

ESA Management Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 20th, 2019
UTRCA Boardroom

MINUTES

Membership

City - Linda McDougall, Emily Williamson, Jessica Wakefield
UTRCA - Alex Shivas, Cathy Quinlan, Christine Creighton
ESA Team - Dan Jones, Brandon Williamson, Richard Brewer, Jacob Mehlenbacker,
Kandyce Affleck, Anthony Ambrogio
Regrets - Christine Jarvis, Gregg Barrett, Cole Volkaert, James MacKay

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) ESA Team Operations Report

- a) **Power Point of Operations Activities – May to August 2019**
- b) **Quarterly Report, Wages-to-date Summary**

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

3a. Medway Valley Heritage Forest ESA

- Medway VHF ESA CMP Phase 2 process has resumed, first meeting tomorrow, E. Williamson project lead
- Buckthorn management continues in north and Goutweed / Knotweed management and monitoring continues in south
- Phragmites management/monitoring continues in 2019
- Touch up and monitoring of 2018 invasive species work (noting all top and high restoration priorities addressed and most moderate and low are underway)
- TAG solution for railing at Metamora Access is now installed
- TAG solution for Wychwood Access repair to be installed this fall, E. Williamson project lead
- Several encroachments under an enforcement process
- Friends of Medway Creek/City leading design for kiosk sign for Sunningdale Road West access point - funded by City

3b. The Coves ESA

- City/Reforest London tree planting/restoration projects proposed for 2019/2020 for Briscoe Woods and west of Silver Creek ravine
- Phragmites management/monitoring continues in 2019
- Invasive honeysuckle and bittersweet management East Pond
- Touch up and monitoring of 2018 invasive species work

3c. Meadowlily Woods ESA

- Draft Conservation Master Plan by Natural Resource Solutions Inc.; James McKay leading process to address comments and revise report
- TAG solution for Access 4 relocation to be installed this fall, L. McDougall project lead
- Phragmites management/monitoring continues in 2019
- Buckthorn management and touch up and monitoring of 2018 invasive species work

3d. Westminster Ponds/Pond Mills ESA

- ESA Team continuing the adaptive management process in the Restoration Plan for the 4.0 ha buckthorn site behind tourism building.
- Boardwalk lifecycle replacements/AODA upgrades in 2019
- Phragmites management/monitoring continues in 2019
- Several encroachments under an enforcement process
- Touch up and monitoring of 2018 invasive species work

3e. Sifton Bog ESA

- Touch up and monitoring of 2018 invasive species work

3f. Kains Woods ESA

- Kains Woods is a successful example of early detection rapid response for invasive species management.
- Trail closed barrier extended near Sifton's lands
- Touch up and monitoring of 2018 invasive species work

3g. Warbler Woods ESA

- Phragmites management/monitoring continues in 2019
- A few encroachments under an enforcement process

3h. Kilally Meadows ESA

- DSV work continues north and south of river in 2019 including touch ups of previous work and Hyphen biological control work with Silv-Econ.
- TVTA volunteer group buckthorn baggie project on north side is wrapping up. Ian Bailey is the contact from TVTA for project.
- ESA Ecological Restoration Plan is now finalized and posted to City website.

3i. Lower Dingman ESA

- Touch up and monitoring of 2018 invasive species work

3j. Pottersburg Valley ESA

- Half hectare of Phragmites management in 2018, monitoring and management continues 2019
- ESA Team Ecological Restoration Plan for Oak Savanna area for 2019-2023 implementation
- Design of information kiosk and map underway by City, project leads J. Wakefield and L. McDougall

3k. Kelly Stanton ESA

- Phragmites management/monitoring continues in 2019

4) Other

a) Tree Risk Assessment Policy/Procedures Review/Update

- Process is underway, E. Williamson project lead

5) Next Meeting – Nov/Dec 2019