

# Meeting Minutes



City of Guelph

## **River Systems Advisory Committee**

April 17, 2019

City Hall, Meeting Room B

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

Present: Jordan Vanderklok, Ryan VanEngen, Dustin Lyttle, Alex Grosse, Patrick Padovan, Tom Nicholls, Scott Cowan, Leah Lefler, Madeleine Myhill

Absent: Nicola Lower, Justin Langille

## **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

No declarations of a conflict of interest.

**Item 3**, Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2019

**THAT the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting be approved.**

Moved by: Dustin Lyttle

Seconded by: Patrick Padovan

Carried – unanimous

### **Item 4**

#### **York Road Environmental Design Study – Environmental Impact Study**

- Leah Lefler, City of Guelph Environmental Planner and Arun Hindupur, City of Guelph Supervisor, Infrastructure Engineering, updated the Committee on this project
- The 2007 EA identified need to widen the road to four lanes to accommodate travel needs
- Re-alignment of the creek is necessary to address grading and widening

- Preferred alternative aims to strike balance – GRCA and Infrastructure Ontario have been involved in the process
- Steve Chipps with Wood PLC provided a presentation reviewing the technical background of this project and reviewed the three alternatives
- Discussion and questions from the Committee
- Committee raised concerns regarding invasive species, significant tree removals, pond and groundwater impacts

Moved by: Jordan Vanderklok

Seconded by: Dustin Lyttle

**Carried – unanimous**

#### AMENDMENTS

Moved by: Ryan VanEngen

Seconded by: Dustin Lyttle

**Carried – unanimous**

**THAT the River Systems Advisory Committee support the Environmental Impact Study for the York Road Environmental Design Study provided that the EIS be revised to incorporate:**

- an updated policy analysis, consistent with the City of Guelph’s Official Plan (March 2018 Consolidation);
- a recommendation that the policy framework be revisited once additional information on the limits and significance of wetland on the subject property is available through detailed design;
- a recommendation to explore restoration measures that are compatible with the existing channel re-purposed for stormwater management through detailed design;
- a recommendation to incorporate riffle-pool sequences downstream of the Reformatory Entrance through detailed design;
- a recommendation to conduct geotechnical investigations, including identification or potential up-welling prior to detailed design;
- a recommendation to consider the movement of invasive species and the ecological significance of the existing reformatory ponds and Clythe Creek/Hadati Creek with respect to the existing Eramosa River;

- a recommendation to reuse large woody debris from within the study area for creek re-alignment/stabilization; and
- a recommendation to assess individual trees during detailed design with the goal of reducing removals (i.e. grading).

**Information Items**

**Next Meeting:**

Joint meeting with EAC on May 8, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. City Hall Meeting Room C

**Adjournment:**

Moved by: Jordan Vanderklok

Seconded by: Alex Grosse

**Carried – unanimous**