

**CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
HESPELER WEST SUBWATERSHEDS STUDY WORKING COMMITTEE
MEETING NO. 17
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 2, 2004
Allan Reuter Seniors' Centre, 507 King Street, Cambridge (Preston)

Committee Present: Councillor Rick Cowsill (City) (Chair), Erich Ritzmann (MGWA), John Vasiga (MGWA), Wendy Wright (City), April Souwand (City), Brian Cunningham (Small Property Owners), Ian Rawlings (Large Property Owners), Cathy Murphy (MGWA), Chris Gosselin (Region of Waterloo), Ken Cornelisse (MNR)

Others Present: Ron McKittrick (alternate (MGWA)), Brenda Khes (alternate (Large Property Owners)), Mary Hammer (landowner)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Rick Cowsill. It was agreed to deal with Item 5 - Other Business, prior to Item 4 - Review Draft Final Report.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Brian Cunningham Seconded by John Vasiga

THAT the Minutes of the Hespeler West Subwatersheds Study Working Committee meeting held August 5, 2004 be amended as follows:

- Kevin Curtis from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo was in attendance at the meeting and his amendments suggested in his e-mail dated August 16, 2004 will be added.

And adopted as amended.

CARRIED

There was discussion about the request that was made of Mitch Wilson for the wetland evaluation file for Arriscraft lands so that they can determine what would happen to the status of the Maple Grove Wetland Complex if the wetland in the pit area was removed. Ken Cornelisse is still working on this, but information on the location of specific significant species is not available in a general way. The MGWA would like to get this information if Arriscraft's consultants get it.

There was discussion about the aggregation of significant plants. Ken Cornelisse clarified that this is by wetland complex in the wetland evaluation files, not by subwatershed or by polygon.

5. Other Business

- a) Public Meeting Notice – The meeting notice for September 16, 2004 was reviewed. John Vasiga indicated that the map on the public meeting notice is different than previous notices and reports. Wendy Wright indicated that the boundary is as per the TSH floodline report and is explained in it. She confirmed that everyone who was in the previous subwatershed boundary will get mailed notice and that there will be ads in the local paper Friday, September 3rd and 10th, 2004 (without the note regarding the meeting date change). There was a question from Cathy Murphy about her consultants (MTE) not being involved in the discussions with the GRCA and TSH in the development of the new floodline report. She indicated that this had been promised by Nancy Davy and Ray Tufgar at a previous meeting. No one was present from the GRCA to respond to this question.
- b) Public Meeting Agenda/Presentation – There was discussion about the format of the public meeting. Brian Cunningham offered to chair the meeting, at Ken Cornelisse’s suggestion to show the community’s involvement in the working committee process. Wendy Wright will craft a draft agenda for consideration next Thursday.

There was discussion about who should be shown as the author of the summary report. It was concluded that the Working Committee should be shown as the author but where there are still areas of disagreement, these would be noted in the report. Rick Cowsill suggested that we plan for the public meeting to be concluded by 9 p.m., if it starts at 7 p.m., otherwise the audience will be filtering out when the meeting is wrapping up. Wendy Wright thought that the presentation itself would take 15 to 20 minutes and have the maps on display boards but not go into detail as part of the presentation.

- c) Fill Permit for City’s Maple Grove Industrial Subdivision Phase II – Memo from April Souwand dated August 12, 2004 indicated that the City had a fill permit for doing the work in the Maple Grove Industrial Subdivision Phase II. John Vasiga requested a copy of the permit to complete his files. It will be sent to him.
- d) Speed River Island Fill – Re: the memo from Nancy Davy, Erich Ritzmann thought it looked like “buck passing” and that the GRCA should be involved. Wendy Wright pointed out the last sentence in Nancy Davy’s memo that indicated the fill placement was transitory in nature. Erich Ritzmann questioned this and wondered also what the MOE has done. Cathy Murphy wondered why the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has not been involved. It was decided to defer this to the next meeting for a response by Nancy Davy.

- e) Follow-up List – Re: second last item, Ken Cornelisse indicated that if 2125 remains in the Middle Creek subwatershed, he has no question about leaving the wooded swamp within the Maple Grove Wetland Complex. If it is out, he will have to look at this in more detail before making a final determination. This will be left to the next meeting when the floodline report is discussed. Re: Chris Gosselin’s follow-up item, it will say “see final report” and be shown as completed. Re: review proposed buffer policies, Wendy Wright and Rick Cowsill did meet and it will be shown as completed.
- f) List of Topics for Upcoming Meetings – was reviewed. John Vasiga indicated that he had a concern that the maps that are being produced will not be available until the public meeting for detailed review by the MGWA. It was decided to distribute a copy of the maps to the MGWA as they become available. Wendy Wright also indicated that the draft final report has to be completed by September 17, 2004 and to Management Committee on the 22nd. The committee decided to have a final meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2004. It was indicated that any changes could be made as an update report for the Council meeting.
- g) Floodline Report – the floodline report from Totten, Sims, Hubicki was distributed to the group. The MGWA would like a colour copy of the large overall map, which will be distributed to them as soon as it is available. April Souwand pointed out 3 changed areas that she had marked on the copies being distributed today. She also pointed out that the final report will include a change to the area of Subcatchment 2185 and that this will mean changes to the GAWSER and HEC-RAS models and tables in the floodline report.

Ken Cornelisse left the meeting.

4. Review Draft Final Report

Wendy Wright distributed a copy of an e-mail from Erich Ritzmann that contained MGWA comments on the Summary Report Draft #2. The committee went through the e-mail and discussed changes to the report.

Brian Cunningham left the meeting.

Chris Gosselin left the meeting.

Wendy Wright indicated that she will add a definitions section per Erich Ritzmann’s suggestion and will get back to him.

Cathy Murphy asked if the Steering Committee would be meeting on September 10, 2004. Wendy Wright confirmed that the Steering Committee meeting will be held on that date in the morning and that they will be asked for comments on the Summary Report.

Rick Cowsill motioned to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Next meeting – Galt Room, Farmers’ Market Building (corner of Ainslie and Dickson Streets) – 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm – Thursday, September 9, 2004