

ESA Management Committee Meeting Minutes
October 24th, 2018
UTRCA Boardroom

Present

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

1) **Welcome**

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting, April 25th, 2018**

- No changes

3) **ESA Team Operations Report**

a) **Power Point (Operations April 2018 to Sept 2018)**

b) **Encampments**

- New City protocol on dealing with encampments in ESAs was shared

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

4a. Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA

- 2018 Invasive species work continues in RO1, 2, 5, 14 and 15 including work to protect Species at Risk (False Rue-anemone) from Goutweed/Knotweed. Phragmites work and monitoring continues.
- Loosestrife Beetle Releases continued in 2018 in additional locations.
- Council approved trail plan implementation for north part of ESA is nearing completion now expropriation is completed.
- Julie and FOMC have requested a Kiosk Sign at Sunningdale Access as 2019 Capital Project – UTRCA staff and FOMC to assist with mapping and graphics etc.

4b. The Coves ESA

- Euston Meadow, East Pond, and Elmwood Gateway restoration work by Quiet Nature and others continues (as per CMP, funded by FOTCSI and City)
- Briscoe Woods woodchip trail implementation 2018 completed as per CMP/LIC. City/Reforest London tree planting/restoration projects proposed for 2019 for Briscoe Woods and along granular trail west of Silver Creek ravine.
- Buckthorn management 2018 (Silver Creek primarily)
- FOTCSI has submitted several funding applications for implementing stream channel restoration implementation as per CMP.
- Western Engineering students developing conceptual bridge designs over Silver Creek as a student design competition and term project.

4c. Meadowlily Woods ESA

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

4d. Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA

- ESA Team taking on next steps in the adaptive management process in the Restoration Plan for the 4.0 ha buckthorn site behind tourism building.
- Boardwalk lifecycle replacements/AODA upgrades in 2018
- Ongoing Phragmites work and innovative control successes by ESA Team

4e. Sifton Bog ESA

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

4f. Kains Woods ESA

- Buckthorn and Honeysuckle and Autumn Olive work completed in 2018
- Reforest London coordinated tree planting around SWM Pond with City.

4g. Warbler Woods ESA

- TAG walk was coordinated in 2018, ESA Team implementing TAG trail
- New lands were brought into ESA team's responsibility in 2018
- Buckthorn and Phragmites management 2018

4h. Kilally Meadows ESA

- DSV/Buckthorn being managed north and south of river in 2018 including Hypena biological control research work with Silv-Econ (at no cost to City for 2018, local Adopt an ESA groups consulted and fully support this work).
- TVTA volunteer group buckthorn baggie project on north side continues
- ESA Ecological Restoration Plan with local Adopt an ESA community engagement is underway (as a 2018 capital project by Parsons Consulting) Draft Report expected March 2019
- Loosestrife Beetle Release Community Events in Kilally 2018 was a success.

4i) Lower Dingman ESA

- Buckthorn, Norway Maple, Yellow Iris and other invasive species management and restoration implemented in 2018
- Kiosk AODA information update to reflect new trails reviewed by TAG in 2018 and implemented by ESA Team
- Phragmites control along Homewood Lane completed as part of ~30km of roadside Phragmites treated by City/LTVCA in effort to control all Phragmites in LTVCA watershed inside City limits. Touchups and monitoring in 2019.

4h) Pottersburg Valley ESA

- Half hectare of Phragmites management in 2018
- ESA Team developing Ecological Restoration Plan for Oak Savannah area for 2019 implementation, community engagement is key part of process and could include future prescribed burns
- Bridge over rail line complete, restoration underway

4i) Kelly Stanton ESA

- Adopt an ESA group volunteers led by Will Van Hemessen collecting 3 season inventory and potentially developing an Ecological Restoration Plan
- Phragmites control and monitoring ongoing

5) **Other**

a) **Management Agreement Maps**

- Updates completed by UTRCA GIS staff

b) **Brochure Updates**

- Draft Coves brochure (text and map) circulated and edits ongoing
- Lower Dingman brochure to follow

c) **2019 Budget and Work Plan**

- Followup meeting to be scheduled in November between UTRCA and City

d) **Potential Byron ESA ?**

6) **Next Meeting** – March 2019