



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

March 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present:	Chair, Councillor G. Peters V. Nilsson A. Seagram M. Smith T. Woods C. McCabe M. Whitcombe J. Lemon	Absent:	J. Marchildon M. Rowley
Staff Present:	C. Cosgrove A. Shaw	Guests:	S. Bradley J.M Palermino

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None Stated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion:

That the minutes from February 9, 2021 are approved as presented.

Moved by M. Smith

That the minutes of the previous meeting are approved.

Carried.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Hutchinson Court Volunteer Project Update

M. Whitcombe provided an update that he continues to work with the Booth's to create a plan for this initiative. Approval is still required by the Town for the planting layouts and to allow volunteers/public to work on the public trail property. M. Whitcombe will contact C. Cosgrove to continue discussions for potential project start in Spring of 2021.

5.2 Tree Cutting By-law

The committee members received background information on previous work completed on a Tree Cutting By-law for review. The committee suggests altering the name to a Tree Protection By-law. The committee discussed potential alterations and ideas and M. Whitcombe and C.

McCabe will research the City of Guelph's tree protection programs and by-laws.

Motion:

Moved by C. McCabe

That Sustainable Orangeville requests that Council address the action of encouraging tree canopy development on private property through the reworking of the tree protection by-law with amendments and recommendations from the Sustainable Orangeville committee.

Carried.

5.3 Earth Week Planning

The committee discussed the April 19-24 potential Earth Week events that can be continued under COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

5.3.1 Community Tree Planting

Chair Peters has reached out to CVC on the potential of a Spring community planting under the COVID protocols previously set out. The location will again be at Harvey Curry Park.

5.3.2 Baby Tree Forest

The committee members received an update on the current registration numbers and discussed the option to hold a baby tree planting in Spring or to postpone to a Fall planting and ceremony under the hopes that the pandemic will be over and allow for a small ceremony. The committee opted to postpone the planting and ceremony to the Fall for the babies born in 2019 and 2020. A. Shaw will advise the registrants of the postponement.

5.3.3 Other / Virtual Events

The following other events will be organized for Earth Week;

- Enviro Library Book Donation and Reading
- Virtual Bike Repair Seminar by Cycling Elements
- Climate Change video and marketing campaign
- Guided Hike with approval under proposed COVID protocols.
- virtual Backyard Hen's education workshop
- public poll for location of new Bike Racks

5.4 Urban Food Systems

The committee discussed the Urban Food Systems programs such as the community gardens, urban harvest, and the new backyard hen's pilot program. The committee discussed the potential of these programs being overseen by one individual and the option and potential of this becoming a staff position. The community garden and orchard requires a lot of maintenance and pruning throughout the growing season and further discussions are required on the parks responsibilities vs. the volunteer gardeners responsibilities.

5.5 Bike Rack Location Suggestions

J. Lemon purchased the 8 new bike racks that the committee previously approved and recommended. The committee will seek public input on the best locations for the bike racks and will create a public poll for submissions market it as part of an Earth Week initiative.

Motion:

Moved by M. Whitcombe

THAT Sustainable Orangeville will reimburse committee member J. Lemon for the submitted amount of \$2,329.16, inclusive of tax, for the 8 bike racks purchased as previously approved by the committee under the active transportation program initiative.

Carried.

5.6 Farmer's Market Table

Farmer's Market table registration has opened. V. Nilsson will investigate if they are allowing non-profit tables under their COVID protocols. T. Woods and M. Whitcombe will also investigate the option of a tree sapling give-away at the Farmer's Market.

5.7 Rotary Community Clean Up Day

Rotary has paired with Sustainable Orangeville for a community clean up day on May 15, 2021 under the same COVID protocols as was followed in the Fall of 2020. Pre-registration is required, Rotary will drop off a clean up kit to the registrants, and participants can drop off trash collected to Rotary Park between 12 noon and 4 p.m. on May 15. The Litterati app challenge has been created so that participants can use the app to track the amount of trash collected. The committee members have been requested to sign-up and participate.

5.8 Backyard Garden Program

Chair Peters provided an update and the concept of the Backyard Garden Kit program. The Scott's Gro for Good grant was submitted for this project and if successful would assist in funding the initiative.

5.9 Bat Boxes Update

M. Smith created a bat box following the Canadian Wildlife instructions. The committee will place a bat box in the Dragonfly Park. C. Cosgrove will collaborate with Parks to have a pole erected for the Bat Box. The committee discussed the interest in having educational signage on the bat boxes. Chair Peters advised that K. Van Ryn from Branching Out Services, who attended last months meeting, is interested in having some of their members build some of these bat boxes and the committee motioned to allocated committee funds towards materials.

Motion:

Moved by M. Smith

THAT Sustainable Orangeville will allocate up to \$250 to Branching Out Services towards materials to build bat boxes.

Carried.

5.10 Sub-committee updates

No further updates at this time.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

None.

8. Date of Next Meeting

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.