

11TH REPORT OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL PLANNING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on October 20, 2016, commencing at 5:02 PM, in Committee Rooms #1 and #2, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: S. Levin (Chair), E. Arellano, A. Boyer, L. Des Marteaux, S. Hall, D. Hiscott, C. Kushnir, S. Peirce, N. St. Amour, M. Thorn, R. Trudeau and N. Weerasuriya and H. Lysynski (Secretary).

ABSENT: E. Boynton, P. Ferguson, Dr. N. Huner, S. Madhavji, K. Moser, J. Stinziano and M. Watson.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. Draft Ecological Restoration Plan for Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills ESA - Saunders Cabin Area.

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee received the ~~attached~~ presentation from A. Arthur, Ecologist, St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre, with respect to the draft Ecological Restoration Plan for the Saunders Cabin area of the Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

3. 10th Report on the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 10th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 15, 2016, was received.

4. 9th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 9th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on September 28, 2016, was received.

5. 10th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the 10th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment from its meeting held on October 5, 2016, was received.

6. Municipal Council Resolution - 8th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on September 13, 2016, with respect to the 8th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, was received.

7. Notice of Application - Sifton Properties Ltd. - 1509 Ed Vasti Lane and Portion of 1295 Sandy Sommerville Drive

That the Civic Administration BE ADVISED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) recommends that fencing, without gates, be included in the draft plan of subdivision to protect the adjacent Environmentally Significant Area; it being noted that the EEPAC reviewed and received a Notice, dated September 20, 2016, from L. Mottram, Senior Planner, with respect to the application by Sifton Properties Limited, relating to the properties located at 1509 Ed Ervasti Land and a portion of 1295 Sandy Somerville Drive.

8. Mud Creek - Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee and Upper Thames River Conservation Authority Comments

That it BE NOTED that remarks from Stormwater Management in response to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority comments with respect to Mud Creek Environmental Assessment, were received.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

9. Sifton Bog Report - 2016

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2016 Sifton Bog Report prepared by Stantec :

- a) the comments of the 2016 Sifton Bog Working Group, appended to the 11th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) BE PROVIDED to the Civic Administration for consideration; it being noted that the EEPAC held a discussion with respect to the merits of the Civic Administration's proposal and was unable to reach a majority decision; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consult the public of the potential relocation of the viewing platform currently located at Redmond's Pond, prior to a final decision on action.

10. Sunninglea Scope Environmental Impact Statement - Update

That the following actions be taken with respect to the updated Sunninglea Scoped Environmental Impact Study Working Group comments:

- a) consideration of the updated Working Group comments BE POSTPONED to the next Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) meeting; and,
- b) the assigned Planner BE INVITED to attend the EEPAC meeting to respond to any enquiries.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

11. Workplan

That consideration of the 2016 Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Work Plan BE POSTPONED to the next meeting.

12. Subject Land Status Report - 1557 and 1687 Wilton Grove

That a Working Group consisting of S. Levin (lead) and R. Trudeau BE ESTABLISHED to review the Subject Land Status Report relating to the properties located at 1557 and 1687 Wilton Grove Road; it being noted that the application will be discussed at the November 14, 2016, Planning and Environment Committee meeting.

13. Draft Ecological Restoration Plan for Westminster Ponds / Pond Mills ESA
- Saunders Cabin Area

That a Working Group consisting of N. Weerasuriya (lead), E. Arellano and L. Des Marteaux BE ESTABLISHED to review the Ecological Restoration Plan prepared by St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre, for the Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area; it being noted that the Working Group will report back at the next meeting of EEPAC.

14. Draft City-Wide Terrestrial Invasive Plant Strategy

That the following actions be taken with respect to the draft City-Wide Terrestrial Invasive Plant Strategy prepared by J. MacKay, Ecologist Planner:

- a) a Working Group consisting of S. Levin (lead), S. Peirce, J. Stinziano, M. Thorn and N. Weerasuriya BE ESTABLISHED to review the draft City-Wide Terrestrial Invasive Plant Strategy;
- b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to use available project funding for phragmites control if required on approved engineering services projects currently being undertaken; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE ASKED to include funding in future budgets for the control and mitigation of phragmites by restoring natural or native species by methods such as: natural colonization or succession, seeding with native grasses/herbaceous species, planting appropriate native trees and shrubs, planting live cuttings and using landscape cloth or heavy mulching.

VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

15. (ADDED) EEPAC Member Absence

That J. Stinziano BE PERMITTED to remain on the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) during his Fulbright Scholarship as Mr. J. Stinziano continues to participate in Working Group projects and is a valuable member of the EEPAC.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 17, 2016