



The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
Electronic Virtual Meeting
87 Broadway, Orangeville, Ontario

**Minutes of a meeting of Sustainable Orangeville
Held on November 3, 2020, at 7 p.m.**

Members Present:

Councillor Grant Peters
Martina Rowley
Mark Whitcombe

Tammy Woods
Jeff Lemon
Matthew Smith

Regrets:

Janice Quirt
Andrew Seagram

Charles McCabe
Jessica Marchildon

Staff Present:

Charles Cosgrove, Manager of Facilities & Parks
Andrea Shaw, Committee Secretary
Ray Osmond, General Manager, Community Services
Kevin Barry, Parks Supervisor

Guests Present:

Rob Koekkoek, President, Orangeville Hydro
Sylvia Bradley
Shaun and Jean Booth
Chris Burton
Max Waters

1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2 Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None stated.

3 Approval of Agenda

That the agenda for November 3, 2020 be hereby approved.
Moved by M. Whitcombe

4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

That the minutes of October 6, 2020 meeting are hereby approved.
Moved by M. Smith

Carried.
Recommendation Number 02

5 Presentation – Rob Koekkoek, President, Orangeville Hydro – Roof Top Solar

Committee Chair Grant Peters introduced Orangeville Hydro President, Rob Koekkoek. Mr. Koekkoek presented to the committee on roof top solar programs and opportunities. Within Orangeville there are 42 Solar Fit installations and this year a resident is also moving forward with a solar installation. As of 2020 solar options are net metering, which allows you to send electricity generated from a renewable energy source to the Orangeville Hydro system for credit towards your electricity costs. Any excess credit can also be carried forward for 12 consecutive months. These programs are in line with the Town of Orangeville Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan.

6 Reports and Items for Discussion

6.1 Hutchinson Court Naturalization

Shaun and Jean Booth presented their volunteer project initiative ideas for the Hutchinson Court trail way. The concept is to remove weeds and replant the area with more native plants and to increase pollinators. The Booths have estimated the cost of plants and seeds to be approximately \$2,000. Currently, Parks cuts five feet back off the trail. There was a council report on naturalization of this area and council's direction was to leave this as a naturalized area. Mr. Booth believes he can obtain a volunteer group and neighbouring homeowners to assist. A formal plan and plants list can be sent to the committee to be reviewed by the Town Horticulturalist and CVC. It is suggested that educational and interpretive signage be erected on benefits of the area being a pollinator garden.

That the Hutchinson trail project plans be sent to the committee to first be approved by the Town's Parks Division and reviewed by CVC.

And that the Sustainable Orangeville committee will allocate up to \$2,000 for the Hutchinson Court trail naturalization / pollinator garden planting if the plans are approved.

6.2 Update on McCannell Entrance Garden and Baby Tree Forest maintenance

Mark Whitcombe sent photos to the committee on the McCannell entrance gardens. Parks and Horticulture immediately cleaned up the entrance garden and additional work is to be completed in Spring. Plants that require fertilization have been blue marked.

Baby Tree forest maintenance has begun by parks staff. The Parks Division has had limited staff over the summer. The Horticultural staff is back and assisting with this maintenance. There are two forests in particular: Rebecca Hills and Kin Family Parks that require a lot of maintenance. A tree spade is being rented to space out the trees within these parks.

6.3 Update on Hens By-law and Educational Materials

Max Waters presented and advised the committee on education materials available on urban hen keeping. Ms. Waters will send over a list with website links of good information. One committee member suggested a private Facebook group for the pilot project participants to share ideas.

**6.4 Budget 2020 allocation of funds / 2021 budget workplan
2021 Initiative Ideas:**

Urban Harvest program has requested an allocation of \$3,000 for 2021. Welcome Home Garden Kits for residents that want to have a vegetable garden. A residential tree planting program with a giveaway / opportunity to homeowners to plant a tree. For further discussion at the next committee meeting.

6.5 Environmental Reserve Fund update

Jeff Lemon addressed the committee with criteria, scope and application ideas for Environmental projects funding. The committee has reserves that are surplus budget funds from prior years. The committee also discussed the option of a Sustainability projects grant program. Mr. Lemon will distribute the framework and concept notes to the committee for discussion at the next meeting.

7 New Business

7.1 Sustainability Coordinator position

Councillor Grant Peters address the committee members advising of the benefits of the Town having a full-time Sustainability Co-ordinator. This was also one of the SNAP recommendations. A motion of support from the committee will assist tabling this topic during budget deliberations.

That the Sustainable Orangeville committee endorses the position of a full-time Sustainability Co-ordinator at the Town of Orangeville.

Moved by M. Whitcombe

Carried.
Recommendation Number 04

8 Date of Next Meeting

The scheduled December 1, 2020 committee meeting will be cancelled and therefore the next scheduled meeting is January 5, 2020.

That the December 1, Sustainable Orangeville committee meeting be cancelled.

Moved by M. Rowley

Carried.
Recommendation Number 05

9 Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.