

Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System Milestones & Associated Council Resolutions

Year	Milestone	Description	Hamilton City Report # & Resolution(s)
2006	Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System initiative initiated	The Royal Botanical Gardens initiates the establishment of a steering committee with project partners and other stakeholders.	N/A
2007	Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy, Phase I – Background Report	Phase I of the development of a comprehensive land management strategy. Provided background information on the physical, social, and environmental feature of the study area.	Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy (Hamilton, Dundas and Flamborough) (PED08009) (Wards 1, 13 & 15) (December 12, 2007) (a) That Report PED08009, respecting the “Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy”, be received for information. (b) That staff’s continued participation in the “Cootes to Escarpment Conservation and Land Management Strategy” be endorsed.
2009	Cootes to Escarpment Land Management Strategy – Endorsement of Phase 2 Report	Phase II of the development of a comprehensive land management strategy. Involved a public consultation process to identify issues and develop a vision, concept plans, and recommendations.	Cootes to Escarpment Land Management Strategy - Endorsement of Phase 2 Report (PED08009(a)) (Wards 1, 13 and 15) (February 2, 2010) (a) That Council endorse the Cootes to Escarpment Park System Conservation and Land Management Strategy Phase 2 Report, and the “Cootes to Escarpment Park System: A Conservation Vision”. (b) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff continue to provide in-kind resources for implementation of the Cootes to Escarpment Park System Conservation and Land Management Strategy. (c) That the City of Hamilton make a one-time contribution of \$2,500 to be used for hiring a part-time Project Manager to continue with implementation of the Cootes to Escarpment Park System Conservation and Land Management Strategy, with this \$2,500 contribution to be funded from the Planning Division’s Operating Budget (Account 55801 - Dept. ID 812018).

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2010	Public Launch	Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System is officially launched to the public.	N/A
2011	Communications Plan	Consultant develops communication plan and a branding exercise is subsequently completed.	N/A
2012	Memorandum of Understanding	MOU developed by partners to detail the governance structure and decision making processes of Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System.	<p>Cootes to Escarpment Park System - Governance (PED08009(b) / PW12082) (Wards 1, 13, and 15) (November 21, 2012)</p> <p>(a) That the contents of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document for the Cootes to Escarpment Park System, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED08009(b) / PW12082, be endorsed.</p> <p>(b) That Public Works Department staff be authorized to prepare the final Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in consultation with the Steering Committee and based on the contents of the draft MOU document, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED08009(b) / PW12082.</p> <p>(c) That the City Manager be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), on behalf of the City, when it is complete.</p> <p>(d) That the budget, shown in the contents of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) document, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED08009(b) / PW12082, and City commitment to providing \$15,400 annually for three years from the Tax Stabilization Reserve be approved.</p> <p>(e) That the intention of the partners to pursue Provincial and/or Federal Government legislation to create the Park System, and authorization for the Public Works Department staff to work toward this objective with the other partners, be endorsed.</p>