

# MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	<b>River Systems Advisory Committee</b> October 15, 2014
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room "B" 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Jeremy Shute (Chair), Mariette Pushkar, Nicola Lower, Stan Kozak, Eric Wilson, Ian McCormick, Jo-Anne McDermott
STAFF PRESENT	Adele Labbé, Michelle Mercier
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mark Randall, Ryan VanEngen

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roll call and certification of quorum</li> <li>▪ Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None</li> <li>▪ Review of Agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Add Tree Planting Event</li> <li>▪ Add Signage</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Adoption of September 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes:</b></p> <p>Moved by Mariette Pushkar and seconded by Joanne McDermott,            “THAT the Minutes of September 17, 2014 be approved as written.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried            -1 member abstained-</p>
2	<p><b>Agenda:</b></p> <p><b>1. 5 Arthur St Environmental Implementation Study</b></p> <p>Adele Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the 5 Arthur St Environmental Implementation Study and provided some background of the site. Adele highlighted the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EIR needs to be approved prior to lifting of the H-zone for each phase</li> <li>- Would like more open areas at end of the road and plantings farther along the riverwalk</li> <li>- Would like to see more detail on the riverwalk plan</li> <li>- The City is looking for an easement and maintenance agreement for the riverwalk and will have sand and salting in winter. The salt management plan will come into effect here.</li> </ul>

Joanne McDermott provided the following comments:

- It would be very difficult to achieve naturalization, plant species need to be tough and have 4 season interest, there is a lack of conifers and would like to see some white spruce
- Concerns with the gravel strip beside and the iron railing on top of the retaining wall. Concern that the gravel strip will become a walkway, and need to look at the height of the retaining wall
- Would like to see the developer and City develop a theme for the riverwalk, there needs to be consistency between the theme, plantings, signage, etc.
- If the snow storage is being planned for the plant boxes, it will determine what type of plantings can go there.

Stan Kozak provided the following comments:

- RSAC had some discussions on panels and contents for the Trans Canada trail kiosk about 3 years ago and those discussions would apply here as well. Could look at those suggestions for suggestions for content for the Riverwalk signage.
- He doesn't see the pedestrian bridge location shown on the diagrams, how does that fit into the phasing?
- Concern with EIR implementation being over 8-12 years and would like to see sooner
- Would like to have no benching on the riverwall
- Would like to see 2 spots of river access, second access could be next to the parkette planned for phase 4
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Jeremy Shute provided the following comments

- LID – no infiltration due to contamination
- Asked if the oil and grit separators are next to parking?

Delegations

Pamela Kraft, Fusion Homes  
Melissa Strauss – Stantec  
Sherry Muscat – Stantec

Melissa Strauss, from Stantec highlighted some of the changes that have occurred since they were last at RSAC including:

- They will be providing an interim trail connection
- Tree preservation plan
- The chimney on site is currently capped but will be uncapped to allow for chimney swifts
- Adding more wildlife with bat and bird boxes
- Landscape plan – phase 1 will have pollinator garden
- Riverwalk – connecting everyone to river
- CPU for site – very specific requirements that need to be followed - specifically access to the site
- Have responded to comments in EIR
- They have provided a detailed design for phase 1 and a concept for the rest of phases
- The retaining wall will remain in the hands of the Condo Corporation and will not be the responsibility of the City. The retaining wall requires inspections two times per year
- Monitoring plan

Pamela Kraft, from Fusion Homes provided the following comments:

- They can't afford to complete the whole riverwalk at one time and will do each section of the

	<p>riverwalk when the phases are complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The parkette area planned in phase 4 is 300 sq m and will be for public use</li> </ul> <p>Sherry Muscat added that the EIR will have to be approved to remove the holding provision for the site and that an EIR review will be done at each site plan phase</p> <p>Stan Kosak left the meeting at 5:30 pm.</p> <p>Moved by Nicola Lower and seconded by Jo-anne McDermott</p> <p>“THAT based on this review, the River Systems Advisory Committee defers the Environmental Implementation Report prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. until such time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That a structural assessment is undertaken to the satisfaction of the City and to inform mitigation planning as it relates to surface water and fish habitat, as applicable;</li> <li>• That comprehensive design details are provided for the floodway zone (eg. Hardy native salt tolerant species and shallow root conifers);</li> <li>• That further work is undertaken regarding access to the river (ie. Location);</li> <li>• That detailed design of signage is provided;</li> <li>• That City staff’s comments are addressed to their satisfaction;</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the River Systems Advisory Committee’s recommendations are considered; including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ That RSAC recommends City Staff exploring enhancement of riparian vegetation buffer function, as future of the retaining wall is determined;</li> <li>○ That RSAC has a concern about the massing and angular plane in phases 4 and 5, and would request them to come back for review at the preliminary site plan stage;</li> <li>○ That a theme be developed for the riverwalk</li> <li>○ That grit removal and salt management plans be developed for the storm water management of the site”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Committee Updates/Other Business</b></p> <p><b>1. Other Business</b></p> <p>Eric Wilson announced that there will be a tree planting event on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at the York Rd park behind the Orthodox church. A rain date has been set for the following Sunday, Nov 2.</p> <p>Jeremy Shute advised that as a follow up from the last meeting that he still needs to draft the letter to City Departments with respect to RSAC’s role in projects affecting waterways.</p> <p>Jeremy Shute advised that he will discuss with Adele about some City contacts who may be able to assist in his plan to bring some signage to help bring awareness to creeks.</p>

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4.	<b>Adjournment</b>  Moved by Mariette Pushkar and seconded by Nicola Lower,  Adjourned 6:00 pm
5.	<b>Next meeting of RSAC will be December 17, 2014</b>