

Subject: Sustainable Orangeville Workplan

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2023-059

Meeting Date: 2023-11-13

Recommendations

That report INS-2023-059, Sustainable Orangeville Workplan, be received.

Background and Analysis

The Sustainable Orangeville Committee consists of one member of council and up to eight members of the public.

The committee will oversee and implement a grants program to local stakeholder groups, citizens or other individuals that are committed to the delivery of initiatives that assist in the development, implementation, and promotion of environmentally sustainable practices within the Town to reduce the Town's environmental impact.

The committee will be managing various projects and programs in the upcoming 2024 year to support the Town's Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) and to support local environmental awareness, education, and environmental stewardship.

Sustainable Orangeville has participated in various initiatives in 2023 including:

- Two (2) community tree planting events in partnership with CVC;
- Purchased 200 trees for the Spring 2024 Orangeville resident tree giveaway;
- Baby tree ceremony where five (5) trees were planted in Harvey Curry Park to celebrate the babies born in the previous year;
- Continued involvement and maintenance with the community garden and urban harvest programs throughout Orangeville;
- Renewal of the Town's membership with Bee City Canada;
- Shared knowledge regarding the importance of natural areas to residents

For next year (2024), Sustainable Orangeville will oversee a community grants program and will be involved in the following projects:

Baby Tree Program

Donations to the program help fund a “baby forest” to celebrate the babies born for that year. A plaque is placed listing the babies recognized as part of the program.

Tree Giveaway

An annual event open to Orangeville residents. Residents can register and pick-up a tree to plant on their property. Helps to promote tree planting on private property.

CVC Tree Planting Event

Typically held twice a year. This is a public event hosted by CVC and Sustainable Orangeville. Encourages tree planting and is an opportunity to learn more about trees.

Urban Forest Education Video

A one-time short video promoting the importance of trees and what can be done to help support the urban tree canopy. The video is intended to be shared on Town socials.

Community Gardens/Seed Library

An area for Orangeville residents who would like to garden and grow their own food.

Backyard Gardening

For Orangeville residents to buy a gardening kit at a subsidized cost to build a garden bed and experience the benefits of gardening.

Urban Harvest

Promotes sustainable food sources. The food harvested through this program is donated to the Orangeville Food Bank to help address food insecurity.

Bee Cities

The Bee City designation is part of a North American movement to support pollinator protection. Emphasizes the value of pollinator diversity and benefits of native species.

Garden Awards

A local award program promoting community pride. Recognizes residents who help make the Town beautiful from their time and effort they put into their gardens.

Hutchinson Trail

To enhance and protect natural areas in Orangeville.

Cycling Event

To promote healthy modes of transportation and improve public health and connectivity.

Bike Rack Program

Supports a safe and secure place to store bicycles in Town. Encourages residents to use active modes of transportation and makes cycling more convenient for riders.

2024 Workplan

Sustainable Orangeville has prepared an annual work plan (Attachment 1), which provides further details about the projects mentioned above for the year 2024.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Goal: Future-Readiness
Objective: Sustainability

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Social Well-being
Strategy: Provide accessible social and community program options that support health, wellness, and learning.

Notice Provisions

None

Financial Impact

The projected expenses for 2024 total approximately \$30,000, as outlined within the 2024 Work Plan (attached).

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s):

Attachment 1 – 2024 Workplan, Sustainable Orangeville