

Minutes of Meeting City of Mississauga Flooding Task Force Meeting No. 3

Date: March 30, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Committee Room 'A', Civic Centre, City of Mississauga
Attendees:

City of Mississauga:

Mayor Hazel McCallion
Nathan Hyde, Executive Assistant to
Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4
Wendy Alexander
Joe Pitushka
Andy Wickens
Lincoln Kan
Jeremy Blair

Region of Peel:

Ric Robertshaw
Linda Petelka
Jeanne Thomsen

Credit Valley Conservation:

John Kinkead

Ministry of Natural Resources:

David Burritt

Residents:

Roger Beaulieu, Nadine Crescent
Greg Carraro, Paisley Boulevard East
Helene Bahsous, Rhonda Valley
Monique Gagnon, Kirwin Avenue
Jim Tovy, Lakeview Ratepayers Association
Mike Polthier, Mississauga Valley Boulevard

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda – Mayor McCallion

2. Update on Action Items – J. Blair (City)

i. Corporate Reports:

- Region and City corporate reports have been circulated to Task Force members
- Contact Jeremy (City) if you did not receive a copy

ii. Private land clean-up issues:

- **Action:** Mayor would like to meet with private property owners with debris issues along the creek. City staff to follow up with Mayor's office.

iii. Permits for watercourse maintenance:

- Permits for several sites have been issued since previous Task Force meeting
- Bi-weekly meetings between CVC and City to expedite permit review process are continuing

iv. Naturalization:

- The CP Rail crossing has been added to the list of "critical areas" for inspection under the Watercourse Debris Management Strategy

v. City's Capital Plan:

- No discussion

vi. Provincial Urban Flooding Working Group:

- John K. (CVC) advised that the Working Group did not meet in March as originally expected, due to staff restructuring and several provincial ministries, and their preliminary findings are not yet available to the Task Force. The Working Group is expected to reconvene in June of this year.
- **Action:** *John Kinkead, CVC, to follow-up*

vii. 311:

- No discussion

viii. Resident Feedback:

- Miranet website continues to be effective means of communication with residents and associations

ix. Other issues:

- Tony Rossi, Manager of Risk Management at the City of Mississauga was not available to attend tonight's meeting.
- **Action:** *Risk Management staff from City and Region will be invited to attend the next Task Force meeting (City and Region to arrange)*
- **Action:** *A representative from the Insurance Bureau of Canada will be invited to attend the next Task Force meeting (City to arrange)*

3. Update on Phase 1 Flooding Remediation Program – L. Petelka (Region)

- Linda provided an overview of the program, including a summary of how the Household Drainage Survey is being rolled out and the proposed schedule
- Residents would like to see sump pumps as part of the program
- Residents are anxious for the installation of check valves to get underway
- The Mayor will talk to Emil Kolb to seek to expedite the schedule of the program
- Condo corporations will be included in the program
- Residents are able to install check valves in advance of the program, subject to obtaining approval from the City's Planning & Building Department
- Residents are cautioned that a check valve may not solve flooding problems in some cases
- Residents are also cautioned that the subsidy for a check valve can not be provided until the HHDS is completed in which the check valve is recommended
- **Action:** *The Region will provide information on the check valve subsidy program at the Public Meetings*

4. Update on Woody Debris Management Strategy – A. Wickens, J. Blair (City)

- Andy and Jeremy provided an update on the implementation of the Debris Management Strategy
- Parks and Forestry is currently hiring a Contract Manager to assist with implementation
- The first inspection will be conducted in May
- The wood lot special management areas will be inspected once per month during the summer season
- The instream special management areas and five critical crossings will be inspected four times per year (i.e. following spring thaw season, prior to summer storm season, following summer storm season, and prior to spring thaw season)

- Downed material and debris will be removed from areas within 3 metres (10 feet) of the creek
- Monique advised of debris issue behind 3175 Kirwin Avenue, Unit 100 (**Action: Jeremy to inspect**)

5. Update on Engineering Feasibility Study – L. Kan (City)

- Lincoln is currently preparing the Terms of Reference for this study and expects the Request for Proposals to be released at the end of April
- Roger B. asked whether on-line pond opportunities will be explored
- Jim T. asked whether opportunities on large parking lots, such as permeable pavements will be explored
- Lincoln advised that although the scope is not yet defined, the aim of the study is to look at all potential opportunities for flooding remediation
- The Mayor wants the successful consultant to “dream big”
- Wendy emphasized that the study must look at cost effective measures
- Jim T. suggested the study also look at provincial and federal funding opportunities
- Greg suggested that the private sector (i.e. land developers) be consulted regarding their long-term development plans within the Cooksville Creek watershed

6. Planning for Public Meetings – L. Petelka (Region)

- Linda outlined the proposed format for the upcoming public meetings
- The meetings will be held by Ward in late May / early June and will be Open House style with no formal presentation. There was general agreement on the proposed format
- Information will be provided on boards with staff available to answer questions and take-away information will also be made available
- Linda is seeking input from the Ward Councillors on their interest and preferred location and dates for the public meetings
- Wendy asked the residents for input on communications, including language issues. (**Action: Citizen members of the Task Force are asked to advise City staff of language issues with residents who may be interested in the public meetings**)
- Linda asked for input from the residents on specific questions to be answered at the public meetings. (**Action: Citizen members of the Task Force are asked to advise Region staff of any specific questions to be answered at the Public Meetings**)
- The following meeting dates / locations have been set for Public Meetings:

Ward	Date	Time	Location
Ward 4	May 26	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Mississauga Valley Community Centre
Ward 1	May 27	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Mississauga Senior’s Centre, Olga Tyne Room, 1389 Cawthra Road
Ward 3	June 2	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Westminster United Church, 4094 Tomken Road at Rathburn
Wards 5, 6 & 7	June 3	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Mississauga Civic Centre, Committee Room ‘A’

7. Other Items

- Sanitary Sewer inspections:
 - Linda advised that Region staff are continuing with inspections of the sanitary sewer network
- “Adopt-a-Creek”:
 - Jim T. suggested that an “Adopt-a-Creek” program be created for the Cooksville Creek
 - Andy advised that there is an “Adopt-a-Park” program. (**Action:** *Andy will follow up with Jim’s suggestion for an “Adopt-a-Creek” program*)
- Anti-Litter efforts:
 - The Mayor re-iterated the need to enforce the Ant-Litter By-law and suggested that a brochure be created regarding litter in creeks (**Action:** *City staff to create a brochure for distribution to residents at the Open Houses*)

8. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5th, 2010, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Mississauga Civic Centre, Committee Room ‘A’

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