

2ND REPORT OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL PLANNING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 19, 2017, commencing at 5:00 PM, in Committee Rooms #1 & #2, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: S. Levin (Chair), E. Arellano, A. Boyer, L. Des Marteaux, C. Evans, P. Ferguson, S. Hall, D. Hiscott, Dr. N. Huner, S. Peirce, A. Regehr, N. St. Amour, M. Thorn, R. Trudeau, N. Weerasuriya and I. Whiteside and B. Westlake-Power (Acting Secretary).

ABSENT: C. Kushnir, S. Madhavji, K. Moser, J. Stinziano and M. Watson.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2. Election of Vice Chair for the Term Ending November 30, 2017

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee elected S. Hall as Vice Chair for the term ending November 30, 2017.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

3. 1st Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee from its meeting held on December 15, 2016, was received.

4. 1st Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on January 4, 2017, was received.

5. 1st Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment from its meeting held on December 7, 2016, was received.

6. Municipal Council Resolution - 12th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution from its session held on December 6, 2016, with respect to the 12th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, was received.

7. Notice of Application - Sifton Properties Limited - 3614, 3630 Talbot Road and 6621 Pack Road

That the following Working Groups, BE ESTABLISHED to review the application by Sifton Properties Limited, relating to the properties located at 3614 and 3630 Talbot Road and 6621 Pack Road and to report back at the next Environmental

and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) meeting:

Geotechnical and Hydrogeological Review – I. Whiteside and A. Regehr;

Subject Land Status Report – R. Trudeau (Lead), C. Evans and S. Levin;

it being noted that the EEPAC reviewed and received a Notice, dated January 11, 2017, from N. Pasato, Senior Planner, with respect to this matter.

8. False Rue-anemone and Green Dragon, Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA

That it BE NOTED that the communication dated January 6, 2017, from J. Petruniak, Biologist, Project Manager, Dillon Consulting Limited to L. McDougall, Ecologist Planner, Environmental and Parks Planning, with respect to the abundance of False Rue-anemone and Green Dragon colonies in the Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Area, was received.

9. City of London, Invasive Species Control Program Results, Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA, December 2016

That it BE NOTED that the report from Dillon Consulting, with respect to the Invasive Species Control Program results for the Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Area, was received.

10. Environment and Climate Change Canada. 2016 - Recovery Strategy for the False Rue-anemone (*Enemion biternatum*) in Canada

That it BE NOTED that the 2016 document from Environment and Climate Change Canada, with respect to the Recovery Strategy for the False Rue-anemone (*Enemion biternatum*) in Canada, was received.

11. Ecological Restoration and Accessible Trail Project for Westminster Ponds/ Pond Mills ESA Saunders Cabin Area / Canada 150 Community Grant

That it BE NOTED that the Ecological Restoration and Accessible Trail project poster for the Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills Environmentally Significant Area/Saunders Cabin area Canada 150 Community grant, was received.

12. Nature in the City 2017

That it BE NOTED that the Nature in the City 2017 pamphlet, was received.

V. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

13. Environmental Impact Statement - 1577 and 1687 Wilton Grove Road – Forest City Industrial

That the Working Group comments dated December 12, 2016, related to the Baker Lands Environmental Impact Study for the properties located at 1577 and 1687 Wilton Grove Road, BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

14. Workplan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Workplan:

- a) the attached 2017 Work Plan for the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for consideration; and,
- b) it BE NOTED that the attached 2016 Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Workplan Summary was received.

15. Addendum to the Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA Natural Heritage Inventory and Evaluation

That it BE NOTED that the communication dated November 29, 2016, from Environmental and Parks Planning, with respect to the Addendum to the Medway Valley Heritage Forest Environmentally Significant Areas Natural Heritage Inventory and Evaluation, 2015, was received.

16. Roaming Cats

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the matter of cats roaming in Environmentally Significant Areas was deferred to the February meeting of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee.

VII. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 16, 2017

Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2017

January 2017

Activity	Background	Responsibility	Timeline	Strategic Plan Alignment
Environmental Management Guidelines	<p>Design standards, including snake hibernacula; research whether or not there is something other than what is located at the Toronto Zoo and/or Long Point; bat boxes; barn swallow galleries; artificial nesting cavities/ roosting; aquatic habitat data collection for the Environmental Management Guidelines or Community Master Plans</p> <p>Restoration standards for wetlands, including microbes in soil and muck</p>		Continuation of the work undertaken in 2016 with respect to the Environmental Management Guidelines	
Protecting Environmentally Significant Areas	Communicating why it is important that cats and dogs are controlled in and around Environmentally Significant Areas (cats indoors, dogs on leash) with the assistance of Corporate Communications; EEPAC will work with AWAC on this			
Collaboration with other Advisory Committees	<p>An EEPAC representative is cross appointed to ACE and TFAC, and, where appropriate, EEPAC members will provide advice to its representative on this body</p> <p>Ongoing work with the Dark Sky/Bird deaths in relation to high rise buildings Working Group consisting of EEPAC, ACE & AWAC representatives</p>	In Progress		
Review of Environmental Impact Studies and Environmental Assessments submissions as part of Planning application and the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>	EEPAC is circulated and asked to review consultant submissions and provide input to City staff. In cases of significant disagreement, EEPAC advises PEC	Working Groups as required	As required, usually provide turnout in one meeting cycle	
Conservation Master Plans	During 2017, Phase 2 of the Medway Valley Environmentally Significant Area Conservation Master Plan is set to begin. EEPAC has a representative on the Local Advisory Committee and will provide review to the full plan. There may also be progress on the Conservation Master Plan for the Meadowlily Conservation Master Plan during this year.			

Trail Advisory Group	EEPAC has a representative on this staff directed group. It reviews trail locations and potential new trails for compatibility with the Significant Wildlife Habitat, if any, in the area. Recent examples including Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA and Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA.			
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Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2016

December 2016

Activity	Background	Responsibility	Timeline	Strategic Plan Alignment
Environmental Management Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature review of research on buffers and buffer effectiveness • Review of data collection standards and protocols for Community Plans, Area Plans and Secondary Plans • More detailed and more consistent direction regarding restoration • Ensure hydrology is addressed properly and the proper language is used 	Lauren, Michael, Caitlin for Aquatic aspects	Consistent with Planning Department's 2 Year Work Plan and staff's direction	3E
Invasive Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting staff in developing Invasive Species Plan • Committee members expertise will be applied to the development of the Plan and review of drafts 	tbd	Consistent with Planning Department's 2 Year Work Plan and staff's direction	3E
Enforcement By-law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly develop an Encroachment By-law to regulate unauthorized land uses into publicly owned portions of the Natural Heritage System 	A By-law Enforcement Officer has been assigned to encroachments in ESA's	One year. Requires review of other municipal by laws	3E
Collaboration with other Advisory Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An EEPAC representative is cross appointed to ACE. Where appropriate, EEPAC members will provide advice to its representative on this body. EEPAC has representation on the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee. • Dark Sky/Bird deaths in relation to high rise buildings Working Group with ACE & AWAC 	In Progress	As needed	3E
Review of Environmental Impact Studies and Environmental Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main role of EEPAC is to provide a technical review of the work done by consultants for the city and private proponents. 	Assigned as needed based on expertise	Within timeline requested by city staff file manager	3E