

ESA Management Committee Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2018

UTRCA Boardroom

Present

City - Linda McDougall, Christine Jarvis
UTRCA - Alex Shivas, Cathy Quinlan, Christine Creighton
ESA Team - Dan Jones, Brandon Williamson, Cole Volkaert, Richard Brewer, Kaitlyn Muma,
Vicki Simkovic

Regrets - Andrew Macpherson, James McKay, Jackie Ramsay

1) Welcome

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting, November 29th, 2017

- No changes

3) Environmentally Significant Areas (ESA) – Conservation Master Plans and General Updates

3a. Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA (Southern Portion)

- CMP Phase 2 by Dillon Consultants presented at PEC April 16, 2018 (public participation)
- Local Advisory Committee (LAC) UTRCA representative endorsed CMP
- To City Council April 24th, referred back to staff
- 2018 Invasive species work and monitoring continues in RO1, 2, 5, 14, 15 and 16 as per Phase 1 and draft Phase 2 CMP including work to protect Species at Risk (False Rue-anemone etc.) from Goutweed/Knotweed.
- Loosestrife Beetle Release by Donna Mackenzie, Ontario Beetles
- Informal trail closures following Guidelines including signage and monitoring

3b. The Coves ESA

- Trail edge ecological restoration work by Quiet Nature continues in Euston Meadow(as per CMP, funded by FOTCSI)
- Briscoe Woods woodchip trail implementation 2018 as per CMP/LIC
- ESA Team buckthorn management 2018 (Silver Creek and Euston Woods primarily)
- FOTCSI has submitted several funding applications for implementing stream channel restoration design as per CMP
- Linda and Stantec presenting the Silver Creek Stream Channel Restoration Design at Conference on Natural Channel Systems in Guelph in May 2018

3c. Meadowlily Woods ESA

- Update on Phase 1 Conservation Master Plan by Natural Resource Solutions Inc.; James McKay leading process; a Community Open House expected in 2018
- Buckthorn, Knotweed management 2018

3d. Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA

- St. Williams (SWNEC) ongoing 5 year restoration work for the 4.0 ha buckthorn site
- Boardwalk lifecycle replacements/AODA upgrades in 2018

3e. Sifton Bog ESA

- Hydrology report on monitoring; City's Stormwater Management Unit to take lead
- Buckthorn and Periwinkle management 2018

3f. Kains Woods ESA

- Buckthorn and other invasive species work on track for 2018

3g. Warbler Woods ESA

- TAG walk to be coordinated 2018
- New lands will be brought into ESA team responsibility in 2018
- Buckthorn management 2018

3h. Kilally Meadows ESA

- DSV/Buckthorn being managed north and south of river in 2018
- TVTA volunteer group buckthorn baggie project on north side
- ESA Ecological Restoration Plan (as a 2018 capital project by consultant)
- Loosestrife Beetle Release Community Event(s) in Kilally June 2018

3i) Lower Dingman ESA

- Buckthorn management 2018

3j All ESAs – Invasive Species Management

- Phragmites management/monitoring, touch ups of all 2017 invasive work, all invasives are Monitored using EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) approach

4) ESA Team Operations Report

a) Power Point (Operations January 2018 to April 2018)

5) Other

- a) **Brochure Updates** – Coves and Lower Dingman brochures ETA spring 2018; all brochure maps are being updated currently by UTRCA GIS staff

6) Next Meeting - September 2018