

MEETING MINUTES



2MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee May 18, 2016
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room "A" 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Mariette Pushkar (Chair), Javier Acosta, Ryan VanEngen, Beth Anne Fischer, Nicola Lower, Eric Wilson, Ian McCormick
EXTERNAL GROUPS	Shari Muscat, Heather Amirault, Brad Fairley, Kevin Brousseau
STAFF PRESENT	Adele Labbe, April Nix, Rory Templeton, Luke Jefferson, Abby Watts, Margo Ursic, Shelly Gorenc
MEMBERS ABSENT	Jeremy Shute

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 ▪ Adoption of January 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes: <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by J. Acosta and seconded by R. VanEngen. "To approve the minutes."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
2	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>Riverside Park Train Building EIS TOR</p> <p>R. Templeton, City Landscape Planner, provided a presentation on the Riverside Park Train Building EIS TOR .</p> <p>Presentation highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Background • Site context, location and zoning- proposed building would be within the flood fringe • No removal of large trees • Project scope • Design precedence shown • MMM Group developing a TOR

- Looking for feedback from Committee to start moving project forward

General discussion took place:

- Type of building
- Key focus of the EIS includes what effect the building would have on the river, features to protect and enhance, direction to help the design team
- Consideration for stormwater
- Cost of the building and purpose

The RSAC went into committee to discuss the motion.

Moved by N. Lower and seconded by B. Fischer

THAT the River Systems Advisory Committee (RSAC) support the Scoped Environmental Impact Study, Terms of Reference (EIS ToFR), prepared by MMM Group, associated with the Proposed Miniature Train Station + Storage Building at Riverside Park.

Motion Carried

-Unanimous-

Silvercreek Trail EIS TOR

L. Jefferson, Parks Project Manager with the City of Guelph, provided a presentation on the Silvercreek Trail EIS TOR.

Presentation Highlights:

- Project scope- this is a portion of a trail that forms part of the Trails Master Plan
- Federal funding has been received. Project needs to be completed by March 2018
- Site context
- EIS scope considerations- cool water fish habitat, restoration area and significant valley land, significant wildlife habitat

General discussion took place:

- Discussion about the location of the trail in relation to the existing cow path
- Vegetation assessment as part of the EIS
- New trees can be relocated if needed
- Up to a 3 metre wide asphalt trail. Construction width 3.2-3.5 metre range
- Designated as a secondary route in the Trails Master Plan
- Grant application noted it would be an asphalt trail for funding, EIS will speak to options and recommendations
- Impact assessment with garbage disposal

The RSAC went into committee to discuss the motion.

Moved by E. Wilson and seconded by R. VanEngen.

THAT the River Systems Advisory Committee (RSAC) support the Scoped Environmental Impact Study, Terms of Reference prepared by MMM Group for the Proposed Speed River Trail West Phase 2A with the following condition:

- That the ELC work include an onsite soils analysis representative of the study area.

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

VPV EIR 2nd Submission

M. Ursic and S. Gorenc from Beacon Environmental, on behalf of the City of Guelph, reviewed the Victoria Park Village Staff Report and were available to answer questions from the Committee.

Committee discussion and questions:

- Discussion about new information received and it's adequacy
- Permits through the fisheries act
- Water quality and data logging- no baseline data available at this point. Some data collected as part of the fish habitat assessment

Shari Muscat, Stantec, provided an update and informed that Committee that they have been working with the City on the recommendations. Provided an update on the project:

- Permits
- Process lined up for turtle rescue on site
- Commitment to turtle nesting spots around pond C
- Logging program initiated as soon as the fencing goes up. Turtles will be moved if necessary
- Application has been submitted for DFO self-assessment
- Will require a license from MNRF re: fish rescue

Committee discussion and questions:

- Enhancement project if done as planned
- Discussion of fish numbers and species
- Margo mentioned that funding is available through GRCA for monitoring
- Treated and managed as a cool water system, it is mixed
- Monitoring requirements for erosion control during construction
- Creek design includes features (JHooks) not typically found in a small water course. This might be too much intervention
- Pools are designs for long term sustainability

The RSAC went into committee to discuss the motion.

Moved by N. Lower and seconded by B. Fischer.

THAT the River Systems Advisory Committee approve the Updated Environmental Implementation Report prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. for 1159 Victoria Road (February 2016) conditional upon provision of an Addendum to the EIR, the satisfaction of to the City, that includes the following items:

- **More detailed and comprehensive turtle habitat mitigation measures during construction that consider: (a) turtle nesting areas and protection of viable eggs, and (b) turtle rescue, particularly from Pond A and Pond C;**
- **More detailed and comprehensive mitigation measures related to fish rescue during construction that consider the appropriate timing windows;**
 - **Construction and fish rescues should abide by the coolwater timing window considering protection of the existing fish community;**
 - **Construction monitoring include CISEC certified environmental inspector;**
- **Water quality data for Pond A prior to construction;**
- **A commitment to undertake groundwater monitoring for two years following 90% completion of the development (rather than the current commitment of 75%);**
- **A single consolidated monitoring table that integrates the recommendations in the text and includes, for each monitoring component, an objective, methodology in brief, duration, frequency and seasonality, potential remedial action(s), and reporting format;**
 - **Monitoring should include effectiveness of the features within the Natural Channel Design for the intended objectives (i.e., restoring coldwater fish community);**
- **Related specifically to the Natural Channel Design:**
 - **Details regarding the bridge footings in the detailed cross-sections and relevant design drawing(s);**
 - **Provide a cross-section that includes the West Tributary, to clarify how the downstream portion of the tributary will be constructed through the former Pond C;**
 - **J-Hooks removed from the proposed design, if considered appropriate from an engineering and hydrogeologic perspective;**
 - **Ensure a contractor that specializes in natural channel design must be retained and that the City (presumably with GRCA) sign off on channel works prior to flow introduction; and,**
 - **Provide more details related to the natural channel design staging plan to clarify: the extent of upstream and downstream tie-in sections subject to the timing window, details regarding the decommissioning of Pond C and construction of the confluence between Torrance Creek and the West Course Tributary, suggested locations of coffer dams for all stages of the channel design, and any required flow diversion requirements for Torrance Creek during the Pond C and West Course Tributary downstream tie-in works.**

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

3. Next meeting of RSAC will be July 20, 2016

4.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. Moved by R. VanEngen and seconded by J. Acosta</p> <p>Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
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