



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

**Minutes of a meeting of Sustainable Orangeville
Held on September 1, 2020, at 7 p.m.**

Members Present:

Councillor Grant Peters

Martina Rowley

Mark Whitcombe (7:45 -8:40 p.m.)

Matthew Smith

Janice Quirt (left 8:40 p.m.)

Andrew Seagram (7:12 p.m.)

Charles McCabe

Jeff Lemon

Regrets:

Jessica Marchildon

Luke Decastro

Tammy Woods

Staff Present:

Andrea Shaw, Committee Secretary

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 September 1, 2020 be hereby approved.

Moved by Martina Rowley

Carried.

Recommendation Number 01

4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

That the minutes of June 25, 2020 meeting are hereby approved with amendments.

Moved by Jeff Lemon

Carried.
Recommendation Number 02

5 Reports and Items for Discussion

5.1 McCannell and Hwy#10 Entrance Gardens – see SOC report.

Mark Whitcombe and Sylvia Bradley presented a report on the status and appearance of the Orangeville entrance gardens at McCannell. The entrance gardens were not impressive and need large improvements. The committee requested a meeting the Town Horticulturalist and Parks Management and Supervisors to discuss future ideas on maintenance and upkeep.

5.2 Baby Tree Plantings

Mark Whitcombe and Sylvia Bradley's report also covered the status of the Baby Tree forests within Orangeville. Many need pruning and extensive maintenance or plaques replaced. The committee is willing to put committee funds towards landscaping, beautification and maintenance of the Orangeville entrance gardens and baby tree forest.

Motion:

Sustainable Orangeville will allocate up to \$10,000 of committee funds towards the Orangeville Entrance Gardens at McCannell and maintenance of the Baby Tree Forests.

Moved By Mark Whitcombe

Carried.
Recommendation Number 03

5.3 Rotary Club's Let's Make Orangeville Shine Event

September 19, 2020 is the community clean up event date. Registration is online through the Town's RecConnect registration portal. New for 2020 is the Literati App for tracking garbage pick up and locations. The Town's GIS staff member assisted with the set up of the app. Marketing and promotion of the event are underway and the committee is encouraged to come out and volunteer on the day of the event.

5.4 Sub-Committee Updates

Urban Harvest:

Committee member Martina Rowley has sent the Urban Harvest program COVID protocols to Town management for review and approval. The fruit tree crops are not as plentiful this year and with Covid concerns the program may be reduced in size for 2020. Ms. Rowley is reaching out to volunteers and homeowners to assess the interest in participation for this year.

Seed Library:

Matthew Smith provided an update on the seed library porch pick up. Dufferin Garden Centre provided a donation of seeds. Now that the Library is open again consideration and discussions can commence on moving back to library.

Community Garden:

Sustainable Orangeville volunteer, Sylvia Bradley provided a review on the Community Gardens growing season for 2020.

The Food Bank plots and had a great harvest but now that their summer students are back to school they may need assistance for harvesting.

Three plot owners did not upkeep their areas and the staff should review of the wording in the Community Garden guidelines and agreement to ensure direction is stated within.

The Orchard is doing well other than the six plum trees that are diseased. Community Garden plots will be opening for registration for the 2021 growing season and fall plantings. The community garden is in need of several items as outlined below and notification will be passed on to the Parks division.

- Compost bins
- Straw
- Solar Lights
- Installation of raised beds
- Shed rotting and needs maintenance
- Interlocking stone

School Gardens:

Committee UGDSB representative Andrew Seagram stated school garden look great this year and are very well maintained.

5.5 Earth Week

CVC is partnering with Sustainable Orangeville for a Fall tree planting event on Oct. 17th at Harvey Curry Park (Everykids Park). Specific Covid protocols will be in place for the event.

The committee requested that the Environmental Sustainability Award nomination portal be reopened and selection for the award recipients will be at the October 6 meeting.

5.6 Farmers Market tables for 2020

The committee inquired as to whether they could have their usual table at an upcoming September Farmer's Market. Andrea Shaw will inquire with BIA on the status of non-profit Farmer's Market tables and if these are still available considering the new Farmers Market protocols under the COVID pandemic.

5.7 Backyard Hens By-law:

A Public meeting is scheduled for September 30 and the agenda package will be send to committee members prior to the date.

5.8 Bike Lanes on Centennial:

The Committee was informed that dedicated bike lanes have been approved by Council for Centennial Road.

5.9 Committee Membership

The committee discussed membership and attendance policy for committee members. The committee will request Clerks feedback on committee concerns.

6 Date of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7 p.m.

7 Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.