

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee May 23, 2012
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room "B" 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Stan Kozak, Karen Chisholme, Mary Finch, David Beaton
STAFF PRESENT	Stephen Robinson, Stacey Laughlin, Vaille Laur
EXTERNAL GROUPS	David Cuming (MHBC Planning), Krista Walkey (Stantec Consulting)
MEMBERS ABSENT	Michelle Bowman, Eric Wilson, Nicola Lower

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
2	<p>Notices/Planning Applications:</p> <p>1. Discussion of Recommendation Regarding the Heritage Conservation District</p> <p>Stephen Robinson, Senior Heritage Planner with the City of Guelph presented visuals and a brief description of the recommendation by staff and its consultants to include the Wellington Street Dam and the body of water that it creates in the Speed River as a cultural heritage attribute within the proposed boundary of the Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District. Stephen advised that before Council makes a decision whether to keep or remove the Wellington Street Dam, an environmental assessment will need to be conducted to review all aspects of the dam, its function and its surroundings. David Cuming (MHBC Planning), a member of the consultant team that created the HCD Heritage Assessment Report for the City, was present at the meeting and took part in the discussion providing brief comments on the cultural heritage value of the dam and the water levels it creates in the Speed River.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Moved by Stan Kozak and seconded by Mary Finch</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“To amend the April 19th Recommendation sent to Guelph City Council, Stephen Robinson and Todd Salter to include a 3rd bullet point as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the River Systems Advisory Committee be included as part of the ongoing public consultation process, as plans for the Heritage District are advanced.” <p style="text-align: right; padding-right: 40px;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>

2. 148-152 Macdonell Street (Tricar)

Krista Walkey, from Stantec Consulting, gave a presentation on the 148-152 Macdonell Street (Tricar) application and was available to respond to questions.

General discussion took place and the following items/concerns were noted:

- Concerns with landscaping (not native species)
- The design be modified for street trees
- The health of the trees are of utmost importance for their longevity
- Concern of bird strikes to buildings

Moved by Stan Kozak and seconded by Mary Finch

“THAT the River Systems Advisory Committee recommends the site plan is revised to consider the following:

- The use of native trees where ever possible;
- The use of enhanced tree planning and/or City of Kitchener’s “Soil Habitat Zones and Volume Requirements for Trees in Boulevards”;
- Bird strike mitigation techniques be applied to floors 3 and 4 windows and balconies per FLAP guidelines.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

3. OPA 48

RSAC members reviewed and discussed the memo distributed by David Beaton on the newly formed citizens’ group ‘Living Rivers and Greenways Action Group’. This group was formed to advocate on behalf of rivers and open spaces and to seek further comment on the Official Plan.

Hugh Whitely spoke to the Committee and advised that OPA 48 is a complete rewrite. He also noted that OPA 48 has not come before RSAC for comment.

General discussion took place and it was noted that RSAC should be given an opportunity to provide comments on the Official Plan. It was requested that City staff speak to OPA 48 at a future meeting.

Moved by David Beaton and seconded by Stan Kozak

“THAT the River Systems Advisory Committee recommends the following:

- Delay adoption of OPA 48;
- City staff present changes to the draft and Official Plan to RSAC regarding OPA 48; and
- The River Systems Advisory Committee be given the opportunity to provide comments.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

	<p>4. Two Rivers Festival</p> <p>The event runs June 10-17 and involves numerous organizations. Please review the Program distributed by Stan.</p>
3	<p>Adoption of April 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Moved by Stan Kozak and seconded by Mary Finch “To amend the minutes under Discussion Item #5 - GRCA Guelph Lake to read as no action to be followed.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
4	<p>Other Business:</p> <p>Next meeting of RSAC will be July 18, 2012</p>
5	<p>Adjournment</p>

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM #	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE	DESCRIPTION
1.	RSAC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to review all the completed Subwatershed Studies (Torrance & Hanlon) within the City and compile a work plan to achieve the recommendations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information can be inputted, once we have the template.
2.	Jeremy	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy to put together tentative conclusions on the study and circulate them to committee members for review and then on to the GRCA for input. Jeremy to compile recommendations for subwatershed template.
3.	RSAC	2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field trip along the River Systems in the City.
4.	Jeremy/Karen/Eric	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of restoration priorities along the River System and ideas for restoration within these locations.
5.	Jeremy/Karen	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of potential road signage for the identification of rivers and tributaries within the City.