

9TH REPORT OF THE

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on September 18, 2014, commencing at 5:05 PM, Committee Room #3, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: S. Levin (Chair), N. Bergman, J. Bird, F. Cirino, K. Delaney, M. Hirst, B. Maddeford, S. Rahimy, S. Sanford, C. Smart, J. Smith, N. St. Amour, C. Tham, R. Trudeau and N. Zitani and H. Lysynski (Committee Secretary).

ABSENT: L. Nattagh.

ALSO PRESENT: J. Brick, C. Creighton, J. MacKay, A. Macpherson, L. McDougall, H. McNeely and T. Tchir.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Recommendation: That S. Levin and C. Smart BE ELECTED as the Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, for the term ending November 30, 2014.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

3. Middlesex Natural Heritage Study

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee received the attached presentation from J. Brick, Coordinator, Hydrology & Regulatory Services Unit and T. Tchir, Project Manager, Thames River Water Management Plan, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, with respect to the Middlesex Natural Heritage Study.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

4. 8th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) received and noted the following:

- a) the 8th Report of the EEPAC from its meeting held on July 17, 2014;
- b) the 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment from its meeting held on July 16, 2014;
- c) the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 29, 2014, with respect to the appointment of C. Tham to the EEPAC;
- d) the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on September 2, 2014, with respect to the appointment of S. Rahimy to the EEPAC; and,
- e) the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on September 2, 2014, with respect to the 8th Report of the EEPAC.

5. Urban Forest Strategy and Implementation Plan

Recommendation: That the report dated August 26, 2014, prepared by the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy and Implementation Plan, BE RECEIVED.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

6. Southdale Community Centre Subject Land Status Report and Environmental Impact Study

Recommendation: That the comments from the Southdale Community Centre Subject Land Status Report and Environmental Impact Study Working Group, dated September 4, 2014, BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

7. Coves Conservation Master Plan

Recommendation: That the comments from the Coves Conservation Master Plan Working Group, dated September 11, 2014, BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

8. Kiwanis Park/Pottersburg Valley Environmentally Significant Areas

Recommendation: That the comments from the Kiwanis Park/Pottersburg Valley Environmentally Significant Areas Working Group, dated September 15, 2014, BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9. Applications and Notices

Recommendation: That the following actions be taken with respect to Notices received:

- a) a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of S. Levin (lead), K. Delaney, B. Maddeford and C. Tham, with respect to the Environmental Impact Study for the properties located at 895-905 Sarnia Road; it being noted that the Working Group will report back at a future meeting;
- b) the Notice, dated August 21, 2014, from A. Riley, Senior Planner, with respect to the application of Kirkness Consulting Inc., relating to the property located at 1452 Byron Baseline Road BE RECEIVED;
- c) a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of S. Levin (lead), B. Maddeford and C. Smart, with respect to the Scoped Environmental Impact Study for the property located at 946 Longworth Road; and,
- d) a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of S. Levin (lead), J. Bird, C. Smart and R. Trudeau, with respect to the Environmental Impact Study for the property located at 1959 Wharncliffe Road South.

10. Draft Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area: Ecological Inventory and Management Zone, etc.

Recommendation: That a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of R. Trudeau (lead), N. Bergman, F. Cirino, S. Rahimy, S. Sanford, C. Smart, J. Smith and N. St. Amour, with respect to the draft Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area: Ecological Inventory and Management Zone Report by North South Environmental Inc., Draft Water Quality Monitoring and Paleolimnology Study by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd., Draft Westminster Ponds Hydrogeological Investigation by Norbert M. Woerns, M.Sc., P. Geo., Draft Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA: Non-Invasive Species Management Report by Schollen & Company Inc. and North South Environmental Inc.

11. ESA Management Committee Minutes – May 14, 2014

Recommendation: That the ESA Management Committee Minutes from its meeting held on May 14, 2014, BE RECEIVED.

12. Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills and Sifton Bog Community Meetings

Recommendation: That it BE NOTED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Members were encouraged to attend the Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills and Sifton Bog community meetings to be held on Thursday, October 2 and Thursday, October 9, 2014, respectively.

13. Managing Invasive Goutweed to Protect Species at Risk

Recommendation: That the communication and verbal presentation provided by L. McDougall, Ecologist, relating to the Society for Ecological Restoration, 2014 Annual General Meeting and Invasive Plant Symposium, held on September 15 and 15, 2014 BE RECEIVED.

14. Sifton Bog Hydrology Monitoring Program

Recommendation: That the verbal update provided by J. MacKay, Ecologist, with respect to the Sifton Bog Hydrology Monitoring Program BE RECEIVED.

15. Trail Management

Recommendation: That the communication dated August 18, 2014, from S. Levin and B. Tegler, Principal/Applied Ecologist, North-South Environmental Inc., with respect to trails in Environmentally Significant Areas BE RECEIVED.

16. The London Plan

Recommendation: That the comments from the London Plan Working Group BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

17. Living With Natural Areas

Recommendation: That the verbal update provided by J. MacKay, Ecologist, with respect to the Living With Natural Areas survey BE RECEIVED.

18. 2015 Capital Budget Projects

Recommendation: That the comments from the 2015 Capital Budget Projects Working Group BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

19. Next Meeting

Recommendation: That the next meeting of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee BE HELD on October 16, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.