

Terrestrial Inventory

Technical Committee Meeting #3

June 24th, 2004

Council Committee Room C

Meeting Minutes

Present: Terry Schwan (MNR and resident), Helen White (Community Services), Andrew Lambden (GDA and Homebuilders), Glynis Logue (Green Plan Steering Committee and Guelph Environmental Leadership), Shannon Smith (Planning); Tony Zammitt (Grand River Conservation Authority), Val Wyatt (Guelph Field Naturalists), Astrid Clos (GDA and Homebuilders), Helen Powers (Environmental Planner/Landscape Architect) and Consulting Team: Margot Ursic

Regrets: Don Kudo (Engineering), Drew Cherry (Wellington County Stewardship Council)

Copy: Linda Chapman (Building and Zoning), Randy Drewery (Arborist and Public Works), Mark Haennel (Planner – GIS)

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Criteria for identifying Guelph's Locally Significant Natural Areas
3. Input on the process for Phase 2
4. Recommended revisions to the report.

At 9:10AM introductions were made, followed by a lengthy discussion on issues pertaining to Table 4 (draft criteria for defining Locally Significant Natural Areas) of the Draft Phase 1 Report. A variety of technical comments were made by members of the committee on the Draft Report, and some input was provided on the overall NHS direction. A substantial amount of time was used to deal with concerns specific to the GDA and GAHBA. Meeting adjourned approximately 12:00PM.

In general, most TC members were satisfied with the report with the exception of the GDA and GAHBA representatives. The bulk of the concerns expressed focussed on the ambiguity of the measures for defining the various criteria and concern over the implications of criteria #6. It was decided, however, that many of the concerns expressed could be better addressed once Phase 2a, the compilation and analysis of baseline natural heritage data, is complete (anticipated by Sept. 2004).

Action Items

Margot to address comments from the TC and City staff on the Draft Phase 1 Report, and provide incomplete sections, as part of an updated Phase 2A report to be submitted at the end of the summer.

Margot to provide the results of different applications of LSNA criteria (including illustrations of these different scenarios on maps of the City of Guelph) as part of the Phase 2A Report.

Shannon to clarify project approach and next steps in an email to TC.

All Technical Committee members to forward their comments in writing to Margot Ursic mursic@dougan.ca by July 15, 2004.

Margot to circulate all input received from TC members.

Shannon to meet with GDA/Homebuilders separately to ensure next TC meeting is more productive and balanced.

Please contact Project Lead, Shannon Smith with concerns about the Minutes 837-5616 ext. 2283.