

October 2, 2015

Chair and Members
Planning and Environment Committee (PEC)
City of London

Re Item 12, October 6th, 2015 PEC meeting

We are specifically concerned with *Completed Environment; Bullet #3* on page 7 of the PLANNING SERVICES 2 YEAR WORK PROGRAM report, which indicates that the Trail Planning and Design Standards for ESA's are complete. They were adopted by Council on June 26, 2012, but the Council direction included that they:

*e) **BE REVIEWED** by the ESA Trail Advisory Group after further application in finalizing the Coves ESA Conservation Master Plan and developing the Meadowlily CMP, in order to provide any technical changes that would result in greater clarity of intent and purpose of the Standards, it being noted that the Standards should conform to Provincial and National standards.*

We note that the Standards have been applied to more than two Conservation Master Plans. Although the Meadowlily CMP has been delayed until at least 2017 according to the Work Program Report (pages 8 and 9), the Standards have been applied to The Coves CMP, and also in the Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA CMP Part 1, the Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA: Ecological Inventory & Management Zone Report (April 2015), and in the Sifton Bog ESA. All of this has been undertaken in the absence of the specified review.

It is clear that Council's decision in 2012 required a review following application of the guidelines in two ESAs. Therefore, the review is long overdue.

The undersigned, whom participated in the development of the Standards, have concerns about their application and believe strongly that our concerns need to be discussed with staff.

We ask that the Trail Standards be removed from the list of completed items, and that the review of the Trail Standards be included in the two year work plan to start in either the 4th quarter of this year or in the 1st quarter of 2016.

Sincerely,

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Gary Smith (Friends of Meadowlily)
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