

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee September 17, 2014
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room "A" 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Jeremy Shute (Chair), Mariette Pushkar, Stan Kozak, Eric Wilson, , Mark Randall, Jo-Anne McDermott
STAFF PRESENT	Adele Labbé, Vaille Laur
MEMBERS ABSENT	Nicola Lower, Ian McCormick, Ryan VanEngen

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roll call and certification of quorum ▪ Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None ▪ Review of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add Updates for Municipal EA's
2	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>1. Proposed Consent at 148-160 Delhi (Homewood)</p> <p>Adele Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Consent at 148-160 Delhi (Homewood) outlining the background on the application and reviews to date.</p> <p>Jessica Linton, from Natural Resource Solutions spoke to the Terms of Reference and the work currently underway as well as an overview of the field program.</p> <p>General discussion took place and Jessica Linton was available to respond to questions from RSAC.</p> <p>Stan Kozak noted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to support for trails (publically owned) • If a public trail is never going to happen, maybe alternatives need to be explored/considered (i.e. bridge). <p>Jo-Anne McDermott noted that building envelopes assessment for impacts is important.</p>

Moved by Stan Kozak and seconded by Jo-Anne McDermott

“That the RSAC accept the Terms of Reference for an Environmental Impact Study prepared by NRSI Inc. for 148-160 Delhi Street subject to the following revisions:

- That the EIS provide a specific section with outlines how the objectives of the River Systems Management Plan have been considered in the application;
- A trail alignment be addressed as per the trail shown in the Guelph Trail Master Plan;
- A potential building envelop and associated services be identified on the land; and
- That the EIS recognize the importance of the Natural Heritage Features on this site within the context of river systems ecology in Guelph.”

Motion Carried

-Unanimous-

2. Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund

Eric Wilson advised on the following:

- Erin and Kiran wrote an interim report for the MOE
- Had two spring plantings (600-700 shrubs/trees and herbaceous plugs)
- Planted rest of stock on the OPRIG Speed River Clean Up Day
- About half of the \$15,000.00 from MOE has been spent
- River Side Park is being focused on for planting this Fall
- October 18th is the next planting date (rain date is Oct. 19th)

Stan Kozak proposed the following recommendation to the Committee:

That Parks and Planning consider preparation of a river lands Restoration Master Plan with specific reference to enhancing ecological function and addressing invasive species. Such plan should include and prioritize restoration initiatives.

The River Systems Advisory Committee deferred until OPA 42 presentation comes forward and a new Council is elected.

3. Open Guelph

Stan Kozak noted the following items with how the Committee functions/openness :

- Request for delegates to register 2 days in advance of RSAC Meeting
 - Adele noted it is a requirement of all Committees of Council
- Concern on items that should be coming to this Committee are being overlooked (i.e. reconstruction of weirs, Skate Park, Allan Mills Dam)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stan Kozak noted that he believes the importance of the river system is being lost and the City should be more open to RSAC’s advisory role. <p>General discussion took place and it was agreed that RSAC will send a letter /note to City Departments (i.e. Engineering) and the GRCA to advise that it is the role of RSAC to be notified/informed of projects affecting waterways.</p> <p>Jeremy Shute will draft a letter and send to the Committee to review.</p> <p>4. Updates for Municipal EA’s</p> <p>Adele Labbé provided Municipal Environmental Assessment updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • York Trunk Sewer EA • Wellington Clair Feedermain EA • Niska Road Improvements EA
<p>3.</p>	<p>Committee Updates/Other Business</p> <p>1. Circulation of 5 Arthur EIR</p> <p>Adele Labbé distributed the 5 Arthur Street EIR. The appendices are on the disk</p> <p>2. Other Business</p> <p>Adele Labbé advised that the Clerks Department had sent out membership renewals.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Adoption of June 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Moved by Mariette Pushkar and seconded by Mark Randall “To approve the minutes as amended.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Next meeting of RSAC will be October 15, 2014</p>