIME	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Mariette Pushkar (Chair), Jeremy Shute, Ian McCormick, Eric Wilson, Javier Acosta, Beth Anne Fischer
EXTERNAL GROUPS	Caroline Baker, GSP Group Jessica Linton, Natural Resource Solutions Inc.
STAFF PRESENT	Prachi Patel, April Nix, Vaille Laur
MEMBERS ABSENT	Nicola Lower, April Weppler, Ryan VanEngen

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roll call and certification of quorum - Attendance was noted and quorum was declared ▪ Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None ▪ Review of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add Niska Road Letter Discussion ▪ Add Speedvale Bridge – Other proposed pedestrian crossings
2	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>1. Homewood Severances IES</p> <p>P. Patel, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, reviewed the staff report and was available to respond to questions from the River Systems Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Caroline Baker from GSP Group gave a brief overview on the planning background in regards to the Homewood Health Care Centre application.</p> <p>Jessica Linton from Natural Resource Solutions Inc. spoke to the EIS process undertaken thus far and spoke to the staff report. Jessica Linton proposed some wording revisions to the motion for RSAC's consideration.</p> <p>The RSAC went into committee to discuss the motion.</p> <p>Moved by Ian McCormick and seconded by Jeremy Shute</p>

“That the River System Advisory Committee conditionally support the Environmental Impact Study prepared by NRSI Inc. for 148-160 Delhi Street subject to the following:

That a revised EIS be provided to the satisfaction of the City Staff which includes:

- A revised mapping which includes the features based on PPS and Guelph’s policy framework;

That a Detailed Erosion and Sediment Control Plan supported by an Erosion and Sediment Control Report in accordance with the GRCA adopted Erosion and Sediment Control Guideline for Urban Construction (2006) and consideration of Low Impact Development (LID) measures be considered and submitted as part of future development application and associated environmental and engineering studies;

That any new trail alignment be supported by an EIS;

That potential building envelopes and restoration areas are identified in the consent application. Through updated mapping clarifying that proposed development areas also be considered as potential restoration/compensation areas; and

That detailed cumulative impact analyses for any future development applications would be undertaken and restoration and compensation opportunities be identified.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

2. Clair Maltby Secondary Plan/MESP

A. Nix, Environmental Planner – Policy with the City of Guelph provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Clair Maltby Secondary Plan and spoke to the project process outline and the terms of reference.

A. Nix advised that City staff is seeking input from the River Systems Advisory Committee to assist with the following:

1. Initial thoughts, ideas and feedback about studies/study scope that the City should consider when developing the Terms of Reference;
2. Appointment of a member(s) to participate as an RSAC Representative at a facilitated focus group meeting(s) in late August/early September and bring further ideas and information back to the rest of the Committee.

General discussion took place and City staff was available to respond to questions from the Committee.

The River Systems Advisory Committee went into committee to discuss a motion.

	<p>Moved by Jeremy Shute and seconded by Beth Anne Fischer</p> <p>“That the River System Advisory Committee support the development of a detailed Terms of Reference for the Clair Maltby Secondary Plan and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint Javier Acosta and Jeremy Shute as representatives to participate in a facilitated focus group meeting to be held in late August/early September. • Recommend staff consider the following in the development of an initial draft Terms of Reference document for the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Updating existing recommendations, models and information from the existing Mill Creek, Torrance Creek and Hanlon Creek subwatershed studies (as applicable); b. Assess the existing information regarding the Natural Heritage System to identify potential information gaps and mapping refinements; c. Completing wildlife surveys and a landscape/study area level analysis to inform decision making in relation to wildlife habitat, wildlife movement and ecological linkage functions, as well as potential habitats for Species At Risk; d. Consideration of impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat from development pressure and human interactions e. Scoping of a storm water management approach that utilizes an integrated water management approach and maintains hydrological and hydrogeological functions; and, f. Consideration of surface water and ground water functions and interactions in relation to drinking water supply and nearby ground water fed water ways and wetlands, including protection of headwater stream functions. g. Considers long term land use changes and impacts to the study area and will enable development of recommendations and policies to address these changes and possible negative impacts. h. A soil quality study to inform land use potential. • Request that the Committee be circulated a draft of the Terms of Reference for review and comment and that staff bring an additional report to collect feedback and comments from the Committee.”
3.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Motion to extend the meeting to 6:10.</p> <p>Moved by Jeremy Shute and seconded by Eric Wilson</p> <p>Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niska Road Letter Discussion <p>J. Shute drafted a letter to Brad Hamilton, Project Manager (and various City staff) from RSAC advising to bring the community and City together and look at improving the consultation process.</p>

	<p>M. Pushkar to forward the letter to P. Patel for distribution to City Staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speedvale Bridge – Other Proposed Pedestrian Crossings <p>A. Nix provided a brief update on the underpass of a pedestrian trail under the Speedvale Bridge and updated that Staff is looking for potential opportunities of underpass through a separate underpass project as 'Feasibility Design Study' which is as such subject to funding and Council approval.</p> <p>Other pedestrian bridge projects include the Crane Park Bridge and Emma Street crossing.</p> <p>RSAC noted that there is a need to ensure the Committee is involved in discussions on these bridges.</p>
4.	<p>Adoption of May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Moved by Jeremy Shute and seconded by Eric Wilson "To approve the minutes as written."</p> <p>Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
5.	<p>Next meeting of RSAC will be September 16, 2015</p>