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Week Ending September 14, 2018

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1. 2018 Interim Investment Performance Report

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Information Report



Service Area Corporate Services

Date Friday, September 14, 2018

Subject **2018 Interim Investment Performance Report**

Report Number CS-2018-25

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To report on the interim 2018 investment portfolio performance and holdings as required by Ontario Regulation 438/97 of the Municipal Act and the City's Council-approved Investment Policy.

Key Findings

The carrying value of the total investment portfolio as of June 30, 2018 was \$294.1 million, plus cash holdings of \$75.1 million for a total of \$369.2 million. The market value of the total investment and cash holdings as at June 30, 2018 was \$371.9 million (June 30, 2017: \$372.8 million).

Interest earned on investments and cash as of June 30, 2018 was \$5.2 million, which has surpassed the June 30, 2017 earnings by \$1.0 million. This computes to an average rate of return of 2.05 per cent (2017: 1.48 per cent).

The City has managed its investment portfolio in accordance with Ontario Regulation 438/97 of the Municipal Act and in accordance with the current City's Council-approved Investment Policy.

Financial Implications

Investment income reduces the amount otherwise required from property taxation to finance City services, as well as increasing the value of reserve funds used to finance future expenditures.

Background

Ontario Regulation 438/97 of the Municipal Act requires a municipality to adopt a statement of investment policies and goals and requires an investment report to be provided to Council at least annually. This report has been prepared in compliance with this regulation.

The primary objectives of the investment policy are as follows:

- Adherence to statutory requirements;
- Preservation of capital;
- Maintaining liquidity; and
- Earning a competitive rate of return.

Provincial legislation requires that the Treasurer submit an investment report to Council each year, or more frequently as specified by Council. The City's current Investment Policy requires a report on the financial position, investment performance, market value, and compliance status of the portfolio at least twice per year.

Report

Definitions

Carrying Value –The portion of an asset's value that is not depreciated. Carrying value is not market value, which is determined by market forces, such as stock prices; also called book value

Market Value - The price at which a security currently can be sold.

Face Value - The value of a bond or another type of debt instrument at maturity; also called par value.

A. Statement of Performance

The investment and cash positions of the City are as follows:

	June 30, 2018 (Carrying Value)	June 30, 2017 (Carrying Value)
Long-term	\$ 188,535,921	\$ 205,273,325
Short-term	\$ 105,559,311	\$ 72,473,649
Total Investments	\$ 294,095,232	\$ 277,746,974
Cash	\$ 75,144,061	\$ 91,673,049
Total	\$369,239,293	\$369,420,023

The carrying value of the total investment portfolio as at June 30, 2018 was \$294.1 million plus cash holdings of \$75.1 million, totalling \$369.2 million. Interest earned on investments and cash as of June 30, 2018 was \$5.2 million, which has surpassed the June 30, 2017 earnings by \$1.0 million. This computes to an average rate of return of 2.05 per cent (June 30, 2017: 1.48 per cent).

The market value of the total investment and cash as at June 30, 2018 was \$371.9 million (2017: \$372.8 million). The details of the City's specific investment portfolio as at June 30, 2018 are attached in the Investment Portfolio by Issuer (ATT-2) and the Investment Portfolio by Security (ATT-3).

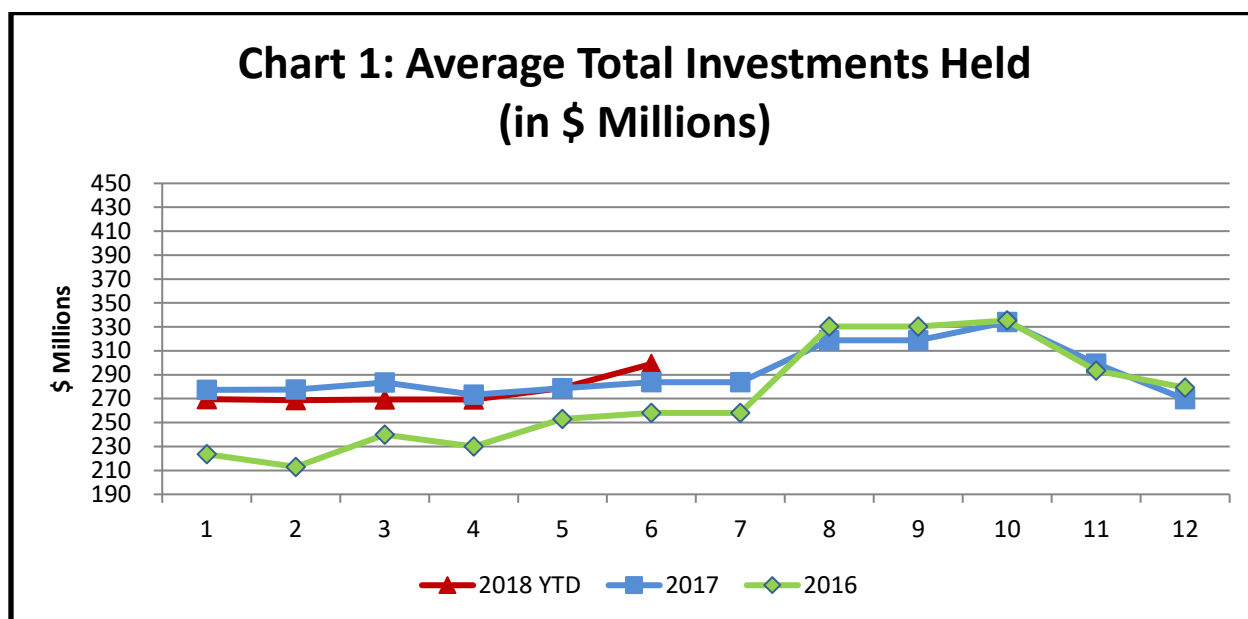
2018 Interim Investment Activity – Cash

Recent changes implemented by the Bank of Canada to increase the short-term interest rates provided more opportunity to turn positive returns on guaranteed investments for the 2017 fiscal year leading into the first six months of 2018. By the end of 2017, the Bank of Canada had increased the overnight rate to 1.00 per cent. Subsequent to year-end, they announced another increase of 0.25 basis points in January and 0.25 basis points in June 2018, bringing the current overnight rate to 1.50 per cent. The rate increase represents favourable outcomes for the City's cash and investments as the majority are based upon the prime rate, however we will not see the full impact of the rate change due to our long-term investments locked in at lower rates.

The cash balance of \$75.1 million at June 30, 2018 (June 30, 2017: \$91.6 million) may appear to be under-utilized, however the large balance relates to the timing of property tax collections at the end of June. Approximately \$30 million of funds were invested in early July capturing the most recent increase in prime rate. Staff continue to monitor the cash flow on a monthly basis to ensure that any excess cash is invested earning the highest rate possible.

2018 Interim Investment Activity – Investment Portfolio

The City has earned a total of \$2.7 million from the investment portfolio (excluding interest earned on cash balances). This represents an average return of 1.94 per cent as at June 30, 2018 compared to a 1.55 per cent average return at June 30, 2017. See Chart 1 below for a comparison of the average carrying value of investments (excluding cash) held in 2018, 2017 and 2016.



RISK/OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFICATION

Following are the risks and opportunities that were present during the 2018 fiscal year:

- i) The City's perpetual cash flow model continues to enable staff to identify and act on timely opportunities for investing (within the City's Investment Policy), with the intent to optimize the returns on available cash throughout the year. The Bank of Canada's prime rate had been stable prior to July 2017 at 0.50 per cent, since then it has increased to 1.50 per cent. The majority of the City's investments are shorter term Guaranteed Investment Certificates and term deposits which are receiving the benefit of an increased prime rate as they renew. To balance this, some of the City's long-term investments are currently locked in at rates that are no longer favourable in today's market but this expected in a well balanced portfolio. Staff monitors these investments by reaching out to their investment counterparts to determine if the current rate of return outweighs the penalties that would be incurred upon early redemption.

ii) Staff monitors cash on a monthly basis and continues to utilize the One Fund High Interest Savings account that as of July 2018 earns 2.17 per cent. Depending on our cash flow needs, staff transfer money to/from the account on a month-to-month basis to capture the higher interest earnings than our bank interest of 2.03 per cent. As of July 2018, we currently have approximately \$50 million invested in which some funds will need to be transferred to cover operating cash flow needs in the next half of 2018.

iii) On June 26, 2018, Council had approved staff's recommendation to not pursue the Prudent Investor Status at this time. Staff has committed to monitor the municipal market to determine how other key players will respond to the regulation changes. Additionally, Council had approved the Investment Policy to increase the allowable holdings of Joint Municipal Investment Boards by five per cent to designate the One Fund Canadian Equity Portfolio as an allowable investment option. Staff have made the decision to not invest in the equity market at the moment to assess how the market responds to existing political pressures with trade agreements and the impact on Gross Domestic Product as a result of the Bank of Canada policy changes.

B. Own Securities

The City has not invested in its own long-term or short-term securities.

C. Investment Policy and Regulation Investment Standard Compliance

In order to aid in the achievement of the primary objectives of the Investment Policy, the policy places restrictions and limitations on investment quality, diversification, and term. The current portfolio is in compliance with the Municipal Act and Ontario Regulation 438/97 and within the targets set out in the City's Investment Policy.

Financial Implications

Investment income reduces the amount otherwise required from property taxation to finance City services, as well as increasing the value of reserve funds used to finance capital projects.

Consultations

N/A

Corporate Administrative Plan

Overarching Goals

Financial Stability

Service Area Operational Work Plans

Our Services - Municipal services that make lives better

Our Resources - A solid foundation for a growing city

Attachments


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ATT-2 City of Guelph Investment Portfolio by Issuer - Short-term and Long-term Investments at June 30, 2018
ATT-3 City of Guelph Investment Portfolio by Security at June 30, 2018

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ATT-1 to report CS-2018-25

Investment Reporting Requirements

These investment reporting requirements are in accordance with Ontario Regulation 438/97 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

1. Statement of Performance

The City of Guelph has earned an average return of 2.05 per cent on its investments and cash as at June 30, 2018.

2. Investments in Own Securities

None of the 2018 investments of the City have been invested in its own long-term or short-term securities.

3. Record of Own Security Transactions

None of the 2018 investments of the City have been invested in its own long-term or short-term securities.

Statement of Treasurer re: City of Guelph Investment Policy Compliance

I, Tara Baker, GM Finance and City Treasurer for the City of Guelph, hereby state that all investments have been made in accordance with the investment policies adopted by the City of Guelph.

Statement of Treasurer re: O.R. 438/97 Investment Standard Compliance

I, Tara Baker, GM Finance and City Treasurer for the City of Guelph, hereby state that:

All investments have been made in accordance with the O.R. 438/97.



Tara Baker, CPA, CA
GM Finance & City Treasurer

ATT-2 to report CS-2018-25
City of Guelph Investment Portfolio by Issuer, Short-term and
Long-term as at June 30, 2018
Short-term Investment Portfolio

Issuer	Yield	Maturity	Carrying Value \$	Term to Maturity (Days)		
				Jun-30	Restriction	Exceeded
Meridian Credit Union	0.95%	Liquid	183	Current	364	-
One Fund High Interest Savings	2.17%	Liquid	20,111,124	Current	364	-
RBC Dominion Securities	0.70%	Liquid	1,375,860	Current	364	-
RBC Dominion Securities	1.05-3.10%	Various<1 yr	10,371,048	<364	364	-
TD Wealth	1.50%	07-Aug-18	5,000,000	38	364	-
Meridian Credit Union	2.00%	03-Sep-18	17,643,450	65	364	-
Meridian Credit Union	2.60%	04-Nov-18	3,750,000	127	364	-
BMO Wealth Management	2.22%	27-Dec-18	10,000,000	180	364	-
Meridian Credit Union	2.10%	03-Feb-19	106,907	218	364	-
Meridian Credit Union	2.75%	03-Feb-19	7,200,739	218	364	-
TD Wealth	1.81%	16-Apr-19	10,000,000	290	364	-
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.54%	22-Apr-19	10,000,000	296	364	-
BMO Wealth Management	2.47%	29-Jun-19	10,000,000	364	364	-
Short-term Investment Total			\$105,559,311			

Long-term Investment Portfolio

Issuer	Yield	Maturity	Carrying Value \$	Term to Maturity (Years)		
				30-Jun-18	Restriction	Exceeded
Joint Municipal Investments	Variable	Liquid	42,229,638	Current	N/A	-
RBC Dominion Securities	1.5%-2.82%	Various>1 yr	8,063,951	>365-4.6	5	-
TD Wealth	1.78%	11-Jul-19	29,954,400	1.0	10	-
RBC Dominion Securities	2.15%	19-Aug-19	10,000,000	1.1	10	-
Meridian Credit Union	2.94%	04-Nov-19	3,750,000	1.3	10	-
CIBC	2.99%	06-Dec-19	19,435,509	1.4	10	-
TD Wealth	2.50%	06-Jan-20	15,000,000	1.5	10	-
CIBC	2.25%	21-Jan-21	14,500,000	2.6	10	-
National Bank	1.81%	14-Nov-22	5,000,000	4.4	10	-
BMO Wealth Management	3.04%	02-Dec-22	5,000,010	4.4	10	-
CIBC-Provincial	3.30%	02-Dec-24	8,222,972	6.4	20	-
TD Wealth	2.05%	13-Aug-25	10,000,000	7.1	10	-

CIBC-Provincial	4.08%	02-Dec-26	7,379,441	8.4	20	-
National Bank	2.00%	04-May-27	10,000,000	8.8	10	-
Long-term Investment Total		\$188,535,921				

TOTAL SHORT AND LONG TERM INVESTMENTS \$294,095,232

ATT-3 to report CS-2018-25
City of Guelph Investment Portfolio by Security as at June 30, 2018

Securities	Investment Value \$	Investment Percentage of Holdings	Policy Maximum Portfolio Percentage Limit
Federal			
Government of Canada			100%
Federal Guarantees			50%
Provincial Governments & Provincial Guarantees	20,602,423	5.6%	75%
Country Other than Canada			5%
Municipal			
City of Guelph			50%
Other Municipalities & OSIFA – AAA & AA			50%
Other Municipalities & OSIFA – A			10%
School Board, Ont. University, Local Board, Conservation Authority, Public Hospital, Housing Corp.			20%
Financial Institutions			
Schedule I Banks	273,955,953	74.2%	75%
Schedule II and III Banks			25%
Loan or Trust Corporations, Credit Union	32,451,279	8.8%	10%
Supranational Financial Institution or Government Organization			25%
Corporate Debt			25%
Commercial Paper			15%
Joint Municipal Investment Pools - Bonds	42,229,638	11.4%	15%
Joint Municipal Investment Pools – Equity			5%
TOTAL	\$369,239,293	100.00%	

GRCA General Membership

Chair Helen Jowett

Vice-Chair Chris White

Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon and Southgate and Town of Grand Valley

Guy Gardhouse

Townships of Mapleton and Wellington North

Pat Salter

Township of Centre Wellington

Kirk McElwain

Town of Erin, Townships of Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch

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Joe Nowak, Wayne Roth,
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Halton Region

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City of Hamilton

George Stojanovic

Oxford County

Bruce Banbury

County of Brant

Brian Coleman, Shirley Simons

City of Brantford

Dave Neumann, Vic Prendergast

Haldimand and Norfolk Counties

Bernie Corbett, Fred Morison



Brantford dike repair this fall

Work on the dike downstream of Veterans Memorial Bridge in Brantford will take place this fall and winter.

The GRCA awarded a \$668,000 contract to Dynex Construction Inc. to complete work on a 220-metre section at the base of concrete slabs along the dike to protect and stabilize it. The slabs are heavily exposed to damage during ice breakup in this part of the river and they have deteriorated over time. Armour stone and rip rap (large loose stones) will be put in place where the riverbed meets the concrete slabs.

Repairs above the water in this area were completed in 2015 and the more complex in-water work will now take place. The project was planned and designed before the February, 2018 ice jam, which had a significant impact on this part of the river. A nearby sediment bar on the river will also be removed to increase and restore the river channel.

Puslinch Tract Master Plan to be updated

The GRCA plans to update the Master Plan for Puslinch Tract Conservation Area, which is just south of Highway 401 in Puslinch Township.

The property has been owned by the GRCA since 1999 and has become a very popular passive area. It is especially popular for mountain biking. It is also popular for hiking, dog walking (dogs must be leashed), skiing and birding.

A Master Plan completed in 2004 identified the environmental characteristics of the property and looked at recreational uses.

Increased use has led to challenges managing the property. These relate to parking, conflicting uses, creation of ad hoc trails and property damage. The master plan process will engage user groups to identify concerns and help find and implement solutions.

The GRCA is seeking approval from the

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to use the GRCA's land sale reserve to cover the costs for the master plan update.

EAB annual spending to increase to \$600,000

The GRCA has included \$2.8 million in spending in the five-year forecast for 2018 to 2022 to manage the emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation.

The actual cost is hard to predict, because it depends on factors such as the rate of the infestation, how the ash trees are removed and if the area needs to be replanted with other species of trees.

In recent years, the GRCA has allotted \$400,000 per year in costs related to hazard tree management due to EAB and the annual budgeted expense is increasing to \$600,000 per year to help cover costs. The GRCA received approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to use \$1.8 million from its land sale proceeds reserve to help cover the cost.

GRCA and OPSEU Local 259 ratify collective agreement

The GRCA board and Ontario Public Sector Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 259, representing approximately 110 employees, have voted to ratify a new collective agreement.

GRCA Chair Helen Jowett is pleased that the agreement was reached without any disruption. She thanked the bargaining team for working towards a fiscally responsible resolution that provides fair, equitable and competitive compensation to employees.

Over the four-year contract, OPSEU Local 259 members will receive wage increases of 1.75 per cent in 2018 and 1.5 per cent per year in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The agreement also provides market adjustments to specific job grades.

The GRCA has accounted for the immediate

financial impact of this collective agreement in the 2018 operating budget.

Heavy rains in August

Abundant rainfall during August helped the watershed recover from the dry summer conditions, but not as much as might be expected.

During the third week of August, 123 mm of rain fell at Luther Marsh, 100 mm in Cambridge, 90 mm at Belwood Lake and 50 mm at Brantford. This increased the inflow to the reservoirs and helped to stabilize reservoir levels. However, the impact of all the rain was not as much as expected, because it has been an exceptionally dry summer.

The watershed went into a Level 1 Low Water condition on July 12. Throughout the summer, water users, including municipalities, were asked to voluntarily reduce their water use by 10 per cent.

Capital spending for parks over 10 years

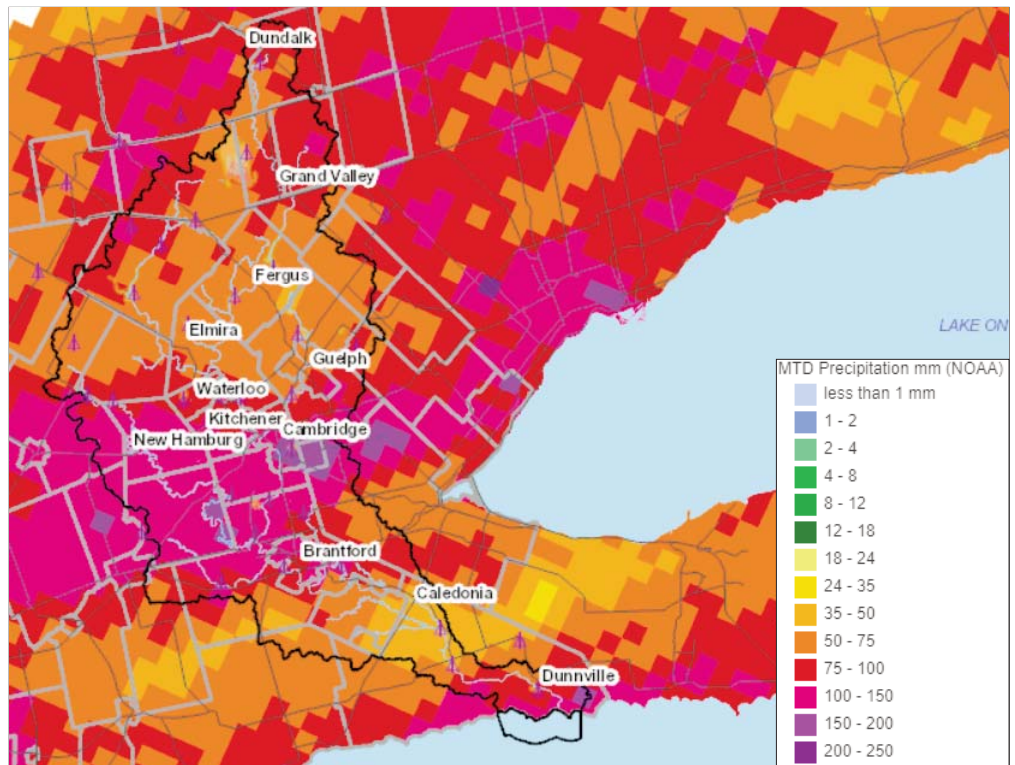
The GRCA expects to spend \$12 million on capital projects in Grand River Parks over the next 10 years until 2027, according to the capital forecast.

Capital spending will focus on six priority areas: aging infrastructure, washroom improvements, providing diverse camping accommodation (this could include more serviced sites, yurts or cabins), installing automatic entry gates at more parks, improved trails and beach access routes, and updating play structures.

There are a number of large projects proposed for Elora Gorge Park in 2018 and 2019. Sanitary servicing upgrades for the Pines campground will be completed in 2018. Projects for 2019 include expansion of the Pines campground, repairs to the low level bridge and automatic entry gates at the front entrance.

Two new playgrounds at Guelph Lake and one at Byng Island have been in use for about a month. In 2019, three playgrounds will be replaced at Brant Park. Construction of the new Guelph Lake workshop will begin in the fall of 2018 and will be completed in 2019.

The capital forecast identifies projects at



This weather radar map shows rainfall during the month of August. This information is from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and is available, along with other weather information, on the GRCA website at www.grandriver.ca/riverdata. Weather radar is one way to measure rainfall, but the most accurate way is taking manual measurements. This is also done by GRCA staff at some locations.

each park and proposes timing. Since the parks are primarily funded through self-generated revenue, it is always a challenge for the GRCA to identify funding sources and meet the increasing demand for park services.

planning and permitting decisions in at-risk communities and flood and erosion-related response and mitigation planning. The project will also update municipal risk assessment information for shoreline flooding.

Hazard mapping meeting September 15

A Public Education Centre (PEC) on September 15, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., will help keep community members informed of a study to update the Lake Erie shoreline flood, erosion and dynamic beach hazard mapping.

This open house event is at Selkirk Centennial Community Centre in Haldimand County and will not include formal presentations. Attendees can learn about the project, ways to protect their property from flooding and erosion, and provide their comments. County and conservation authority staff will be available to answer questions.

Consistent hazard mapping across conservation authority jurisdictions along Lake Erie is needed to support land use

This issue of *GRCA Current* was published in September, 2018.

It is a summary of the August, 2018 business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees, as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

The Grand River Conservation Authority welcomes distribution, photocopying and forwarding of *GRCA Current*.

Next board meeting:
September 28 at 9:30 a.m.,
GRCA Administration Centre

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August 24, 2018

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Dear Stephen O'Brien,

I am pleased to share with you an **Interim Guide to Services and Eligibility** for the new Local Planning Appeal Support Centre. Since our new agency began operation in April, we have been working to develop a full complement of services to support the Ontario public with information, advice and representation in planning matters.

We are conducting a consultation on our interim plan for services and would appreciate receiving feedback from your municipality on our services outlined in the enclosed brochure. We are inviting comments through our online form at www.lpasc.ca/consultation until October 31, 2018.

We have also included copies of two new posters:

- **Do you need help with a planning matter?** which can be displayed in the public areas of your municipal offices to let your community know about our services.
- **Thinking about an appeal?** is an insert that your municipality can include in any mailing of a Notice of Decision going out to your community.

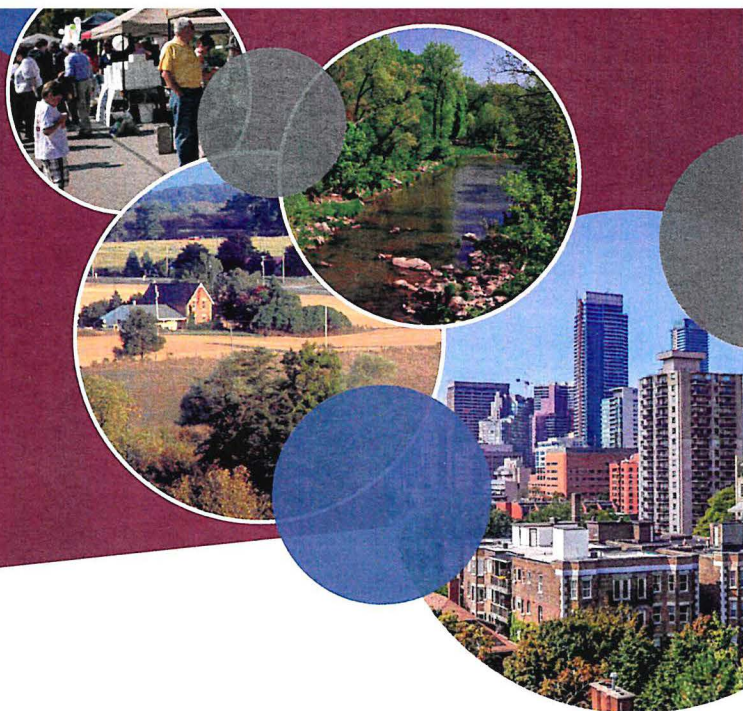
We would appreciate your assistance in bringing our services to the attention of your community. You can obtain additional copies of our brochure and posters, in both English and French, and in colour or black and white, on our website at www.lpasc.ca, or by emailing us at info@lpasc.ca.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Lee
Executive Director

Do you need help with a planning matter?



Ontario's new **Local Planning Appeal Support Centre** helps people navigate the planning approval and appeal process for projects underway in their local community.

We can help you:

- Understand the land use planning and appeals process in Ontario
- Participate in early engagement and resolution
- Express your concerns in land use planning terms
- Prepare to present at a public meeting, mediation or hearing
- Complete appeal forms and other documentation required by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal
- By providing planning and legal assistance at a hearing

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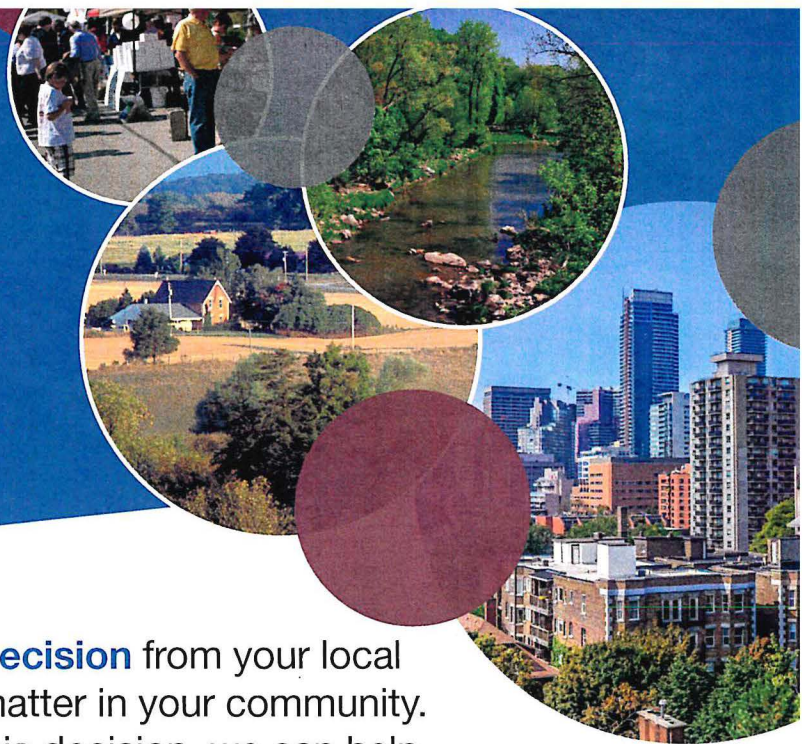
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Thinking about an appeal?



You have just received a **Notice of Decision** from your local municipality concerning a planning matter in your community. If you are thinking about appealing this decision, we can help.

We are Ontario's new **Local Planning Appeal Support Centre**. Our role is to help people navigate the land use planning approval and appeal process.

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Local Planning Appeal Support Centre

Interim Guide to Services and Eligibility

An agency of the Government of Ontario

August 2018

To the clients and stakeholders of LPASC,

Since opening its doors in April 2018, LPASC has been moving quickly to offer a full complement of services to support the Ontario public in planning matters. In only a few short months, clients from over 80 different communities across Ontario have sought advice and assistance from our legal and planning teams.

Growth and development are vital for Ontario's prosperity, yet our public often don't have the information or means to participate in the planning process and, potentially, to influence decisions that affect their communities. LPASC services are designed to help the public engage early in the planning process and, if necessary, navigate the appeal process effectively. Our goal is to help parties find a path to resolution as quickly as possible because we believe that is good for everyone—the municipality, the developer, the public and the Ontario taxpayer.

As a new agency of the Government of Ontario, it is imperative that we listen to our stakeholders and clients and adapt our services according to their needs. To this end, we have produced this brochure outlining our interim plan for services and their eligibility criteria. We are inviting our clients and stakeholders to provide feedback to help us further refine our plan. Please visit www.lpasc.ca/consultation to complete our feedback form.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Pace
Chair, Local Planning Appeal Support Centre

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Local Planning Appeal Support Centre ('LPASC' or 'Centre') provides free services for individuals and groups who are, or wish to become, engaged in planning matters under the *Planning Act* and within the jurisdiction of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ('LPAT').

The Centre provides two categories of services to individuals and groups:



Information Services include free information and guidance for all individuals and groups interested in understanding or participating in the land use planning and appeal process. We encourage you to consult our free Information Services before requesting Professional Services.



Professional Services include free professional planning and/or legal services in response to a development application, policy amendment or in support of an LPAT appeal. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, according to the eligibility criteria set out in section IV below. As a publicly funded organization with limited resources, the Centre gives priority to cases with strong legal or planning merits, or that raise issues of public interest, or that may have a broad impact on land use planning matters in Ontario.



II. INFORMATION SERVICES

The Centre offers free information resources and general planning guidance that can help you understand how to get involved in land use planning matters and the appeal process. Visit our **website** or contact us by phone or email for information on:

Land Use Planning

- Overview of the land use planning system and processes in Ontario;
- How to participate in land use planning matters;
- Legislation, provincial policies, or local official plans.

Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

- Overview of the appeal process through the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal;
- Self-help guides, including 'How to appeal a land planning decision' and 'How to complete an appeal form.'
- Information on transition appeals.

Local Planning Appeal Support Centre

- FAQs, case studies;
- News, articles and updates on the Centre and current developments in land use planning;
- Resource referrals.



III. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

If, after using our free information services, you would like more in-depth assistance regarding a planning matter or appeal, you may request free professional services. These services include planning or legal advice, legal representation, or a combination of services. We offer services province-wide from our Toronto office via email, in-person, phone, or video conferencing. If your case meets the eligibility criteria set out in section IV below, the Centre would support you at various stages of the planning approval and/or appeal process.

Before an appeal has been filed with LPAT, we can:

- Provide planning opinion(s) about your concerns with the planning application;
- Review the applicable legislation and planning policy considerations;
- Research and provide strategies on a best course of action;
- Represent or assist you in preparing for public meetings, such as mediation or negotiation;
- Review documents for the appeal.

After an appeal has been filed with LPAT, we can:

- Review and analyze the case to address your concerns;
- Review materials related to the appeal, including planning decisions, appeal records, and any other relevant evidence;
- Discuss planning and/or legal opinions about your concerns as it relates to the appeal;
- Draft documents for the appeal or responses to requests from LPAT;
- Correspond with opposing parties, including negotiate or initiate settlement on some or all issues;
- Represent or assist you in alternative dispute resolution, such as mediation or negotiation;
- Represent or assist you in preparation for hearing events, such as a prehearing or case management conference or a hearing;
- Provide expert planning evidence to support your appeal.

After an LPAT decision has been made, we can:

- Provide case-specific advice regarding:
 - Status of the appeal and/or research as it applies to your concerns;
 - Options for next steps.



IV. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

When assessing the type and level of professional services you may be eligible for, the Centre will consider:

- A The context of the planning application or appeal:** Does your case fall under the jurisdiction of the *Planning Act* and the *Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act*?
- B The circumstances of the individual or group:** Do you, or your group, have the capacity to file an appeal? What is your direct interest in the matter?
- C The nature and extent of public interest in the matter:** Could your case lead to considerations by LPAT of an issue of broad interest or concern or guide future decisions?

A The Context of the Planning Application or Appeal

1. Which legislation applies to your concerns about the application or appeal?
2. Are the issues you raise aligned with, consistent with, or conform with the Provincial and/or Regional Interests set out in the *Planning Act*, the Provincial Policy Statement, Provincial Land Use plans or regulations, or the applicable local plans?
 - For certain types of appeals, the new legislation says that only matters that do not comply with existing laws, approved planning policies, or regulations can be appealed. Making a good planning case, on its own, is not sufficient.
3. Does your case have strong legal and/or planning merits?
 - For instance, is the outcome that you are seeking possible based on the merits of the case?
4. Is the planning matter or your appeal limited by any of the following:
 - Procedural issues that cannot be met (for example, imminent deadlines),
 - Arguments that LPAT would dismiss as frivolous, for purpose of delay, not made in good faith, or pursuant to subsection 17(45) of the *Planning Act*,
 - Issues that have been or could be addressed or resolved through other avenues?
5. Does the appeal require resources or staff that are available and financially accessible by the Centre?
 - The goal of LPASC is to target its limited resources in a way that supports as many cases as possible.

B The Circumstances of the Individual or Group

1. Do you/your group have appeal rights?
2. Is there any potential conflict of interest that would prevent the Centre from assisting you?

3. Did you/your group participate in the public meeting(s) that considered the issue in question prior to the municipal council decision?
4. Are you acting reasonably?
 - For example, are you willing to explore alternative dispute resolution, such as mediation, where possible?
5. Can you contribute to the cost of technical experts, if needed?
6. What is the nature and extent of your interest in the outcome?
7. Will you make any financial gains from the outcome?

C The Nature and Extent of Public Interest

1. What is the nature and extent of public interest in the eventual outcome?
2. What are the implications for public policy issues raised by facts of the case?
3. Does this case help raise public awareness of one or more important or emerging land use planning issues?
4. Would the eventual outcome of the case affect a greater number of members of the public?
 - For example, would a decision on your appeal set a standard for others dealing with similar issues?
5. Are there other factors in the case that make it a good candidate for assistance and for the use of limited public funds?

Can decisions on eligibility be changed?

If we assessed that your case does not meet the eligibility criteria listed above and your circumstances change or you receive new information, please contact the Centre as soon as possible. The Centre will reassess your case under the new circumstances or with the new information.

If you do not agree with a decision from the Centre regarding your eligibility, you may request a review of the decision through the Centre's complaints process.

V. SERVICE AGREEMENT

Everyone is entitled to information services from the Centre. Beyond that, if your case meets the eligibility criteria for professional services, the Centre will enter into a service agreement with you that outlines the services that you will receive.

VI. CONTACT US

If you have questions or would like further information on the Centre or LPAT processes, please contact us at:



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August 30, 2018

The Right Honourable Justin P.J. Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Re: NAFTA – Dairy Supply Management Program

At the regular meeting of Council held August 29, 2018, the following resolution was carried:

Moved by H. Foster – Seconded by C. Gerrits

Be it Resolved That:

WHEREAS it appears that Mexico and the U.S.A have come to an agreement on trade terms and now intense scrutiny is on Canada as our negotiators attempt to come to an agreement as well, and our Dairy Management system is once more front and centre in the news;

WHEREAS supply management means that our Canadian dairy farms produce enough milk for Canadians and Canada allows 10% import of tariff free dairy products and the U.S.A caps tariff free imports at about 2.75%, so the U.S.A also protects their dairy industry;

WHEREAS we want our dairy products to continue to be produced on Canadian farms, under the strictest animal welfare, milk quality and food safety standards in the world;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Amaranth, as a predominantly farming community, urge the Federal Government to not allow a foreign party to interfere with our Dairy Management System and that it be removed from all North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) negotiations;

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Dufferin-Caledon, MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of International Affairs, Premier of Ontario, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, Dufferin Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation Agriculture and all municipal councils within Ontario.

Should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

Susan M. Stone, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Amaranth

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Trevor Bougie

RESOLUTION NO 255-18

SECONDED BY Frank Prevost

DATE September 4, 2018

WHEREAS Paramedic Services in Ontario are not considered an Essential Service like Fire and Police services;

AND WHEREAS Paramedic Services across Ontario operate under The Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act, 2001, allowing a reduction in paramedic services to 75% (The Essential Services Act).

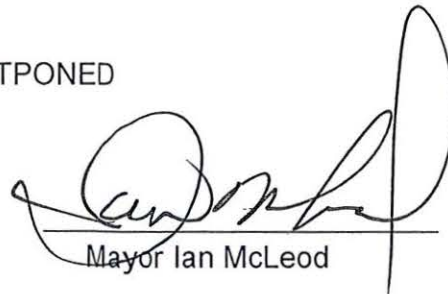
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of South Glengarry petition the Province of Ontario to list Paramedic Services as a full Essential Service;

AND FURTHERMORE, that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, local MPP Jim McDonnell, the Ministry of Labour, the Association of Municipalities Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

☐ POSTPONED


Mayor Ian McLeod

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McLeod	___	___
Deputy Mayor Prevost	___	___
Councillor McKenzie	___	___
Councillor Bougie	___	___
Councillor Warden	___	___

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Kelli Campeau, Clerk

2018-09-06
Date

Meeting Agenda



City of Guelph

River Systems Advisory Committee

September 19, 2018

City Hall, Meeting Room B

From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Mariette Pushkar

Agenda Items

Welcome to all

Item 1, 2 and 3

Item 1, Roll call and certification of quorum

Item 2, Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Item 3, Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2018 meeting

Item 4

Ward to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge

- Information from City staff and project team
- Hearing of delegations
- In Committee discussion – motion

Item 5

Information Items

1. Project Update: Presentation on the Speedvale Trail Underpass
2. Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan Information Session

Next Meeting:

November 21, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. City Hall, Meeting Room B

September 19, 2018
River System Advisory Committee

Item 2 **Ward to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge – Environmental Implementation Brief**

Report provides an overview of the Environmental Implementation Brief that has been prepared to inform the restoration of the west bank of the Speed River between Macdonell Street and Neeve Street.

Proposal The City of Guelph initiated the detailed design of the Ward to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge project upon approval of an Environmental Assessment which studied the impact of two potential pedestrian crossings over the Speed River to connect the Ward to Downtown. This project includes the detailed design to 50% of 'Alternative 1.' In addition to the bridge, the scope of work includes a trail between Arthur Street and the bridge, and a trail along Wellington Street between Macdonell Street and Neeve Street.

Location The study area is located close to the Macdonell Street and Wellington Street East intersection and is bound by the Guelph Junction Railway (GJR) tracks to the north, the property known as 5 Arthur Street to the east, Neeve Street to the south and Wellington Street East to the west.

Background

- An EA and EIS were completed in 2017 to review the environmental impacts of two pedestrian bridge locations over the Speed River.
- RSAC provided input at the EIS Terms of Reference stage at which time the committee passed the following motion:

THAT the EIS include:

- o an expanded study area which covers the entire reach from MacDonnell to Neeve Street;
- o confirmation of candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat through field study, where appropriate;
- o policy context and analysis sections;
- o an analysis of cumulative impacts;
- o a recommended ranking of alternatives; and

THAT the Fluvial Geomorphology work include:

- o multiple water quality grab samples collected to facilitate seasonal characterization; and

THAT the City return to RSAC with the DRAFT Project File (and attached EIS) to receive advice from RSAC on the preferred alternative.

- o The EIS recommended the restoration of the west bank of the Speed River between Macdonell Street and Neeve Street.

- RSAC was also consulted at the Draft EA stage at which time the committee passed the following motion:

THAT The River Systems Advisory Committee supports the recommendations of the Ward to Downtown Bridges Class Environmental Assessment Project File (Schedule B) prepared by GM Blue Plan and dated Feb 6, 2017 and associated technical studies, including the recommended preferred alternatives 1 and 2.

THAT The River Systems Advisory Committee recommends that the City include restoration of the Natural Heritage System (focused on

vegetation communities) along the entire west valley slope of the Speed River within the Study Area into the detailed design phase of the Environmental Assessment for Bridge 1 by including an invasive species management and restoration plan in the scope of the project.

THAT The River Systems Advisory Committee requests that the detailed design phases of the Environmental Assessment return to committee for review and input.

THAT Alternative 2 design does not rely on the existing retaining wall, so that opportunities exist in the future for the wall removal and bank ecological improvements.

- The City and consultant are currently working through the detailed design of Alternative 1 which is directly adjacent to the Guelph Junction Railway bridge.
- A Public Open House was held in April 2018 to present three pedestrian bridge design concepts. A preferred bridge design has been selected. A second Public Open House will be held in the fall to obtain feedback on the entire study area including trails and the river bank restoration.
- An Environmental Implementation Brief and preliminary detailed design drawings have been prepared for staff and committee feedback.
- Within the study area, the west bank of the Speed River is dominated by a woodland characterized as Dry-Fresh Manitoba Maple Deciduous Forest Type. A complex of Mixed Mineral Meadow Marsh Type occurs along open areas within the floodplain and adjacent to the river.
- Within the study area, the Speed River is an average depth of less than two metres and contains little to no aquatic plant species.
- Habitat for Snapping Turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*), a special listed as Special Concern by the province, occurs within the study area.
- Significant Wildlife Habitat in the form of Waterfowl Overwintering Habitat occurs within the study area.
- The Speed River provides poor to moderate quality habitat for fish, and is considered a cool water system.
- The Speed River valley is considered a Significant Valleyland system.

Report

The Environmental Implementation Brief prepared by BioLogic Incorporated (June 15, 2018) provides broad direction on site preparation, invasive species management, seeding and planting, wildlife habitat enhancement, restoration planting recommendations, and short-term management requirements.

Overall, the Environmental Implementation Brief and Landscape Planting Plan (L-103) do not currently provide adequate detail to address requirements laid out in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Impact Study (EIS) completed for the Ward to Downtown Bridges. A detailed, balanced landscape restoration plan and supporting Environmental Implementation Brief that considers site-specific conditions, constructability and cost should be developed. Staff suggest that the goals of restoration should be to increase native vegetation communities, reduce invasive exotic vegetation and enhance wildlife habitat. The EA/EIS suggest the following methods to achieve the goals of the restoration:

- Site Preparation
 - Control existing invasive exotic vegetation using an Integrated Pest Management approach.
 - Prepare timing and planting recommendations for invasive species

- management and restoration plantings.
 - Migratory birds are to be protected per the Migratory Birds Convention Act. No construction, tree removal or site preparation work is to occur during the generalized nesting period of April 1 to August 31.
 - Amend soils to meet specific vegetation community needs.
- Seeding and Planting
 - Identify populations of existing native species suitable for salvage.
 - Seeding and planting native species to establish a mosaic of targeted vegetation communities.
- Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
 - Create habitat features and structures for target wildlife species (e.g. woody debris, nesting tubes, nesting boxes, etc.).
- Short-term Management
 - Monitoring the establishment of seeded and planted native species and adapting restoration establishment and maintenance requirements.
 - Continued control of invasive exotic vegetation using an Integrated Pest Management approach and adapting methods/frequency to meet control targets.
 - Implementing a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan.
- Phasing Considerations
 - Restoration required following construction of bridge.
 - Restoration required along the remainder of the west bank of the river, which may be paired with trail construction.

The Environmental Implementation Brief should also include the avoidance, mitigation and compensation recommendations made in the EIS to ensure protection and maintenance of natural heritage features and functions within and adjacent to the proposed pedestrian bridge:

1. Prepare and implement an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan as part of detailed design.
2. Install and monitor a silt and sediment control barrier. The plan should note that silt fencing must be inspected weekly during construction and following a storm event of 25mm of rainfall within 24 hours. The plan should also note that ESC measures must be kept in place until trail construction is completed and disturbed soils have been vegetated.
3. The area of construction disturbance shall be kept to a minimum.
4. Control access and movement of equipment and people.
5. Minimize the use of heavy equipment in sensitive areas.
6. Works are to be located as far away from the feature boundary as possible.
7. Equipment is to be limited to the construction allowance area and is into to encroach within the adjacent urban forest or watercourse.
8. Accumulated sediment and debris to be removed before silt fence is removed.
9. All disturbed areas will be re-vegetated or restored with site-appropriate indigenous plants.
10. Prioritize trees 467, 517 and 600 for preservation when selecting a preferred bridge alignment and developing construction plan.
11. Implement a comprehensive Restoration, Compensation and Invasive Species Management plan within the areas of impact associated with the construction of the bridge.
12. Ensure all abutments are located at existing infrastructure (i.e. retaining

walls) to reduce impacts to the valleyland slopes.

Characterization of site conditions, soils and existing vegetation communities should be included in the Environmental Implementation Brief. Background information on existing conditions is available in the EIS prepared as part of the EA. Species selection listed in the interim Environmental Implementation Brief should reflect an ecologically-based vegetation community. Possible target Ecological Land Classification communities include: Fresh-Moist Hardwood Deciduous Forest (FOD6-5) with basswood, oak, hickory, red maple and others (noting site-specific requirements, including soil pH), or Fresh-Moist Lowland Forest (F)D7-3, 7-4 or 7-5) with elm willow, walnut, basswood, black maple, etc.

The Planting Plan (L-103) should reflect recommendations made in the Environmental Implementation Brief (following from recommendations made in the EIS and EA) and should reflect an ecologically driven design appropriate for a natural riparian corridor and supporting coolwater fish habitat. For example, the central portion of the Planting Plan (L-103) indicates Riparian Mix A, which includes shrubs, grasses and forbs. Deciduous trees must be included throughout the Planting Plan. Overall, the Planting Plan reads as a landscape plan, rather than an ecological restoration plan. The focus of plantings should be redirected to enhancing biodiversity, wildlife habitat and the natural heritage system. One exception to this may be at the intersection of Wellington Street and Neeve Street to address safety and maintenance concerns.

Suggested Motion

Staff recommends that the River System Advisory Committee conditionally support the Environmental Implementation Brief prepared by BioLogic Incorporated in support of the preliminary detailed design of the Ward to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge, with the following conditions:

THAT the following items be provided to the City's satisfaction through an addendum:

That adequate detail to address requirements laid out in the EA and EIS be provided to improve the ecological condition and function of the west bank of the Speed River from Macdonell Street to Neeve Street.

That site-specific conditions be incorporated.

That the goals of the restoration plan be specified and reflect an increase in native vegetation communities, reduction in invasive exotic vegetation and enhancement of wildlife habitat.

That methods for achieving the goals of the restoration plan be specified.

That considerations for phasing to address restoration following bridge construction and restoration along the remainder of the west bank of the river be incorporated.

That avoidance, mitigation and compensation recommendations made in the EIS be incorporated.

That characterization of site conditions, soils and existing vegetation communities be incorporated, and used to guide the Landscape Plan and removal of invasive species.

That the selection of native species and seed mixes and Landscape Plan be revised to reflect the goal of restoring an ecologically-based vegetation community.