



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

March 1, 2022, 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
T. Woods
M. Whitcombe
M. Rowley
J. Lemon
Miranda O'Connor

Members Absent: A. Seagram
C. McCabe

Staff Present: C. Cosgrove
Andrea Shaw

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None Stated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of February 1, 2022 be adopted with the stated amendments provided by M. Rowley.

Recommendation: February 1, 2022

Moved by M. Rowley

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

Carried

4. Presentations

None Received.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Sub-Committee Updates

5.1.1 Waste Sub-Committee

None Stated.

5.1.2 Communities in Bloom

Mr. Matthew Smith provided an update to the committee on Communities in Bloom. After discussions with the Community Services General Manager and Parks Division, the Committee, with Town's support, will enter the non-competitive Nation Judges Tour. This gives an opportunity to ease back into the Nation CiB program without competing against other Municipalities and provides a consultant's report. Marketing for sub-committee volunteers will be discussed further with communications and pushed during Earth Week.

5.1.3 Active Transportation

Mr. Smith and Ms. Nilsson provided an update on a Bike to the Farmers Market event to tentatively take place on May 20. The BIA is supportive of the event and has agreed to supply items for participant goodie bags, plus grand prize vouchers and marketing support. Participants will be encouraged to bike to the market, take a selfie, use designated hashtags, and will receive a goodie bag.

The Committee members also discussed the concept of having a Bike Repair Tower with pump available in the downtown core on Broadway. Several surrounding municipalities have added these units i.e. Mulmur, Mono, etc. The Committee will allocate funding and coordinate with the Town's Infrastructure Services Department who is leading the Broadway Bricks project currently.

Moved by M. Whitcombe

That the Sustainable Orangeville Committee will allocate \$2,600 CDN towards a Bike Work Stand with pump along Broadway to be coordinated with Infrastructure Services.

Carried

5.1.4 Urban Harvest

M. Rowley will be reaching out to the Committee Administrator with details and specifications for an Urban Harvest logo.

5.1.5 Bat Boxes

All the committee's bat boxes has now been installed. Chair, Councillor Peters will reach out to Branching Out Services to see if they are interested in creating more boxes.

5.1.6 Community Gardens

Chair, Councillor Peters has been discussing and reviewing updates to the Community Garden Policy and Guidelines document. Should be able to advertise for lead gardener volunteers to assist with the community gardens soon.

6. Correspondence

7. New Business

7.1 Earth Week 2022

The committee reviewed the previous years Earth Week schedules and discussed options for 2022. Potential events for 2022:

- Library Reading
- Tree Planting Event with CVC on Sat. April 23.
- Bike Repair Workshop (either virtual or in-person still to be decided) for April 20
- Environmental Awards - open nomination form early to mid-April and eliminate categories
- Potentially Bat Boxes Workshop (virtual) - Chair Peters to speak to partners to assess interest.
- Earth Week Movie and/or Talk - M. Whitcombe to reach out to contacts if interest.

7.2 Seed Library

Member M. Smith getting the Seed Library running again this Spring. Communications and marketing to start soon. Looking to create a standard seed request form to simplify inquiries with public.

7.3 Transit Hub

Chair, Councillor Peters provided an update to the committee on the Transit Hub design and tentative construction schedule, and impact on the gardens and trees within the area.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2022.

9. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 8:05 p.m.