



The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville  
Electronic Virtual Meeting  
87 Broadway, Orangeville, Ontario

**Minutes of a meeting of Sustainable Orangeville  
Held on June 25, 2020, at 7 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Grant Peters  
Martina Rowley  
Mark Whitcombe  
Matthew Smith

Tammy Woods  
Andrew Seagram

**Regrets:**

Jessica Marchildon  
Luke Decastro  
Charles McCabe

Janice Quirt  
Jeff Lemon

**Staff Present:**

Charles Cosgrove, Manager of Facilities & Parks  
Andrea Shaw, Committee Secretary  
Dan Benotto, IT Support  
Alison Myles, Climate Change Co-ordinator

**Guests Present:**

Sylvia Bradley

**1 Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2 Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**

None stated.

**3 Approval of Agenda**

**That** the agenda for June 25, 2020 be hereby approved.

**Moved by A. Seagram**

**Carried.**  
Recommendation Number 01

## 4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

That the minutes of February 4, 2020 meeting are hereby approved.

Moved by M. Whitcombe

Carried.

Recommendation Number 02

## 5 Presentation

### 5.1 Alison Myles, Climate Change Co-ordinator

Allison Myles, Climate Change Co-ordinator for the Town of Orangeville was introduced to the committee. Ms. Myles shared her presentation with the committee on the Climate Change Adaptation Plan and completion of milestones 1 and 2. Currently completing milestone 3 that include key stakeholder involvement in which Sustainable Orangeville committee members will be asked to participate. Next steps will be the adaptation actions and planning and working closely with the County who is completing a mitigation plan. The opportunity to seek funding application partnerships and collaboration within the future.

The committee members discussed increased use of trails and biking outdoors during the current COVID pandemic. Mr. Cosgrove, Manager of Facilities and Parks gave the members on update on the approval and completion of the Cycling and Trails Master Plan and the rail trail extension that was approve in the 2020 budget.

## 6 Delegation

### 6.1 Sylvia Bradley, Community Garden Update

Ms. Sylvia Bradley has been volunteering as the Community Garden Lead Volunteer on behalf of the committee. Ms. Bradley gave the committee members on update on the gardens and orchard. Currently, all plots are in use and plot owners have been communicated with regularly. Food Bank has hired 3 students to plant and maintain their garden plots. Fruit trees are in good health, herbs have been planted surround the perimeter and flower bulbs along the west side. The bees are not back as Parks staff is seeking a new colony for the gardens.

Ms. Sylvia indicated that there are a few maintenance and repair requests:

- Siding on the Community Garden shed needs replacing.
- Install the solar lights.
- Interlocking stone to be leveled.
- Install the raised garden beds.

Mr. Cosgrove will get quotes on the siding and interlocking stone for the committee and request the installation of the raised garden beds and solar bulbs.

The committee received an update on the Smart Cities Camera pilot project that is being installed at the Community Garden.

To open the community gardens in May, the Parks division created a gardener's schedule to ensure a max of 5 people within the gardens at any one time. The Ontario government restrictions have increased to 10 people maximum for gatherings, therefore the committee is recommending that the gardening schedule be removed but continue with a maximum of 5 gardeners at any particular time. Now that all the plants are in there is no longer a concern of there being too many participants. Ms. Bradley indicated that even in prior years it is very uncommon for there to be more than 5 at any given time. The committee put forth the following motion of recommendation for approval by Town management and/or the Emergency Operations Committee.

**That** the Sustainable Orangeville committee recommends that the gardener's planting schedule at the Community Garden and Orchard be removed but the continuation of the 5 people maximum participants at any given time continue.  
**Moved by M. Whitcombe**

**Carried.**  
Recommendation Number 03

## **7 Reports and Items for Discussion**

### **7.1 Update on Hens By-law**

Councillor Grant Peters gave an update to the committee on the Council approved Hens trial program and drafted by-law. Public consultation will begin in September and the public feedback to Council with further recommendations in October. Currently the hens by-law trail will allow for 2 hens per yard with specifics in regards to yard and coop size. Permit fee is \$110 annually and members suggested that this was too high in comparison to dog permits and egg volume per 2 hens. It was recommended that such feedback is appreciated, and members should participate in the September public consultation and surveys.

### **7.2 Update on Transit Terminal**

Martina Rowley provided an update on the Transit Task Force recommendation that was approved by Council for the Downtown location (Broadway and First Street) for the new Transit terminal. Ms. Rowley explained the committees background research, input and consultation the task force took prior to the recommendation. Ms. Rowley is also an avid Orangeville transit user.

## **8 New Business**

### **8.1 Cancellation of Communities in Bloom for 2020**

Council Grant Peters and CiB member representative Matthew Smith had approximately 10-15 volunteers interested in participating for the 2020 year prior to COVID. The Communities in Bloom judges tour is cancelled for 2020. Orangeville will consider the CiB registration into the Circle of Excellence – noncompetitive category for 2021. A virtual meeting will be arranged with the

CIB volunteers to keep the lines of communication open and to begin planning.

## **8.2 Seed Library Porch Pick Up Model**

Committee member, Matthew Smith has volunteered to be the lead on the Seed Library Program. This year the seed library opened late in May with a porch pick up model. Safety protocols are in place and were advertised accordingly. To encourage seeds be donated a seed saving workshop was suggested for September. Ms. Bradley suggested contacting the hardware stores within Orangeville, as many have donated their left over seed packages in previous years.

## **8.3 Postponement / cancellation of Earth Week and Enviro Awards**

Due to COVID-19 all Earth Week events and the Environmental Awards were postponed. There are still no set dates for the event but the committee is hopeful that a tree planting event can be organized for the Fall. CVC has commenced field work and tree planting location assessments again. The committee will discuss the possibility of a Fall Tree planting at the September meeting.

# **9 Other**

## **9.1 Sub-Committee Updates**

### **Urban Harvest Program:**

Ms. Rowley would like to be contacting volunteers and homeowners regarding the Urban Harvest program shortly. She will be drafting new protocols and guidelines including physical distancing measure for the volunteer pickers and homeowners to submit to the Town for approval. Ms. Rowley will be contact the homeowner soon to get a sense of their willingness to participate this year.

## **9.2 School Gardens Update**

UGDSB committee rep, Andrew Seagram provided an update on the school gardens. Two school gardens, Princess Margaret and PEPS gardens are planted and healthy. Island Lake School garden is predominately run by the Parent Council. COVID protocols and guidelines are in place for all the gardens. Currently considering increasing the maximum to 10 people allowed within each garden at a time.

## **9.3 ODSS Garden**

Ms. Bradley has been maintaining the ODSS canoe garden. She stated that the tree sculpture is drying out and requires varnishing. Andrea Seagram from UGDSB will get mulch for the school gardens at ODSS.

## **9.4 Urban Forest**

Mark Whitcombe and Sylvia Bradley will be meeting to discuss an urban forest maintenance plan for the committees tree plantings and baby tree forests to ensure health and longevity of the committees tree plantings.

## **9.5 CVC Trail**

Councillor Grant Peters gave the committee members an update from his CVC board meeting on the Credit Valley Trail and continuation of the project. Further guidelines and chapters information will out next month.

## **9.6 Orangeville Hydro**

Councillor Peters put forth a motion to Orangeville Hydro on the expansion of renewable energy as part of their business plan. Orangeville Hydro has been very receptive and will be investigating renewable energy options as part of their business plan.

### **Centennial Road Engineering Design**

Councillor Peters informed the committee members that Infrastructure Services will be seeking proposals soon on the engineering design for Centennial Road. To increase active transportation, connectivity, and in keeping with the SNAP strategies, the committee put forth the follow motion;

**That** the Sustainable Orangeville committee recommends and is in support of designated bike lanes along the full length of Centennial Road.

**Moved by** M. Rowley

**Carried Unanimously.**  
Recommendation Number 04

## **10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7 p.m.

## **11 Adjournment**

**Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**