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Week Ending April 13, 2018

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1. None

Information Report



Service Area	Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
Date	Friday, April 13, 2018
Subject	Community Speed Awareness Program
Report Number	IDE-2018-66

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with information regarding a new safety initiative entitled the Community Speed Awareness Program.

Key Findings

The Community Speed Awareness Program (CSAP) is a new safety initiative undertaken by Traffic Engineering staff. The program will consist of six (6) new portable radar speed signs being temporarily installed on local residential and two-lane collector roadways throughout the City of Guelph.

The radar speed signs will be temporarily installed at each location for approximately 11 days. While in place, the radar speed signs will visually display the operating speed of vehicles, along with collecting traffic speed and volume data.

The program provides a visual tool to residents on actual operating speeds as well as bringing awareness to motorists of the maximum speed limit on residential roadways. As the speed and volume data is collected it will be published within the Guelph.ca "Open Data Portal" for public view.

The program will tentatively begin operation in early May 2018, pending delivery of the radar speed signs. Residents can contact Transportation staff to request a roadway be added to the schedule.

Financial Implications

The new program will cost \$20,670 in material in 2018 and approximately \$9,000 annually (operating), and will be fully funded through approved capital project TF0008 Traffic Management Initiatives.

Report

Background

When Transportation staff receive a speeding related concern from the public, an investigation on that roadway is undertaken. This investigation includes reviewing available traffic data along the roadway. Should there not be any available traffic data, or the traffic data is outdated (older than 3 years), new traffic data is scheduled to be collected.

On average, staff receive 58 speeding related concerns per year with the number of concerns received each year increasing.

Recognizing the growing concern for speeding on residential roadways, and the need to have up to date and accurate traffic related data in response, Transportation Staff created the Community Speed Awareness Program (CSAP) initiative to address these concerns.

Community Speed Awareness Program Initiative Overview

The Community Speed Awareness Program (CSAP) is a new Transportation Safety initiative with the following objectives:

- Provide a visual tool to residents on actual operating speeds in their neighbourhood;
- Bring awareness to motorists of the maximum speed limit on residential roadways;
- Linking our residents through guelph.ca "Open Data Portal" to speeding and volume information that is current; and
- Enables staff to provide a quick and visible response to our citizens and facilitates staff to more effectively allocate their time.

The program will consist of mobile radar speed signs being installed temporarily on local residential and two-lane collector roadways throughout the City of Guelph. Traffic Engineering has purchased six mobile radar speed signs at a total cost of \$20,670 which allow the program to operate on three two-way streets at one time.

The program will run from the spring to the fall of each year, subject to weather and staff resources available.

The radar speed signs will be installed on each roadway for a period of approximately 11 calendar days, with the signs being installed on Mondays and removed on the following Fridays. Installation and removal dates will be approximate and subject to staff resources.

The radar speed signs do not take photos or record any personal information (i.e. license plate, colour or make of vehicle). The radar speed signs do collect traffic speed and volume data in 30 minute intervals, for analysis purposes.

After the traffic data collection period has finished, staff will analyze the collected traffic data and upload a summary of the results to the City's Open Data Portal.

In anticipation of high acceptance of the program, the program initially, will only be eligible for roadways which haven't been a part of the program for a period of 24 months from the date the request/concern was received.

Staff will be monitoring the program closely and will make adjustments as necessary.

Residents can contact Transportation staff to request roadways be added to the schedule.

Communications

City staff are currently developing a tactical plan which will include community outreach via media outlets, social media channels, select advertisements, and leveraging the support of Public Works and key stakeholder groups including Guelph Police Services.

Financial Implications

The new program will cost \$20,670 in material in 2018 and approximately \$9,000 annually (operating costs) and will be fully funded through capital project TF0008 Traffic Management Initiatives.

Consultations

Staff has and will continue to work closely with Public Works, Guelph Police Services and Communications staff through-out the program.

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

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Attachments

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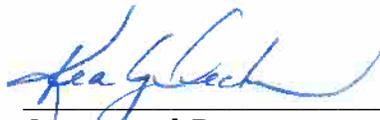
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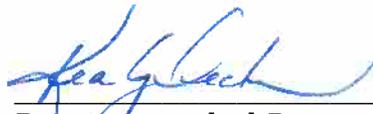
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Information Report



Service Area	Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services
Date	Friday, April 13, 2018
Subject	Clythe Well Treatment Upgrades Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Completion
Report Number	IDE-2018-67

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the results and recommendation on the Clythe Well Treatment Upgrades Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment.

Key Findings

Based on an evaluation of land use planning objectives, natural, social, cultural and economic environments and technical feasibility considerations, the Clythe Well Treatment Alternative No. 2 has been selected as the preferred option for reintroducing the Clythe Well into the City's potable water supply. Alternative No. 2, locating the new treatment plant at 25 Watson Road (directly across the road from the existing Clythe Well station), offers the City the best opportunity to provide the necessary treatment to allow the full time use of the Clythe Well.

Financial Implications

The estimated total cost of the Clythe Treatment Plant project is \$7,874,000. This cost includes land acquisition, detailed design and construction of the proposed water treatment plant as per the conceptual design completed as part of the Schedule B Environmental Assessment. Funding for the design and construction of this project has been approved through the 2018 Capital Budget process.

Report

The Clythe Well Treatment Upgrades Class Environmental Assessment was undertaken in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document which is an approved process for planning and implementing municipal infrastructure projects under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This project was carried out as a Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment study. The purpose of this study was to evaluate alternatives to provide for a new treatment plant at or near the Clythe Well site.

A Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study was initiated with the following key objectives:

- Consider a range of appropriately planned potential solutions;
- Consider impacts to all aspects of the environment (social, cultural, natural environment, technical and economic);
- Select a preferred solution through a transparent decision-making process; and,
- Encourage public participation throughout the process.

This report highlights the study context and objectives, Class Environmental Assessment process, public consultation, the preferred alternative and the proposed implementation plan. For further project details and information, the Clythe Well Treatment Environmental Assessment Study and accompanying documents are available on the project website: <https://guelph.ca/city-hall/planning-and-development/community-plans-studies/environment-planning/environmental-assessments/clythe-well-ea/>

Public and Stakeholder Consultation

A key aspect of this Class Environmental Assessment was obtaining public and stakeholder feedback on the proposed undertaking through notices, Public Information Centre meetings and making the project materials available on the City's website. The Notice of Study Commencement and Invitation to Participate was distributed to the project contact list and published in the Guelph Tribune on August 24, 2017.

The Notice of Public Information Centre was distributed to the project contact list and published in the Guelph Tribune on October 5, 2017 and October 12, 2017. The Public Information Centre meeting was held at Victoria Road Recreation Centre on October 19, 2017. The purpose of the Public Information Centre meeting was to outline the Study objectives, the Study process, the problem and opportunity statement, the findings and conclusions of the Study including alternative solutions considered and the preferred alternatives.

Problem/Opportunity Statement

The following needs have been identified with the respect to the returning the Clythe Well into service:

- Master Planning and Engineering Studies have identified the need for the City to develop additional local water supplies and to implement upgrades to existing wells to meet future supply requirements;
- Returning Clythe Well to service with added treatment was identified in the 2014 Water Supply Master Plan (AECOM, May 2014) as a high priority project; and

- The raw water from the Clythe Well can be successfully treated for aesthetic quality parameters with well-established technologies (Treatability Assessment of the Clythe Well, Gamsby and Mannerow, February 2010).

The City of Guelph shall determine how best to increase water supply while balancing social, cultural, natural environment, technical and economical responsibilities.

Impact and Evaluation of Alternatives

The overall alternative strategies considered were:

- Strategy A: Do nothing
- Strategy B: Limit community growth
- Strategy C: Implement water conservation measures
- Strategy D: Upgrade water supply for the City

Strategies A and B were deemed unacceptable as they did not address the project objective of developing additional water supplies. The City of Guelph practices many forms of water conservation and the results of these practices are included in the water supply forecasting. To that end, Strategy C is in fact already being implemented in complement to Strategy D, but will not on its own address the project objectives. Strategy D was considered the most favourable strategy and therefore alternatives were developed for the upgrade to the Clythe well supply.

The Project Team reviewed the general area of the Clythe well site in order to identify potential treatment plant sites. The initial potential sites were:

- Alternative 1: Existing Clythe well site
- Alternative 2: 25 Watson Road – across from Clythe well site
- Alternative 3: 18 Watson Road – north of Clythe well site
- Alternative 4: Eastview Open Space (305 Eastview Road)
- Alternative 5: Joe Veroni Park
- Alternative 6: Severn Drive Park
- Alternative 7: Grange Road Park
- Alternative 8: 115 Watson Parkway (formerly 72 Watson Road N)

These alternatives were evaluated based upon a Project Team developed matrix which established scores for zoning, ownership, property size (with respect to area available for the new treatment plant) and available water system servicing.

Recommended Alternative

Alternative 2 offers the City the best opportunity to establish a new water treatment facility with minimal impacts to the surrounding environment. Following the approved process for land acquisition, staff have commenced with the purchase of the required property as per the approved Capital Budget.

Financial Implications

The estimated total cost of the Clythe Water Treatment Upgrades project is \$7,847,000.00 for the implementation of Alternative 2 from the Clythe well treatment project Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment. Funding for the design and construction of this project has been approved through the 2018 Capital Budget process.

Consultations

Consistent with Municipal Class EA process requirements, several steps have been undertaken to inform government agencies, First Nations, affected landowners and the local community/general public of the nature and scope of the project and to solicit any comments. To inform review agencies of the project and solicit comments, a Notice of Study Commencement was sent to review agencies at the beginning of the Study. In addition, a Notice of Study Commencement was published in the Guelph Tribune in August 2017.

An internal stakeholder work shop was held on July 10, 2017 and was attended by staff representatives of Water Services, Engineering Services, Park and Building and Urban Design Planning departments. A Public Information Centre meeting was held during the Environmental Assessment process. The Public Information Centre was held on October 19, 2017. The Notice of Public Information Centre meeting was distributed to the project contact list and published in the Guelph Tribune on October 5 and 12, 2017. The information centre included display boards depicting the study purpose, process, alternatives and evaluation matrix.

A Notice of Study Completion was distributed to the project contact list, published in the Guelph Tribune and posted on the project website on March 29, 2018. The Clythe Well Treatment Upgrades project Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment Project File Report which documents the planning process and rationale for the preferred alternative, has been placed on public record at City hall and Guelph Public Library East Branch for required 30-calendar days. Community members and interested parties have been invited to review the Project File Report and provide comments to the project team.

Corporate Administrative Plan

The Clythe Well Treatment Upgrades project Schedule B Class Environmental Assessment relates to the following goal in the Corporate Administrative Plan:

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Attachments

ATT-1 Location map

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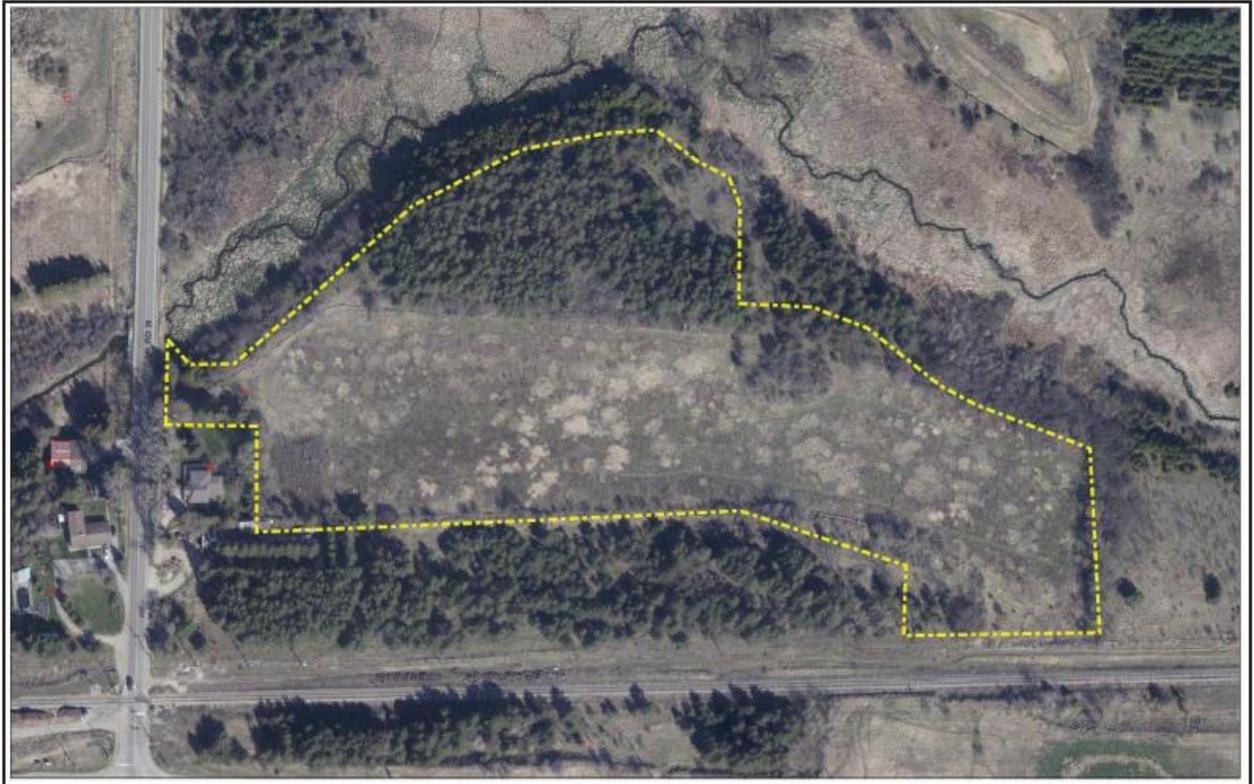
Attachment 1 Location Map – Subject Lands

Legal Description:

Part of Lot 6, Concession 3, Division C (formally the Township of Guelph), being Part of Part 1, Reference Plan 61R7479 lying east of Plan 61M129; City of Guelph

Property Identification Number (PIN):

71356-0467(LT)



Schedule "B"
To Mutual Assistance Agreement between
The CITY and the UNIVERSITY

University Request for Assistance

I, _____, Vice President Finance, Administration & Risk (or Designated Alternate) of the University, duly authorized to do so by the University's Board of Governors, do hereby request the City to provide assistance in the form of:

_____ PERSONNEL
_____ SERVICE
_____ EQUIPMENT
_____ MATERIAL

As is more particularly set out in detail as follows:

The above confirms the assistance orally requested on _____ (date) and which assistance the City has agreed to provide.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2_____.

(Signature)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Information Report



Service Area	Public Services
Date	Friday, April 13, 2018
Subject	2018 Open Space Planning Q1 Quarterly Update
Report Number	PS-2018-18

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to work on a significant number of Council approved capital projects that involve changes and improvements in existing parks and the implementation of new park policies, parks and trails. This report is to provide an update on the status of projects the Open Space Planning team is managing to the end of Q4, 2018.

Key Findings

All projects that were approved as part of the 2018 capital budget are in various states of progress based on staff capacity and project parameters.

Financial Implications

There are no financial impacts at this time. All projects are being completed within existing Council approved budgets.

Report

Council responds to numerous public inquiries throughout the year on projects that have started, will start, or are planned within the City parks and open spaces. This report is to update Council on the progress and timelines for the current Open Space Planning capital funded projects. Projects have been divided into city-wide projects along with ward specific projects.

City Wide Projects

Project: Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Description: The last Recreation, Parks and Culture Strategic Plan was updated in 2009 and was provided to Council as a background document as justification for changes to the Official Plan Policies as part of Official Plan Amendment 48. The City intends to update the 2009 plan as we require a comprehensive review to

appropriately guide all aspects of Parks and Recreation related work. City staff is currently identifying the goals and requirements of the project internally. It is anticipated that the consultant will be retained in Q2 2018 and that the final master plan will be completed based on the successful consultant proposed schedule.

Status: The scope of work is being finalized and a Request for Proposals (RFP) to retain a consultant will be issued in Q2 2018.

Project: Leash Free Program Policy

Description: The Leash Free Program Policy project will research, develop, design and produce a community demand driven and fiscally responsible program policy that outlines strategies and guidelines for implementation of facilities and services for leash free zones.

Status: A Request for Proposals has been issued in order to retain consulting services for the project. Internal and external stakeholders have been identified and a final community engagement plan will be developed once a consultant has been retained. Community engagement for the project is anticipated to begin in Q2 2018 and be completed by the end of Q3 2018. It is anticipated that the policy be presented to Council in late Q4 2018.

Project: Guelph Trail Master Plan Update Project

Description: The updated master plan will provide strategic direction and specific guidelines to assist City staff and stakeholders with all aspects of work related to City trails, including trail planning, land securement, funding, design, implementation, operation, promotion and maintenance. The Trans Canada Trail component study will determine an approximate route alignment for the remaining unbuilt section of Guelph's Trans Canada Trail between Woodlawn Memorial Park and the Kissing Bridge Trail in Guelph-Eramosa Township.

Status: The project consultants are currently preparing the draft report based on the initial project work and first round community engagement results. A second round of community engagement will occur in Q3 and Q4 2018. The report will be finalized from Q4 2018 to early 2019 and be presented to Council for approval in Q2 2019.

Project: Parkland Dedication Bylaw Update

Description: The current parkland dedication bylaw approved in 1989, 1990 and 2007 needs to be revised and updated to implement policies adopted by Council under Section 7.3 of Official Plan Amendment 48 and to improve service delivery to external stakeholders and to streamline staff procedures.

Status: The project is currently in progress; the consultant-led stakeholder engagement process, background and best practice review have been completed. A

draft bylaw has been prepared and public review is scheduled for Q2 2018. Staff will report back to Committee of the Whole for a decision pertaining to the bylaw.

Project: Annual Playground Equipment Replacements

Description: The project involves the implementation of new play structures and site upgrades at 18 different park locations as approved by Council. The work scope includes site preparation, grading, earthworks, drainage works, limestone paving, concrete paving, site furnishing, planting, seeding, sodding, and site restoration as well as the installation of play equipment. Play equipment was selected with input from community engagement participants.

Status: Construction is ongoing. Work began in 2017 and is anticipated to be complete in Q4 2018.

Ward 1

Project: Cedarvale Avenue Park Project

Description: The Cedarvale Avenue Park Project includes the implementation of a new master plan for a neighbourhood park at 32 Cedarvale Avenue in Ward 2. The project includes concept plan development, community engagement, master plan development, Council report, detailed design and construction documents and construction.

Status: A park master plan has been finalized based on feedback from the community engagement phases and staff consultation. Detailed design and construction documents will be prepared from spring to summer 2018. Construction is expected to begin in Q3 be complete end of Q4 2018.

Project: Downtown Bridge – Ward to Downtown Bridge

Description: The project was initiated based on recommendations of the Downtown Secondary Plan. The work is a continuation of the Class Environmental Assessment that was completed in 2017 that determined two locations for pedestrian bridges in the downtown. The first bridge will be located adjacent to the Guelph Junction Railway (GJR) right-of-way between Macdonell Street and Arthur Street. The second bridge location will be located adjacent to 43 Arthur Street and 53 Arthur Street, located within Phase 1 of the Metalworks development. The second bridge will be designed and tendered for construction at a future time as need and budget are approved.

Status: The scope of work includes the design for the first bridge, adjacent to the Guelph Junction Railroad, which was recommended to be completed first due to safety concerns, as many people use the rail bridge to cross the river. Phase 1 of the project is for community engagement and design to 50% to inform the 2019 capital budget and will examine the conceptual bridge aesthetic. Initial design concepts have been developed and community engagement is planned for Q2 2018.

Phase 2 of the community engagement process will begin in Q3 2018 and will include the overall conceptual layout for the project. The completed design will also include proposed construction costs to inform future capital budget.

Project: St. James School Track Replacement

Description: The St. James Catholic High School outdoor running track is at the end of its product lifecycle and requires a complete replacement in order to remain functional. The work will be completed in partnership with the Wellington Catholic School Board, as outlined in a maintenance agreement between the Wellington Catholic School Board and the City of Guelph.

Status: The St. James Catholic High School rubber surface outdoor running track will be replaced in summer 2018. A consultant has been retained by the Wellington Catholic School Board to complete the design and construction detail work.

Project: Starwood Park Master Plan

Description: This project involves master planning for Starwood Neighbourhood Park. Phase 1 of community engagement took place in January 2018. Area residents provided input into three conceptual designs and then voted for their preferred concept. The preferred concept was refined based on the feedback and was shared with the area residents for further input in March 2018.

Status: Final input received from residents will be evaluated and used to form the final conceptual design for the Starwood Park Master Plan. An information report will be circulated to Council in 2018 that shows the final conceptual master plan based on input received from two phases of community engagement.

Project: Mico Valeriot Park

Description: A new master plan for the redevelopment of the park was presented to the public through community engagement in 2017 and sent to Council as an information report. The detailed design of the park is currently underway with construction anticipated to begin in late Q2 2018.

Status: Community engagement is now complete and the project is currently in detail design. Removal of the wading pool and implementation of the master plan is scheduled for Q2 2018 and will be complete in Q4 2018.

Ward 2

Project: Bike Skills Facility

Description: Council has provided staff with direction to proceed with seeking community input and developing a design for a bike skills facility at Eastview Park.

Status: Proposals from multiple firms for design and operational planning are being

evaluated and internal work is being completed to develop a community engagement plan in order to determine what types of facilities the public prefer. A design firm will be awarded a contract to begin work in Q2 2018.

Project: Eastview Community Park – Amenity Building

Description: The Eastview Park building includes washrooms, change rooms, referee rooms, concession, storage and a mechanical room for the future splash pad. The construction contract was awarded and began in Q2 2017.

Status: The construction contract was to be completed by January 15, 2018; however weather forced an early site closure and construction will continue to completion in Q2 2018 with an anticipated opening in May.

Project: Guelph Lake Sports Fields Driveway Assessment

Description: The driveway that leads into the Guelph Lake Sports Fields undergoes annual seasonal flooding. The scope of work is to retain a consultant to assess the driveway, hydrological and environmental conditions and determine a solution that will eliminate or mitigate seasonal high water impacts in the area.

Status: Staff are seeking proposals from environmental consulting services firms. A consultant will be retained in Q2 2018 to begin work.

Project: Speedvale Underpass and Trail Linkage

Description: The proposed trail route is an expansion of the existing Trans Canada Trail to connect to Riverside Park along the west side of the Speed River including an underpass at the Speedvale Avenue Bridge. Design development of a potential trail connection will be complete in a timeframe that will allow for the construction of the trail to begin in 2022 pending the completion of the Speedvale Bridge and Council approval.

Status: Currently an internal team of stakeholders are meeting to determine acceptable options for an alternative trail design. Internal and external input will be evaluated, with a report to Council anticipated in Q4 2018.

Project: Skov Park Tennis Courts Reconstruction

Description: The Skov Park Tennis Courts Reconstruction Project involves the replacement of the existing tennis courts with two new tennis courts. The scope of work includes site preparation, grading, earthworks, drainage works, asphalt paving, limestone paving, concrete paving, fencing, site furnishing, planting, seeding, sodding, and site restoration.

Status: Contract for construction has been awarded with construction to begin in Q2 2018 and is expected to be completed in Q3 2018.

Ward 3

Project: Norm Jary and Hanlon Creek Washrooms and Splash Pads Replacement

Description: The Norm Jary and Hanlon Creek Park Splash Pads are at the end of service life and require renovation and reconstruction. Each site contains a splash pad and washroom building. As part of regular life cycling, the building is at the age where siding, soffits, toilets, and other items require replacement which is planned for 2019. Capitalizing on timing for facility renovations, the splash pads will also be planned for full replacement to address concerns relating to worn surfacing, water inefficiencies and outdated components. The two sites are being replaced as one project to maximize efficiencies for staff capacity planning. In 2018 a Request for Proposals will be issued to design replacement splash pads for both facilities as well as replacement building for the sites. This project is being co-led by Open Space Planning and Facilities Management. A projected cost estimate as part of this work and construction of this work will be completed in the future, pending approval of the capital budget to proceed.

Status: Staff are currently preparing terms of reference for consulting services for recommendations for renovations, reconstruction, and detailed design. The Request for Proposals is anticipated to be issued in Q2 2018.

Ward 4

Project: Margaret Greene Tennis Court Replacement

Description: The project involves reconstruction of the existing tennis courts at Margaret Greene Park. Currently contract documents are being prepared and the tendering process is anticipated to take place in Q2 2018.

Status: The construction contract will be tendered in Q2 2018 and it is anticipated that construction will be complete in Q4 2018.

Project: West End Community Centre – Outdoor Amenity Replacements

Description: The outdoor splash pad, play structure and trails around the storm water management facility were all installed when the West End Community Centre was built. Now reaching the end of their service life, the splash pad and play equipment are scheduled for replacement. Project planning has already commenced and a consultant has been retained to complete conceptual design concepts. All upgrades will align with Canadian Safety Association standards and the City of Guelph Facility Accessibility Design Manual.

Status: In progress, a consultant has been retained for design consulting services. Staff are also performing additional site analyses and monitoring historical and current use patterns to determine next steps.

Project: Arthur Street – Riverwalk

Description: Working in coordination with the condominium developer, in accordance with a development and cost sharing arrangement, this project involves the design and construction of a riverwalk along the Speed River frontage of 5 Arthur Street within lands known as the Metalworks. The project funding coincides with Phase 2, 3 and 4 of the condominium development. The establishment of a riverwalk adjacent to the Speed River provides new recreational, open space and connectivity opportunities for the downtown. The development revitalizes and provides public access to a significant section of the Speed River.

Status: First phase of the riverwalk was constructed and opened for public use in 2017, and Phase 2 is anticipated to be constructed by the developer's contractor in Q4 2018.

Ward 5

Project: Royal City Park Trails Project

Description: The Royal City Park Trails project includes the detailed design and construction of trails in Royal City Park. The proposed trails extend from the 40 Wellington Street commercial plaza to the bandstand, play area and park roadway.

Status: Requests for quotations for an arborist report, detailed design and construction documents are in progress. Detailed design work, River Systems Advisory Committee consultation and construction documents are expected to be completed in Q3 2018. The trail construction tender documents are anticipated to be issued in Q4 2018.

Project: Crane Park Trail Development

Description: Crane Park is located at Stone Road West and College Avenue West adjacent the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) land that includes the Kortright Waterfowl Park. A number of informal trails in Crane Park have alignments that enter onto GRCA lands; however the City has no agreement with GRCA to promote public access from City lands onto those GRCA lands. City staff have met with GRCA staff to coordinate environmental work as the GRCA completes a management plan for the Kortright Waterfowl Park lands adjacent to Crane Park. The GRCA anticipates that the management plan will take two years to complete, as they undertake detailed environmental studies possibly over eight seasons. It is anticipated that the City's study and the GRCA's Management Plan will be coordinated as the studies progress with potential future opportunities evaluated upon completion.

Status: A draft Environmental Impact Study has been submitted for review to City staff. A construction plan for trail formalization is being developed in early Q2 2018, with implementation by the City's own staff anticipated in Q3 and Q4 2018.

Project: Silvercreek Trail Extension/Speed River Trail West

Description: Construction of an extension of the Silvercreek Trail that terminates at a signalized pedestrian crossing to connect trail users to the north side of Wellington Street is complete with significant deficiencies. Incomplete works are related to inability to install due to weather and include final coat of asphalt and landscaping work. The full scope of work includes asphalt and mulch trails, seating, parking, shade structures, garbage receptacles, bicycle racks, signage, naturalized areas, and planting.

Status: Construction is complete pending significant deficiencies resulting from weather. The trail is open, however will be closed in Q2 2018 to complete outstanding items.

Project: Hanlon Underpass - Speed River Trail West Project

Description: The Speed River Trail West project involves determining the feasibility of providing an Active Transportation Network connection from Silvercreek Park to Wellington Street West. It is the result of a July 24, 2017 Council resolution. The project includes background research, a feasibility study, cost estimation, and Council update. The area straddles both Ward 4 and Ward 5. Future work will include environmental evaluation that could include a range of options and mitigation as well as detailed design.

Status: The project is currently at the background research stage which involves project scoping, initial investigations identification of landowner groups and consultation with various City staff. The results of this work will determine the study format and timing of the remaining steps.

Ward 6

Project: Kortright East Subdivision Trail Project

Description: The Kortright East Subdivision Trail project includes the construction of a Secondary Trail in Kortright East Subdivision Phase 4. The majority of the construction work is being completed as part of subdivision construction contracts. The City will inspect the work during construction, review the work for acceptance, and install site furniture and signage.

Status: The subdivision trail work is expected to be completed by Q3 2018, provided the developer construction meets the identified timeline. The installation of City items is currently expected in Q4 2018.

Project: Harts Lane Subdivision Trails Project

Description: The Harts Lane Subdivision Trails project includes the construction of an off-road active transportation route from Harts Lane Subdivision to Harts Lane. The construction work is being completed as part of subdivision construction

contracts. The City will inspect the work during construction and review the work for acceptance.

Status: The subdivision trail work is expected to be completed by Q3 2018. City acceptance of the work is also expected in Q3 2018 pending completion to City satisfaction.

Financial Implications

There are no financial impacts at this time. All projects are being completed within existing Council approved budgets.

Consultations

The activities that have been identified in this report have not required the need for external consultations.

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Subject **Outstanding Resolutions of Public Services**

Report Number PS-2018-17

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To advise Council of the status of all outstanding resolutions for Public Services, and to advise if there are any outstanding resolutions that may no longer be of community and Council interest.

Key Findings

Staff are continuing to plan work required to address outstanding resolutions previously passed by Committee/Council. In some cases, resolutions previously passed may no longer be of community interest, or have the same level of priority based upon more recent events or circumstances.

Financial Implications

N/A

Report

For some time, with input from the City Clerk's Office, each service area maintains a record of outstanding resolutions and reports annually on its status. Where appropriate, the report may include recommendations to eliminate from the list any outstanding resolutions that may no longer be of priority to Council.

The outstanding resolutions list for Public Services, including the status of the work and when available, the timing for when the work may be completed is attached at ATT-1.

Financial Implications

N/A

Consultations

City Clerk's Office

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Service Excellence

Service Area Operational Work Plans

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Attachments

ATT-1 Public Services Outstanding Resolutions

Departmental Approval

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Public Services
Outstanding Motions as of February 14, 2018

Date of meeting	Subject	Status
Nov. 27/17 Council	<p>Speedvale Avenue Bridge Underpass</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That staff be directed to report back to Council in 2018 on alternative trail design options within the identified study area on the west side of the river. Alternative trail design options will have no minimum design criteria and will comply with the Official Plan, Zoning By-law and provincial legislation. 2. That staff consider future capital budget requirements for a possible alternative trail under Speedvale Avenue as part of the 2019 Capital budget process. 	Report will be brought forward December 2018. Project to be included in capital forecast.
July 24/17 Council	<p>Light Pollution Bylaw Review</p> <p>That staff be directed to bring forward for Council's consideration during the 2018 budget deliberations an expansion package to cover the costs to conduct a bylaw review related to light pollution.</p>	Expansion brought forward during 2018 budget deliberations (not passed by Council). Review will take place late 2019 or 2020.
July 24/17 Council	<p>Planning a Bicentennial Project in Guelph 2027</p> <p>That staff develop a plan to establish a bicentennial showcase project that includes a public competition for Council consideration in 2019.</p>	To report back in early 2019 (date or details not yet confirmed).
June 26/17 Council	<p>Outdoor Aquatic Facilities in Parks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That staff be directed to plan and install recirculating splash pads over wading pools as the preferred outdoor aquatic facility in parks in order to conform to the City of Guelph Water Efficiency Strategy. 2. That staff be directed to locate new splash pads in community and regional zoned parks where they accommodate a wider segment of the population and have additional park amenities, following the Proposed Locations for Outdoor Aquatic 	This is in place and as projects are prioritized they will be implemented as per this resolution. It will be addressed in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for implementation.

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	<p>Facilities.</p> <p>3. That staff be directed to bring forward a ten-year capital program of work which will identify funds for Council consideration and approval to replace the three wading pool facilities with appropriate park amenities, and implement new splash pads in various parks throughout the city by identifying opportunities for equitable distribution of new aquatic facilities.</p>	
Apr 24/17 Council	<p>Surplus Asset Sales Policies – Mayor Guthrie’s Motion for which notice was given on March 6, 2017</p> <p>That staff report back on the City of Guelph’s policy on local community non-profit access to surplus assets through our Wellbeing Grant policy.</p>	Information report Q2 2018.
Apr. 4/16 Council	<p>Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy</p> <p>That staff be directed to dialogue with Wellington Guelph Drug Strategy on further scoping of recommendations #11 and #12 on pages 4 and 5 from the “We can do it Better” booklet and report back to the Public Services Committee on those recommendations by the end of the third quarter 2016.</p>	Community Investment works with WGDS. The expansion of the STEPS Program is included in the 2013-18 Guelph Youth Strategy, and staff have continued to provide space, in-kind resources and staff time supporting this resolution.
Dec. 9/15 Council	<p>Leaf Collection</p> <p>That the subject of leaf collection be referred to the Public Services Committee for review.</p>	This matter was addressed in IDE Report # IDE-2016.21 dated July 5, 2016. Subsequently, Council debated yard waste collection and loose leaf collection during budget deliberations.

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Guidance to support implementation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017: Application of the Intensification and Density Targets & The Municipal Comprehensive Review Process	Ministry of Municipal Affairs	May 7, 2018	<p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is seeking feedback on two draft technical guidance documents that help municipalities (1) plan for Growth Plan targets; and (2) bring their official plans into conformity with the Growth Plan.</p> <p>1) Draft Technical Guidance on the Application of the Intensification and Density Targets</p> <p>The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (the "Growth Plan") sets minimum standards for density and intensification in municipalities. Density is a measure of people and jobs per hectare, or simply jobs per hectare, depending on the type of target. Intensification is a measure of the percentage of residential development added each year to specified parts of existing urbanized areas.</p> <p>Municipalities are required to plan for five types of targets, where applicable. The targets are key to making more efficient use of land and infrastructure, and help inform infrastructure planning. The five types of targets are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intensification 2. Designated Greenfield Area density 3. Employment Area density 4. Urban Growth Centre density 5. Major Transit Station Area density <p>Growth Plan targets are meant to slow the outward expansion of settlement areas (areas designated for development). The targets also protect important resources such as farmland, water systems, wetlands and woodlands. Planning for intensification and density targets will have significant impacts on</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	The province is seeking input for two technical land use planning processes that will assist in the implementation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017. A staff level response will provide the appropriate technical feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.	Policy Planning and Urban Design staff, Planning, Urban Design and Building Services	ER # 013-2359

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
			<p>addressing climate change and achieving provincial emission reduction goals.</p> <p>2) Draft Technical Guidance on the Municipal Comprehensive Review Process</p> <p>The City of Guelph must bring its official plan into conformity with the Growth Plan by 2022. This guidance material will help guide municipalities on how to bring their official plans into conformity with the Growth Plan, 2017.</p> <p>This process is known as the municipal comprehensive review ("MCR") process. An MCR results in a new official plan or official plan amendment that comprehensively applies all the policies of the plan, and which is then submitted to the province for approval.</p> <p>During the MCR process, municipalities will carry out background research, public consultation, and policy formulation with supplementary input from the province at critical milestones.</p>				

April 6, 2018

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Dear Ms. Shirali

RE: EBR Posting 013-1817
Watershed Planning in Ontario Guidance for Land Use Planning

The following comments are provided by the City of Guelph on the draft "Watershed Planning in Ontario: Guidance for land-use planning authorities" released in February 2018.

1. Clarification is needed on the scale and scope of watershed planning required to inform municipal Growth Plan conformity requirements and associated decisions regarding growth and infrastructure

The primary purpose of the document should be to guide municipalities in understanding the scale and scope of watershed planning required to inform municipal decisions regarding growth and infrastructure under the Growth Plan. Sections 2.5 and 7.1 provide definitions for both watershed and subwatershed planning however there is no distinction between the two terms throughout the remainder of the document which causes confusion. Consideration should be given to clarifying that the use of the term "watershed planning" throughout the guidance document does not necessarily equate to the largest scale (i.e., watershed) but rather is used as a general term to communicate the process at multiple scales. In addition, it should be made clear that watershed planning can be adapted to the scale that is most appropriate in a particular municipal planning context. The discussion of watershed planning scale (watershed, subwatershed, catchment) currently found in section 4 should be included earlier in the document (i.e., section 2.5) to assist the reader in understanding this fundamental principle of watershed planning at the outset.

Similarly, section 7.2 which focusses on "informing land use planning and integrated planning for water, wastewater and stormwater" is important to provide context and inform the reader on the scale of watershed planning needed to inform decisions and therefore should be included earlier in the document. As well, it should be clarified what

Furthermore, it should be noted that Figure 6 (page 117) does not properly reflect the relationship between the watershed planning process and the municipal planning process (i.e., stormwater management master plans done at single and lower tier levels). Consider further developing Figure 6 following the approach taken in Figure 2.2 (page 39) of the Draft Low Impact

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Development (LID) Stormwater Management Guidance Manual (dated April 20, 2017) to assist in clarifying scale and scope required to meet the requirements of the Growth Plan.

We appreciate the recognition of the variation in scope, scale and complexity in watershed planning across the Province as it relates to different geographies experiencing different growth pressures, built-up areas differing from greenfield areas and/or other stressors that may trigger the need for watershed planning (ex. water quality concerns). The guidance document should expand on triggers for the initiation of studies, scope, content, process and baseline standards for each of the various situations, in the context of the Growth Plan policies.

Setting the scope of a watershed or subwatershed plan is an important part of the watershed planning process that contributes to setting expectations and understanding how the plan will be used to inform decision-making. This part of the process is typically undertaken during the first phase of the watershed planning process but there is no reference to it in the document. Additional clear direction should be incorporated in the document (i.e., section 4) to identify minimum standard requirements in scoping studies to meet Growth Plan policies.

2. Clarification of the intention of section 2.7 Roles and Coordination is needed

Watershed planning is founded on the principle of integrated ecosystem science and therefore a wide range of technical expertise and stakeholder involvement is needed to support it. Section 2.7 includes information about municipal and provincial roles in watershed planning and refers to section 3.1 for more guidance on the use of committees or working groups to support the process. Based on section 2.7, it appears the Province does not have a role in watershed planning but rather only has a role in reviewing land use and infrastructure decisions that are informed by watershed planning. However, section 3.1 identifies provincial ministries as steering committee stakeholders. As well, the document identifies the need for municipalities to coordinate but lacks direction or examples on how this should be done where watershed boundaries are shared. It also doesn't clarify whether watershed planning can be scoped to focus on individual municipal jurisdictions. More integration of sections 2.7 and 3.1 could assist in clarifying roles and coordination of watershed planning and use of visuals (i.e., flow chart) is encouraged.

The Conservation Authorities Act established CAs for the purpose of "organization and delivery of programs and services that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources in watershed in Ontario" which is achieved through exercising their powers "to study and investigate the watershed". Given their extensive expertise in watershed science and their position to coordinate cross-jurisdictional issues at various scales, the role of Conservation Authorities should be reflected in this document, while continuing to recognize the primary role of municipalities on land use planning and Growth Plan implementation.

3. Additional guidance should be provided to clarify watershed planning “equivalents”

The inclusion of section 2.8 which provides guidance on what is considered a watershed planning “equivalent” is appreciated, however it is unclear what is intended by including “& transition provisions” given there is no legislative transition provision as it relates to watershed planning requirements under the Growth Plan. Furthermore, this section does not provide clarity as to what would be considered an equivalent to watershed planning. As presented, it reads as if an equivalent must include all components of watershed planning, and hence be a watershed or subwatershed plan. It’s not clear if equivalent studies are intended to be component studies (ex. Tier 3 Water Budget, Water Efficiency Strategy, Grand River Simulation Model) and/or master plans that include a scope of work that addresses certain watershed planning “elements” deemed important for informing particular decisions (ex., Water Supply Master Plan includes a water budget and water conservation plan but not a natural hazard land analysis).

Clarifying equivalency in a manner that facilitates achievement of Growth Plan conformity by 2022 is critical and would necessitate the document to indicate required components of watershed planning to support conformity by 2022, as opposed to components that can be completed later. For example, to properly reflect the Growth Plan policies requiring the development of a water resource system (policy 4.2.1) it should be clarified in the document that the preparation of a watershed plan is not necessary to attain Growth Plan conformity.

We recommend that section 2.8 be revised to include guidance and tools that assist municipalities in understanding:

- How watershed planning requirements of the Growth Plan impact servicing studies (master plans, EAs) that are currently underway;
- How municipalities can achieve Growth Plan conformity by July 2022 when watershed plans are multi-year projects that can require 5 years of baseline data; and
- The minimum standards for watershed planning and how it can be reached through equivalent studies.

4. Include a functional analysis to inform characterization in the first phase of the watershed planning process

Two steps are outlined in the document to characterize existing watershed conditions including: a background review/gap analysis and the undertaking of a watershed monitoring program. Characterization goes beyond identifying where natural resources are found on the landscape and includes analyzing the function and sensitivity of various watershed systems (i.e., wetlands, streams, groundwater, etc.). A third step should be included to identify the need for an integrated functional analysis of various watershed systems to assist with the identification of the water resource and natural heritage systems within the (sub)watershed. As well, section 4.3 indicates that “five years of pre-development monitoring is appropriate to achieve a baseline condition”. We believe it is more appropriate to develop monitoring programs in the context of existing data, watershed planning scope, and management

needs as opposed to being prescriptive to a specific number of years of monitoring required as stated in this document.

5. The identification of a Water Resource System should follow characterization rather than precede it

The identification of a water resource system (WRS) is based on a functional analysis of watershed systems (i.e., key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas, etc.) therefore, the identification of a WRS should follow characterization rather than precede it. Furthermore, as it relates to identifying a WRS, the document should address the differences in terminology and definitions between the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the Growth Plan specifically with respect to WRS and significant surface water contribution areas. It would also be helpful if this document clarified that the policies for Key Hydrologic Features and Areas (Growth Plan section 4.2.3 and 4.2.4) do not apply to settlement areas.

6. Clarify whether “watershed planning elements” are meant to represent minimum requirements

Section 6 of the document includes “watershed planning elements and best practices” using language that reflects the Growth Plan definitions of watershed and subwatershed planning (i.e., water budget and water conservation plan). However, it is not clear whether these “elements and best practices” are intended to represent minimum requirements for watershed planning and equivalents. Furthermore, their insertion into the document as the first stage of the second phase in the watershed planning process is confusing because they include elements of both characterization (i.e., water budget) and management (i.e., water conservation plans). Should the intent of “watershed planning elements” be to guide minimum requirements, it would be best if they were more explicitly presented as such, in relation to specific Growth Plan policies and definitions, earlier in the document (i.e., scoping).

7. The level of detail required to consider climate change in the watershed planning context remains unclear

Further direction regarding how to incorporate climate change into watershed planning is warranted to assist municipalities in understanding the minimum requirements to meet the Growth Plan policies by the conformity deadline. As presented in section 6.4, the level of detail required to consider climate change through watershed planning or equivalents remains unclear and suggests multiple climate change models be applied to better understand the range of potential changes that might be expected. The science of climate modelling is improving and the use of multiple climate change models is costly and may not be necessary to examine a range of potential climate change impacts through alternative scenarios.

8. Clarification on how watershed planning plays a role in the identification of water resource systems and natural heritage systems is needed

The identification of natural heritage systems and water resource systems can be informed by watershed planning studies at both watershed and subwatershed scales, taking into account characterization water budgets and related components of the watershed planning process. As such Section 6.5 should include both the identification of the natural heritage and water resource systems as this would better recognize the interconnectedness between hydrological and ecological functions. Greater clarification should also be provided within the document on how watershed and subwatershed studies can add value by providing a scientific basis to build from and refine natural heritage systems established by the province, as well as ensure alignment between those that cross conservation authority, upper tier, single tier and lower tier municipal boundaries.

9. Additional clarity should be provided to inform the minimum requirements for the development of land use scenarios

The alternative land use and management scenario analysis is a critical component in the second phase of the watershed planning process, particularly as it relates to Growth Plan conformity, and in our opinion is oversimplified in the guidance document. Developing alternative land use and management scenarios is a task that requires data, expertise and involves extensive engagement. For example in section 2.1 it states that “phase three will develop a plan that will provide water, wastewater and stormwater servicing requirements (existing and future) and related water supply and assimilative capacity needs”. These needs would normally be provided through master planning and other servicing studies (i.e., downtown servicing study) and used in watershed/subwatershed plans, as appropriate, through land use scenario development in phase two. Furthermore, the document suggests that land budget analysis can provide information on proposed land uses and development on a watershed basis. However, it is unclear how municipalities will be able to attain Growth Plan conformity by 2022 if land budget analyses are needed to inform alternative scenarios in watershed planning given timing constraints, and as such additional clarity should be provided to inform the minimum requirements for the development of future land use scenarios. The use of visual diagrams would be helpful to illustrate data, studies and processes that provide input to the development of land use scenarios.

10. Additional guidance on implementation would be helpful

Section 7.1 indicates that watershed and subwatershed plans should be endorsed or approved however it should also be clearly stated that it is the municipality’s role to endorse or approve them. Furthermore, a discussion on the difference between watershed planning as an informative process to support decision-making versus the development of a plan as a deliverable in the context of the policies and attaining Growth Plan conformity should be included. With this said, we recognize and support the value of developing watershed plans and appreciate that they may be formatted or presented in a variety of ways best determined by the users. However, further guidance on content as well as how to best coordinate the development of a plan would be of assistance.

11. The Province should provide full cost funding to complete watershed planning

Watershed planning is a multi-year process and is required to inform Growth Plan conformity by 2022. It will be difficult for municipalities to resource multiple subwatershed studies or equivalents within this timeframe. Furthermore, through a comprehensive review of subwatershed planning undertaken by Conservation Ontario in 2003, the lack of resources was identified as one of the biggest barriers to plan implementation. The implementation of subwatershed plans requires long-term planning studies as well as a monitoring and an adaptive management program to support each phase of the process. Full cost funding to support municipalities in implementing the watershed planning requirements of the Growth Plan should be provided.

12. Reorganizing the document structure would improve usability

As presented, the document includes background information and policy guidance as well as technical content. Similar to the trilogy of documents released by the Province in 1993 to support watershed planning, this document would benefit from being restructured to include the background and policy guidance up front, and laid out similarly to the Natural Heritage Reference Manual, and the technical guidance arranged in appendices and referred to throughout.

Sincerely,



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April 11, 2018

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Pat Vanini
Large Urban Municipal Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), Mayor Jeffrey
Mayors and Regional Chairs Caucus of Ontario (MARCO), Ken Seiling
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Mayor Ronald Holman
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Mayor Wendy Landry
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FNOM), Mayor Alan Spacek
Conservation Authority of Ontario, Richard Hibma
all Ontario municipalities

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, March 28, 2018, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Seeking Support on the Court Application Involving the CN Truck-Rail Development in the Town of Milton

WHEREAS under the Municipal Act, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the “economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality” and the “health, safety and well-being of persons”;

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities to have responsibility to establish official plans that meet or exceed provincial standards for managing and directing physical change and effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment;

WHEREAS Halton Region and its area municipalities (“Halton Municipalities”), in partnership with Conservation Halton, have carried out multi-year, multi-phase planning processes to update their applicable official plans to address all relevant provincial plans and policy and foster healthy communities;

WHEREAS the most recent Halton Region official plan process engaged railways, including CN Rail, and was amended to accommodate stated railway plans for rail-supported development;

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WHEREAS contrary to its own stated plans, CN Rail has declared its intention to proceed with a new stand-alone, truck-rail development in the Town of Milton that would operate 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and add at least 1,600 truck trips a day on regional roads located in close proximity to existing and planned residential communities;

WHEREAS CN Rail has declared that Ontario and the Halton Municipalities have no regulatory role whatsoever with respect to the truck-rail development;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities, Conservation Halton, and Halton residents have concerns about the impacts of CN's proposed development on traffic congestion, community growth, health and safety, and the local environment;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton recognize that railways are a matter of federal jurisdiction, but assert that truck-rail developments have non-rail aspects that engage multiple areas of provincial and municipal government regulatory responsibility;

WHEREAS CN's truck-rail development engages numerous provincial and municipal by-laws, policies and plans that govern growth in the Halton Municipalities, including but not limited to, policies in Ontario's Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement, and the provincially approved Official Plan for Halton Region and the Town of Milton;

WHEREAS CN's position that its proposed truck-rail development falls exclusively under federal jurisdiction, if upheld, would create a regulatory gap that would prevent the Province of Ontario, the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton from discharging their statutory responsibilities, and leave CN Rail, a for-profit company, to self-regulate on matters that engage provincial and municipal responsibilities;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton have commenced a Court Application (the "Application") to confirm their legitimate regulatory role in respect of the proposed CN development; and

WHEREAS irrespective of the merits of CN's proposed development, CN's interpretation of jurisdiction over this development, if upheld, would be detrimental to all provinces and municipalities that contain existing or proposed developments that engage matters of federal, provincial and municipal regulatory interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT Regional Council endorse the principles that:
 - a. there must be a cooperative approach to all developments that engage federal, provincial and municipal regulatory matters.

- b. the existence of federal regulation over a development does not preclude and may require provincial and municipal regulation of the proposed development to avoid regulatory gaps.
2. THAT Halton Region calls on the Government of Ontario to join the Court Application of the Halton Municipalities.
3. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General of Ontario; Halton's Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of Provincial Parliament(MPPs), and Leaders of the Opposition Parties.
4. THAT a copy of the attached resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Large Urban Municipal Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO), the Mayors and Regional Chairs Caucus of Ontario (MARCO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FNOM), the Conservation Authority of Ontario, and to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence and attached resolution for your information and consideration.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,



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Resolution for Endorsement by Other Municipalities

WHEREAS under the *Municipal Act*, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the “economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality” and the “health, safety and well-being of persons”;

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities to have responsibility to establish official plans that meet or exceed provincial standards for managing and directing physical change and effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment;

WHEREAS CN Rail has declared that the Province of Ontario and the Halton Municipalities (the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville) and Conservation Halton have no regulatory role whatsoever with respect to a proposed truck/rail development that will have a direct impact on the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and health, safety and well-being of residents;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton recognize that railways are a matter of federal jurisdiction, but assert that truck-rail developments have non-rail aspects that engage multiple areas of provincial and municipal government regulatory responsibility;

WHEREAS the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton have commenced a Court Application to confirm their legitimate regulatory role in respect of the CN development;

WHEREAS CN’s position that its proposed truck-rail development falls exclusively under federal jurisdiction, if upheld, would create a regulatory gap that would prevent the Province of Ontario, the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton from discharging their statutory responsibilities, and leave CN Rail, a for-profit company, to self-regulate on matters that engage provincial and municipal responsibilities; and

WHEREAS irrespective of the merits of CN’s proposed development, CN’s interpretation of jurisdiction over this development, if upheld, would be detrimental to all provinces and municipalities that contain existing or proposed developments that engage matters of federal, provincial and municipal regulatory interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the [insert municipality name] endorse the principles that:
 - a. there must be a cooperative approach to all developments that engage federal, provincial and municipal regulatory matters.
 - b. the existence of federal regulation over a development does not preclude and may require provincial and municipal regulation of the proposed development to avoid regulatory gaps.
2. THAT the [insert municipality name] calls on the Government of Ontario to join the court Application of the Halton Municipalities.



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KILLALOE-HAGARTY-RICHARDS

TOWNSHIP OF KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS

Date: April 3, 2018

Resolution No.: 9

Moved By: T. R. C.

Seconded By: John H. Jeffrey

WHEREAS municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

AND WHEREAS this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but essentially ignore them;

AND WHEREAS proposed Ontario legislation (Bill 139) will grant municipalities additional authority and autonomy to make decisions for their communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities,

AND FURTHER that the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for the siting of power generation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the recent report from Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and

Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%;

AND UNLESS significant efforts are made to increase recycling and diversion rates, a new home for this Toronto garbage will need to be found, as landfill space is filling up quickly;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites for future Toronto garbage by private landfill operators;

AND WHEREAS other communities should not be forced to take Toronto waste, as landfills can contaminate local watersheds, air quality, dramatically increase heavy truck traffic on community roads, and reduce the quality of life for local residents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities, and often have decades' worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling, and diversion programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should have the exclusive right to approve or reject these projects, and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards calls upon the Government of Ontario, and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities, prior to June 2018;

AND THAT in the case of a two-tier municipality, the approval be required at both the upper-tier and affected lower-tier municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards encourage all other municipalities in Ontario to consider this motion calling for immediate provincial action.

Carried: _____

Not Carried: _____

April 4, 2018

Kathleen Wynne, Premier
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Dear Premier Wynne:

Please be advised that at its meeting held the 27th day of March 2018, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2018 - 063 – Agricultural Systems and Natural Heritage System Mapping – Transition Policies

Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Anita Locke –

Whereas the Agricultural Systems (AS) and the Natural Heritage System (NHS) mapping was released by the Province of Ontario on February 9, 2018; and

Whereas the implementation procedures for the Agricultural System (AS) and the Natural Heritage System (NHS) mapping in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) was also issued by the Province on February 9, 2018 and the Province indicated that the implementation procedures for AS take effect immediately as stated by "*OMAFRA's agricultural land base mapping, issued on February 9, 2018, applies to all GGH land use planning decisions.*" and for NHS as stated by "*Ontario has mapped a provincially-led Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (hereafter referred to as the Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan), including criteria, methods and a regional Natural Heritage System map*"; and

Whereas this implementation procedure means that all planning decisions must be consistent with the Provincial February 9, 2018 statement where agricultural systems and natural heritage systems have been identified by the Province regardless of when pre-consultation took place or when the planning application was made; and

Whereas planning staff for the County of Peterborough and Township of Selwyn have attempted to contact applicants that were expected to be impacted by the AS and NHS prior to the release of the mapping and the implementation procedures to advise them if their planning application

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was not considered and approved as of the implementation date (February 9, 2018) that their application must be consistent with the Provincial mapping resulting in applications being denied due to non-conformity with the new mapping; and

Whereas traditionally when new legislation is implemented, the Province includes transition policies that would permit applications in the 'queue' to be considered under the former legislation;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Selwyn strongly urge the Province of Ontario to reconsider the implementation procedure and include transition policies to provide greater flexibility for those applications that were made prior to February 9, 2018 and are impacted by the AS or NHS mapping and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and local M.P.P. Jeff Leal, the County of Peterborough, the City of Kawartha Lakes and upper and single tier municipalities within the GGH.

Mayor Mary Smith – yes
Councillor Donna Ballantyne – yes
Councillor Gerry Herron – yes
Councillor Anita Locke – yes
Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis – yes

Carried.

Should you have any questions regarding the above-noted matter, please do not hesitate to contact the office directly.

Regards,

Tania Goncalves

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Deputy Clerk

cc: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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County of Haldimand
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Review of communications and marketing

A consultant has reviewed internal and external communications for the GRCA and the Grand River Conservation Foundation.

Enterprise Canada spent six months reviewing the GRCA's communications products, publications and survey results, conducting interviews and researching communications of other conservation authorities.

The consultant's summary report includes 48 recommendations to enhance GRCA communications and ensure alignment with the GRCA's strategic plan, which is being updated this year.

Overall, Enterprise Canada found that the GRCA enjoys a positive image and solid reputation among its closest stakeholders. At the same time, it recognized that GRCA communications structures, processes, strategies and tactics need to be modernized.

Once the GRCA's strategic plan has been approved by the GRCA board, the consultant's recommendations will be reviewed to ensure they remain in alignment. Any financial implications stemming from the implementation of the consultant's recommendations would be incorporated into the budget forecast and planning process for 2019.

Niska settlement

An appeal of a City of Guelph Official Plan Amendment regarding eight hectares of GRCA property on Niska Road was withdrawn on March 14 when a settlement was reached between a Guelph resident, the City of Guelph and the GRCA.

The appeal was brought to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to oppose the redesignation of eight hectares of a 65-hectare GRCA property for residential development. As a result of the withdrawal of the appeal, the eight-hectare property was redesignated as residential under the City of Guelph's Official Plan. The

property is currently being farmed under an agricultural lease.

A management plan is being developed for the entire 65-hectare Niska Road property, which will outline how the GRCA will manage the land going forward.

Once the plan is complete, the City of Guelph, in collaboration with the GRCA, will establish a joint working group to help determine public access to the GRCA lands within the city limits. The working group will include members of the public.

The GRCA has set up a Niska land holdings page on www.grandriver.ca in the properties section and people can subscribe to stay updated.

Comments on provincial watershed planning

A GRCA report commenting on a provincial draft document called *Watershed Planning in Ontario: Guidance for Land-use Planning Authorities* was sent to the Environmental Registry during the 60-day public review that closed recently.

The draft document is intended to help guide municipalities so they can meet new and existing provincial land use plans. These provincial plans include the 2017 *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, the 2017 *Greenbelt Plan* and the 2014 *Provincial Policy Statement under the Planning Act*.

The GRCA would like the province to defer finalizing this guidance document to allow more consultation with municipalities, conservation authorities and other stakeholders. While it includes sections on municipal and provincial roles in watershed planning, the document doesn't include a section on conservation authorities. It underplays the history, expertise, roles and resources that conservation authorities contribute to watershed planning.

Since the 1930s, the GRCA has been engaged in watershed planning, including work over many years with partners on the Grand River Watershed Management Plan. Since the 1980s, the GRCA has



been working with watershed municipalities and other stakeholders to undertake subwatershed plans. More than 60 subwatershed and master drainage studies have been completed within the GRCA's jurisdiction.

Seasonal camping

The GRCA is exploring a standardized approach to seasonal camping at the seven Grand River Parks where seasonal camping is offered.

About one-third of the 2,200 campsites provided at Grand River Parks are used for seasonal camping, but the percentage of sites varies quite a bit from one park to another. Most of the sites have water and electricity and some also have sanitary hookup. They are available during the park operating season, May 1 to October 15.

The GRCA will be assessing its seasonal camping program throughout 2018 as part of the conservation areas business plan update. As part of the assessment, the GRCA will explore alternatives to balance the number of seasonal sites and nightly sites, to make more serviced sites available to the public and to consider other ways campers can stay for a longer time.

Any changes recommended through the business plan will be implemented in 2019 and a transition period may be applied to changes to this program when it is implemented.

Four Tier 3 water budget studies

GRCA staff and municipal partners have been working on four Tier 3 water budget studies as a part of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection program, which is outlined by the Clean Water Act, 2006.

All source protection areas across the province have completed either a simple Tier 1 study or a more complex Tier 2 study. The most detailed type of study is a Tier 3 study, which has the objective of finding out if current and future municipal water supply needs can be met.

Over \$5 million has been invested by the province and municipalities in these studies to improve understanding of the potential risks that may impact municipal water supplies.



A corporate group volunteered to build turtle nest protectors at an event last month through the GRCA's volunteer program. For more information about the program, see www.grandriver.ca/volunteer.

The four Tier 3 studies in the Grand River watershed are at different stages of completion. The Region of Waterloo Tier 3 was completed in 2014. The City of Guelph and Guelph-Guelph/Eramosa Township Tier 3 study was completed in 2017, after nearly a decade of technical work. Additional technical work and policy development related to this study are currently underway. The Whitemans Creek Tier 3 study began in 2015 and is nearing completion. The Centre Wellington Scoped Tier 3 study was initiated in 2016. In addition to the technical component, it includes a community engagement process for local stakeholders and residents.

The Tier 3 studies are expected to be completed by the end of 2018. For more information about these studies, see www.sourcewater.ca.

Dry March weather

Precipitation has been below the long-term average across the watershed since the mid-February watershed-wide flood event that resulted from heavy rainfall and ice jams.

February was wet, with 50 per cent more precipitation than normal. However, this trend has been reversed, as March was a relatively dry month.

The GRCA is hoping there will be enough precipitation this spring to fill the reservoirs before the summer. Fortunately, precipitation is predicted to be normal or above-average

over the next couple of months.

Changes to gate access at Laurel Creek

Changes are coming to Laurel Creek Park in Waterloo this spring that will allow visitors to enjoy the park year-round.

Automatic gates at the gatehouse will be activated May 1. There is also a small parking lot and a trailer staging area.

These improvements will enhance access to the park during the camping season and

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April 27 at 9:30 a.m.,
GRCA Administration Centre

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