



## Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

February 13, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

### Electronic Participation - Sustainable Orangeville Committee The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Members Present: Councillor Prendergast  
A. Waugh  
G. Bryan  
M. Rowley  
M. Smith  
M. Whitcombe  
W. Speirs

Members Absent: G. Spence  
M. O'Connor

Staff Present: K. Thomson, Sustainability Co-ordinator  
N. Leece, Legislative Assistant

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#### 1. Call to Order

Councillor Prendergast, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### 2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

#### 3. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Prendergast, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Councillor Prendergast also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee and is home to many Indigenous people today.

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

##### Recommendation: 2024-003

Moved by M. Smith

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

2024-01-09 - Sustainable Orangeville Committee Minutes

**Carried**

##### 4.1 2024-01-09 - Sustainable Orangeville Committee Minutes

#### 5. Presentations

None.

## **6. Items for Discussion and Reports**

### **6.1 2024 National Edition of Communities in Bloom**

The Committee acknowledged the value of the 2024 National Edition of Communities in Bloom. However, after thorough consideration and in light of current commitments and priorities, it was determined that allocating resources to this initiative is not feasible at this time. The initiative can be revisited for consideration in future.

### **6.2 Grants**

#### **6.2.1 Application Roll Out**

The Committee discussed rollout of the grant application, the total number of applications received to date, and various communications strategies that could be continued to effectively communicate the grant program to the target audience.

#### **6.2.2 Review Grant Agreement**

Kate Thomson, Sustainability Co-ordinator, Infrastructure Services, shared that the Grant Agreement has been reviewed by Finance and the Town Clerk. The Committee had no suggested revisions and agreed to approve the Grant Agreement as presented.

#### **Recommendation: 2024-004**

Moved by M. Whitcombe

That the Committee approve the Grant Agreement as presented.

**Carried**

### **6.3 Green Development Standards**

The Committee discussed the Tri-Country Green Development Standards (GDS) project. There will be a public visioning session held on March 26th for Dufferin County that the Committee is interested in participating in.

### **6.4 CVC Spring Tree Plant Location**

The Committee reviewed the Tree Canopy Assessment, which outlined overall tree planting prioritization, and discussed neighborhoods that would benefit the most from tree planting this year.

### **6.5 Urban Gardening Sub-Group**

#### **6.5.1 Bee City Renewal Fee**

#### **Recommendation: 2024-005**

Moved by Councillor Prendergast

That the Committee endorse the renewal of the Bee City membership at \$300.00.

**Carried**

### **6.6 Events/Media/Marketing/Education Sub-Group**

This item was discussed under item 6.7.

### **6.7 Communication Plan Sub-Group**

The Committee discussed the Communications focus of the Grant Application. Councillor Prendergast shared two Tree Seedling Posters that Communications prepared. The Committee prefers the second option and agrees to revise the language to read as "Tree Seedling" as opposed to "Sapling".

#### **6.8 Urban Tree Canopy/Baby Trees Sub-Group**

No items to discuss.

#### **6.9 Transit/ActiveTransportation Sub-Group**

No items to discuss.

#### **6.10 Blooming Boulevards Sub-Group**

No items to discuss.

#### **6.11 Apple Picking & Pruning**

The Committee discussed the possibility of multiple Committee members pruning the orchard located beside the community garden in March.

Note: Councillor Prendergast will confirm any Health & Safety requirements with Heather Savage, General Manager, Community Services in advance of pruning the orchard.

#### **6.12 Committee Assets**

Kate Thomson, Sustainability Co-ordinator, Infrastructure Services, advised that at this time the only Committee Assets are:

1. Guide to Community Gardening Brochures
2. Baby Tree Program Brochures
3. Cycle Orangeville Stickers
4. Bee City Canada Certificate
5. Two National Edition Communities in Bloom Certificates
6. Plaque for Sustainable Orangeville's Environmental Sustainable Awards

### **7. Correspondence**

None.

### **8. Announcements**

Matthew Smith advised on the building of a "Seed Library" as well as an upcoming Zoom program for seed starting and general gardening.

Kate Thomson, Sustainability Co-ordinator, Infrastructure Services, shared an update on the natural asset initiative and pursuing a natural asset roadmap. Ms. Thomson also shared that a progress report for the corporate adaptation plan is tracking to be presented to Council at the end of February.

Councillor Prendergast shared that she is working on getting eco-fencing installed at Town line where there are wetlands on each side of the road to protect wildlife in that area.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee agreed to change the date of the next meeting to Tuesday March 19th at 6:00 p.m., with both virtual and in-person options for attendance.

**10. Adjournment**

**Recommendation: 2024-006**

Moved by M. Rowley

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

**Carried**