



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

February 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Members Present: Councillor G. Peters
V. Nilsson
M. Smith
M. Rowley
M. Whitcombe
J. Lemon
J. Marchildon

Absent:
A. Seagram
T. Woods
C. McCabe

Staff Present: A. Shaw
K. Barry
A. Myles

Guests: S. Bradley
J. M. Palermino
J. Booth
K. Van Ryn
C. Burton

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None stated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of January 5, 2021 be approved as presented.

Resolution:

Moved by M. Whitcombe

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved.

Carried.

4. Presentations

4.1 Branching Out Support Services / Backyard Hens - Kim Van Ryn

Resolution:

Moved by J. Lemon

That the Sustainable Orangeville committee will reimburse an amount of up to \$660 to Branching Out Services to cover the fees for the Town's

Backyard Hen Pilot Program Permit fees and the Rent a Chicken program cost.

Carried.

4.2 Bat Boxes - Jeanne-Marie Palermino

Ms. Palermino introduced the committee at the January meeting on the student bat boxes concept. Unfortunately, due to COVID and school closures it will be difficult to implement this program this school year. The budget for each student was between \$30-\$50. Ms. Palermino will send the bat box construction plans to the committee. M. Smith has volunteered to build a few model bat boxes for demonstration and/or to install within Orangeville to assist the bat habitat.

Resolution:

Moved by M. Rowley

That, Sustainable Orangeville will reimburse up to \$100 in materials to M. Smith create bat boxes on behalf of the committee.

Carried.

4.3 Hutchinson Trail Volunteer Project - Jean & Shaun Booth

J. Booth advised the Committee that Hutchinson Court trail project plans are drafted. These draft plans will initially be reviewed by committee member M. Whitcombe and the final plans to be reviewed by the Parks and Public Works divisions. Once the final plan has been approved by the Town, neighbourhood volunteer recruitment and plan implementation may take place. The committee previously approved \$2,000 towards the project for plants and planting materials pending Town approval.

4.4 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets - Allison Myles, Climate Change Co-ordinator

The Town's Climate Change Co-ordinator, Allison Myles presented the Town's Green House Gas Emission reduction targets and is seeking the committees suggestions and endorsement. The proposed reduction target rates for the Town being presented are 10% by 2030, 50% by 2040, and 100% by 2050. These reduction proposals are in proportion and alignment with the County, Province and Federal targets. The committee members will receive further information from Ms. Myles to review and discuss further at the March meeting.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Communities in Bloom 2021 Virtual Program

The correspondence was received by the committee. There will be no judges tour again this year and the annual conference will be virtual in Fall. The committee will apply for the Scott's garden contest signs grant again this year.

5.2 Tree Cutting By-law

Chair, Councillor Peters spoke to the committee about the previous work and research by the OSAT committee and staff towards a Tree Cutting By-law. The committee suggested the adoption of an alternate name such as Tree Protection by-law. The committee will be forwarded the

background information to review for further discussions at the March committee meeting.

5.3 Sub-Committee Updates

Community Garden:

Kevin Barry, Parks Supervisor updated the committee on the community garden. A new shed for the garden was approved in the 2021 budget and during the 2020 growing season all plots were filled. Parks has not yet received direction of any planned changes to the community gardens due to the new Transit Transfer station at Edelbrock but will update the committee once final plans are in place.

Seed Library:

The seed library program return to the Mill Street Library is contingent upon the pandemic and facility re-openings at this time. M. Smith is willing to continue offering curb-side pick-up from his drive again this year. 10 and 10 Garden Centre is donating seeds to the program.

Waste:

Waste reduction program is being created with volunteers in partnership with some local restaurants in creating a 5 star initiative sticker program. The program is in its initial stages accessing if there is restaurant interest.

Cycle Orangeville

J. Lemon has secured the 8 bike racks that were previously approved by the committee. At the March meeting the committee will discuss how to select appropriate locations for the new bike racks.

6. Correspondence

None received.

7. New Business

None.

8. Date of Next Meeting

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.