

Meeting Minutes



City of Guelph

River Systems Advisory Committee

August 8, 2018

City Hall, Meeting Room B

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

Meeting Chair: Mariette Pushkar

Present: Jordan Vanderklok, Dustin Lyttle, Alex Grosse, Patrick Padovan, Mariette Pushkar, Nicola Lower, Ryan VanEngen April Nix, Leah Lefler, Madeleine Myhill

Absent: Barry Smith, Eric Wilson

Agenda Items

All were welcomed by the Chair.

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 May 16, 2018 and June 20, 2018

THAT the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting be approved.

Moved by: Alex Gross

Seconded by: Patrick Padovan

Carried – 5 in favour, 2 abstained

THAT the minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting be approved.

Moved by: Jordan Vanderklok

Seconded by: Dustin Lyttle

Carried – 5 in favour, 2 abstained

Item 4

Natural Heritage Action Plan

April Nix, Environmental Planner with the City of Guelph, provided a presentation.

- Discussion around external party participation in implementation
- Discussion around subwatershed studies, infill and secondary plans
- Consider benchmarking off other municipalities
- Discussion around locally significant species list and how/when to update
- Discussion around key concepts and potential to include metrics within future biodiversity strategy
- Discussion around asset management framework
- Consider adopt-a-space or eco-awards to commend environmental stewardship initiatives
- Potential to include in school curriculum/outdoor education via partnerships and existing programs
- Considerations for public delivery – how to make this information more digestible and accessible to a broader audience

Moved by: Alex Grosse

Seconded by: Jordan Vanderklok

AMENDMENT

Moved by: Dustin Lyttle

Seconded by: Nicola Lower

Carried – unanimous

That the River Systems Advisory Committee formally supports the City’s Draft Natural Heritage Action Plan and offers the following comments:

- **That the NHAP continue to draw on existing knowledge/guidelines from other neighbouring municipalities and regulatory agencies.**
- **That a mechanism be established to incorporate results of monitoring, recommendations, and community feedback to ensure that the NHAP continues to be based on current knowledge and practice.**
- **That the NHAP be reviewed after a 3 year cycle and amended as needed to maintain effectiveness for achieving the overall goals and objectives.**
- **That efforts made by City staff to create a comprehensive framework through the NHAP are applauded.**

Information Items

- RSAC members will be contacted by Clerks to be re-appointed
- September meeting will include Speedvale Trail Underpass and Ward to Downtown Pedestrian Bridge

Next Meeting:

September 19, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. City Hall Meeting Room B

Adjournment:

Moved by: Patrick Padovan

Seconded by: Ryan VanEngen

Carried – unanimous