

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE	River Systems Advisory Committee February 19, 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, Ian McCormick, Mark Randall, Ryan VanEngen
STAFF PRESENT	Adele Labbé, Sylvia Kirkwood, Rory Templeton, Majde Qaqish
MEMBERS ABSENT	Nicola Lower, Jo-Anne McDermott

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduction of new members<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mark Randall and Ryan VanEngen were welcomed as RSAC's newest Committee members▪ Roll call and certification of quorum▪ Declaration of pecuniary interest or conflict of interest – None
2	<p>Agenda:</p> <p>1. York Trunk Sewer and Paisley-Clythe Feedmain Update – Madje Qaqish, and Adele Labbé</p> <p>Adele Labbé, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, introduced Madje Qaqish, Project Engineer who is leading the detailed design of the York Trunk Sewer Project.</p> <p>Adele Labbé provided a brief PowerPoint presentation. She advised that City Staff are seeking feedback and endorsement from RSAC on the final detailed design of the first phase of the York Trunk Sewer and Paisley-Clythe Feedermain project and supporting documents.</p> <p><u>Presentation Outline:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background• Staff Review <p>Adele and Madje were available to respond to questions from RSAC.</p> <p>Stan Kozak noted that a naturalization plan is required for the entire River System.</p>

Mariette Pushkar noted concern in regards to progressive down-cutting over time. She asked if staff could look into using an elliptical pipe across from the Speed River to help improve the cover over the top of the pipe.

Moved by Stan Kozak and seconded by Mariette Pushkar

“That the River System Advisory Committee support the final detailed design for the first phase of the York Trunk Sewer and Paisley-Clythe Feedermain project which begins at Silvercreek Parkway and ends beyond the confluence of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers, in York Road Park with the following considerations:

- That RSAC recommends the City to explore the use of an elliptical pipe for the crossing of the Speed River to reduce risks associated with down-cutting over time;
- That RSAC recommends the City reconfigure the concrete walls at the crossings of Pond Creek and Howitt Creek, to allow for a softer design;
- That RSAC encourages the City to plant trees and shrubs along the creeks and rivers, as appropriate; and
- That staff return to the RSAC in future with the detailed design of the next phase of the project.”

Motion Carried

-Unanimous-

2. Proposed Skateboard Park EIS Terms of Reference Review –

Adele Labbé provided a brief PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included:

Presentation Outline:

- Background
- Final Concept Design
- Background: Environmental Planning
- Skateboard Proposed in Silvercreek Park
- Proposed Terms of Reference

Rory Templeton, Landscape Planner with the City of Guelph was available to respond to questions from RSAC.

The floor was opened to delegations.

Delegation:

Hugh Whiteley, expressed the following concerns:

- The project was undertaken in violation of the Official Plan.
- RSAC was not consulted at the beginning of the process
- Noted it is not an active parkland

Delegation:

Yvette Tendick, Guelph Resident expressed the following concerns:

- Needs to follow the River System Management Plan.
- The proposal should have come to RSAC in 2010.
- Suggested Lyons Park as a better location as it would complement the pool

Delegation:

Norah Chaloner, for Council of Canadians- Guelph expressed the following concerns:

- Connect with idea of a Heritage River
- The Speed River and Eramosa River are Heritage Tributaries
- Invited an RSAC representative to sit on the Heritage Working Group for the Grand River
- Advised she will forward information to RSAC with respects to Heritage Rivers

Delegation:

Laura Murr, expressed the following concerns:

- Need to protect the Speed River and green spaces
- Does not support the skateboard park in this location
- Why put an expensive park in an area that will flood?
- No parking has been provided. There will be future parking needs
- The Park should be located in an area with lighting at night
- Bikes will hurt the naturalization
- City if the developer and regulator

Delegation:

Judy Martin, Sierra Club expressed the following concerns:

- Does not support the skateboard park in this location
- Referenced the 1993 Parks Naturalization Plan and the Parks Master Plan and noted that the proposed skateboard park is at odds with the above documents. She asked that the goals and objectives be re-evaluated against the above City Plans.
- The proposal doesn't complement the current use of the park
- The EIS should have been done before approval of the concept

General discussion took place and RSAC noted the following concerns:

- RSAC Procedural Protocol needs to be addressed
- Parking and intensification of the lands
- Concerns of site selection.

Moved by Stan Kozak and seconded by Mariette Pushkar

“That RSAC does not support the proposed Skatepark Facility location within Silvercreek Park as it does not appear to have considered:

- Social components such as parking; and
- Natural heritage components such as river corridor functions.

The site is also:

- Inconsistent with the protection of riparian buffers;
- Located within the 30m setback;
- Incompatible with river edge landscape; and
- Incompatible with natural corridor functions.”

Motion Carried
-Unanimous-

Moved by Ian McCormick, seconded by Eric Wilson

“That RSAC support the EIS TOR prepared by MMM Group subject to the following conditions:

- That the EIS include a holistic evaluation of riparian functions including terrestrial linkages;
- That the EIS provide opportunities to reduce impacts from supporting infrastructure including parking and trails;
- That the EIS consider an additional Breeding Bird Survey;
- That the design brief address concerns about natural views and aesthetics associated with this sector of the River System; and
- That the EIS consider impacts to hydrologic functions and include mitigation measures for infiltration.”

Motion carried
-Unanimous-

Moved by Stan Kozak, seconded by Mark Randall

“That RSAC cannot effectively participate in planning decisions that affect the river corridor unless they are consulted early in the process and that the Protocol for Circulation and Comment be reviewed and clarified.”

Motion carried
-Unanimous-

	<p>3. Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund Planning for Event Days –</p> <p>Eric Wilson advised of the following potential planting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 12 • April 26 • May 3, 2014 <p>Two of the above three dates will be needed for planning.</p> <p>Eric will arrange a meeting with Randy Drewery, City of Guelph Parks representative to discuss site selection. Eric is looking for volunteers to participate.</p> <p>4. RSAC Annual Report Update/Work Planning –</p> <p>Adele advised she will be meeting with management to discuss the report and will circulate to RSAC for review.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>1. 5 Arthur Street City Response to Motion (not with Applicant) Adele advised the meeting will be March 19th, 2014.</p> <p>2. Review Annual Meeting Agenda – No discussion.</p> <p>3. Animal Control Bylaw Adele to circulate an email to invite RSAC members to participate on the Working Group.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Adoption of December 04, 2013 Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Moved by Stan Kozak and seconded by Ian McCormick “To accept the minutes as printed.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried -Unanimous-</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Next meeting of RSAC will be April 16, 2014</p>