



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

December 7, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: V. Nilsson
M. Smith
Councillor G. Peters
T. Woods
M. Rowley
J. Lemon
Miranda O'Connor

Members Absent: A. Seagram
C. McCabe
M. Whitcombe
Jessica Marchildon

Staff Present: C. Cosgrove
Tracy Barry

1. Call to Order

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

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None stated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by M. Smith

Carried

4. Presentations

None

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Hutchinson Trail

Kevin Barry was in attendance to provide an update on the Hutchinson Trail. Kevin Barry advised that no planting has been done, but will occur in the Spring. The volunteers are looking to add more cardboard and mulch in the Spring as well.

5.2 Annual Report and Workplan

Annual Report and Workplan presented at the December 6, 2021 Council meeting and approved by Council.

5.3 Sub-Committee Updates

5.3.1 Waste Sub-Committee

No updates

5.3.2 Communities in Bloom

No updates

5.3.3 Active Transportation

Martina Rowley read an article in CAA magazine which mentioned Share the Road Cycling Coalition and names certain communities that qualify as bicycle friendly. Martina would like the Town of Orangeville to be named as bicycle friendly? Jeff Lemon mentioned years ago this was brought up and initiatives like more bike racks and Rotary Way bike trail were implemented to try to get designated as bicycle friendly. Nothing has occurred since these initiatives were taken. Jeff Lemon, Val Nilsoon and Martina Rowley to discuss this initiative and provide update at the February 1, 2022 committee meeting. .

5.3.4 Urban Harvest

Martina Rowley provided an update on the 2021 harvest. In 2021 1,019 lbs were harvested and from that, 820 lbs sent to Food Bank which had a value of \$2,148.00. The four year total is 3,000 lbs with a value of \$8,116. This year Urban Harvest had 13 volunteers (and two high school volunteers) and they picked from nine private properties. The majority of the harvest was apples but they did harvest some pears, tomatoes, fresh herbs, squash, etc. Plan for next year is to increase amount harvested and they are looking to harvest 1,500-2,000 lbs. The Food Bank has a new location and they now have a fully functional and approved commercial kitchen which is used regularly to bake/cook and use the food that was donated (needs to be processed to extend shelf life).

Moved by V. Nilsson

That, Martina Rowley be reimbursed \$111.58 for Urban Harvest "Thank You" cards/gift certificate

Carried

5.3.5 Bat Boxes

Bat boxes delivered but due to poor weather conditions in the past few weeks the boxes have not been installed. Once the weather cooperates, the three bat boxes will be placed on the poles along Veterans Way Trail.

5.3.6 Community Gardens

Charles Cosgrove advised that a second community garden in Harvey Curry Park is in the 2022 budget.

Grant Peters advised that the fruit trees were not relocated as Mark Whitcombe attended the site and advised that the trees would not

survive if transplanted. Mark recommended that certain trees would have to be removed for the transit site and new trees would have to be planted at a new location.

6. Correspondence

None

7. New Business

7.1 Cycling and Pedestrian Safety Update

Grant Peters and Martina Rowley to reach out to landlord and discuss safety issues in the plaza area (Walmart/Canadian Tire, etc.). Martina to find out who the contact person is and see if they can institute a corporate mandate for safety in the parking lots.

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Jeff Lemon requested an update on whether or not CVC has provided their assessment with respect to Veterans Way Trail. Charles Cosgrove advised that we have not received anything from CVC at this point.

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Matthew Smith asked if traffic counts are public information. Grant Peters advised that this information is public and that he will forward the information on the traffic calming study to the committee and will provide Matthew Smith with John Lackey's contact information so that Matthew can contact John Lackey about the traffic study that Infrastructure Services conducted.

8. Date of Next Meeting

January 4, 2022 meeting cancelled.

Next meeting February 1, 2022.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.