

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee September 18, 2013
LOCATION TIME	City Hall - Meeting Room "B" 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Stan Kozak (Chair), Mariette Pushkar, Nicola Lower, Jo-Anne McDermott
STAFF PRESENT	Adele Labbé, Majde Qaqish, Patrick Wong
MEMBERS ABSENT	Jeremy Shute, Eric Wilson, , Ian McCormick

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 "Process" item
2	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>1. York Trunk Sewer and Paisley Clythe Feedmain Update - Majde Qaqish</p> <p>Adele provided an update related to the Staff Report that went to PBEE Committee in October which specified that staff are not recommending the installation of a Recycled Water Distribution System (RWDS) to coincide with the York Trunk Sewer Project. It also identified that the RWDS is being examined as part of the City's Water Supply Master Plan. Additionally, the report indicated that staff are not recommending the installation of an Edinburgh Road Trail underpass to coincide with the York Trunk Sewer Project. Staff indicated that it is more suitable to consider this when looking at the Edinburgh Road Bridge rehabilitation project.</p> <p>Majde Qaqish, Project Engineer, with the City of Guelph provided a brief presentation on the York Trunk Sewer and Paisley Clythe Feedmain. Majde advised on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The York Trunk Sewer Alignment starts at Silvercreek and will run all the way to Watson Road. It has been separated into Phases and Phase 1 is from Silvercreek Parkway to just east of the Speed River. • There are 2 creek crossings (Pond Creek and Howitt Creek) and one major river crossing (Speed River) included in Phase 1. • The existing sewer is currently exposed in Pond Creek; however there are limited opportunities to restore this due to the fact that this sewer line will continue to be used. The new trunk sewer crossing of Pond Creek is currently designed to be elliptical and will not be exposed in the creek.

- Geotechnical data is mostly complete and needs to address the City's concerns.
- Majde advised they are looking at open cut to install the sanitary across the Speed River due to preliminary geotechnical data not favouring a trenchless methodology. The city is meeting with the GRCA and the design team to see what is feasible in a few weeks.
- On 'Open House' will occur around the end of October. Adele will advise the RSAC of the date when confirmed.

Stan suggested that when x-sing of Pond Creek, if concrete walls are removed, to consider putting a softer bio-engineered approach back rather than concrete.

Stan asked for an update on the Allan Mill Dam. Majde advised that Phase 1 has been completed. GRCA is on call to start lowering water flows. Once the concrete is dry the gate can be lowered so the water level can be raised.

2. 5 Arthur Street Development Proposal – Staff Update and Committee Discussion

Adele Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph provided a brief update on the 5 Arthur Street Development proposal. Adele reviewed the memo she sent to the Planner on file outlining her comments and recommendations on the proposal. She advised she is waiting for a resubmission from the applicant and will forward to RSAC once received.

General discussion took place and RSAC noted the following concerns:

- Bring nature/softening back onto the site
- Concern of impacts to cold water fisheries
- Concerns with storm water management – suggest no impact
- Ensure urban design is included - Adele suggested talking to David DeGroot on urban design and amount of parking
- Stan suggested an online exchange with RSAC members occur to raise and identify issues in regards to the proposal.

3. RSAC Annual Report – 2012 – Summary of Activities

Adele Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph advised she is putting information into the City's report template.

ACTION: Jeremy to provide a cover letter to Adele.

4. Application for Ontario Great Lakes Funding Opportunity Update

Adèle Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph advised she is 90% sure we are receiving funding. The intent is to have the agreement completed by the end of the week and planting to occur in October. Another option is to do more planting in the spring of next year and then again in the fall.

ACTION: Add River System Restoration Planning to the next agenda

	<p>5. Heritage Conservation District Update</p> <p>Adèle Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph advised there is a newsletter on the Phase 2 Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District.</p> <p>ACTION: Adele to forward newsletter to RSAC members.</p> <p>6. Other Updates</p> <p>Speedvale Bridge Update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of site visits have taken place with RSAC members over the summer. • The consultants are looking at options to incorporate a trail underpass for the Speedvale Road Bridge. • More information on alternatives will be brought forward late 2013 or early 2014. <p>Niska Bridge EA’s –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultants are working on the collection of background information. • Public Information Centres (PICs) and more information is anticipated later this year. <p>GID Status –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team is currently updating the plan to address comments received. • The amendment is anticipated to go to Council in November for a public Meeting. <p>Process –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested if minutes could be circulated within 3 weeks of meeting.
<p>3</p>	<p>Committee Updates/Other Business:</p> <p>1. Circulation of 150 Wellington Street (Tricar) Application</p> <p>Adele distributed the above application to RSAC for review.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Adoption of June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Moved by Mariette Pushkar and seconded by Jo-Anne McDermott “To accept the minutes as printed.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried</p> <p><i>1 member abstained</i></p>

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM #	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE	DESCRIPTION
1.	RSAC	2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Field trip along the River Systems in the City.
2.	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.
3.	Jeremy/Karen	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Development of potential road signage for the identification of rivers and tributaries within the City.