



## Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

June 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Members Absent: V. Nilsson  
A. Seagram  
C. McCabe

Staff Present: C. Cosgrove  
Tracy Barry

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### 1. Call to Order

7:04 p.m.

### 2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None

### 3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by M. Rowley

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved: April 5, 2022

**Carried**

### 4. Presentations

#### 4.1 Presentation by Sustainability Co-ordinator, Kate Thomson

Kate Thomson - Sustainability Co-ordinator for the Town of Orangeville presented a slide presentation providing her background and role as Sustainability Coordinator and Corporate Climate Change Plan and Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan. Kate Thomson has asked the Committee to review SNAP Municipal Lead Updates.

### 5. Items for Discussion and Reports

#### 5.1 Sub-Committee Updates

### **5.1.1 Waste Sub-Committee**

None

### **5.1.2 Communities in Bloom**

Non-competitive judging July 12-14. Committee to send email to Chair Peters and T. Barry suggesting areas to include in the tour i.e. sustainable areas, notable features around the Town, etc. It was suggested that the judges bike around Town to view the selected sites. Committee to discuss in more detail at next meeting. Once agenda has been drafted it will be circulated.

Best Garden Selection - M. Smith, V. Nilsson, M. O'Connor have volunteered to judge the categories and applications should be in first week of July so that the Best Garden signs will be up for the judges to see July 13. T. Barry to reach out to Sheila Duncan about promoting the event and speak to Evan Sepa about setting up the GIS link to sign up for the contest.

### **5.1.3 Active Transportation**

Ride to Market Day had a relatively good attendance with approximately 32-33 participants (a lot of families) who all received the goody bags. For next year may rethink different ways for people to win prizes as the request for people to post to the social media sites did not get a lot of entries. There was a lot of positive feedback received. The Committee should make a presentation to Kate Thomson so that she is aware of what things Sustainable Orangeville does, including bike maps/ride to market, etc.

### **5.1.4 Urban Harvest**

M. Rowley will send emails out in June to see what volunteers will be returning and email to homeowners June/July notifying them that the Urban Harvest will be returning this year.

### **5.1.5 Bat Boxes**

Four more boxes have been constructed and Kevin Barry has asked for input for locations. The Committee is to think about new locations, but have suggested pathway by Shoppers; Rotary Park, Dragonfly Park, land by old railway station, Quarry Drive, Orange Street by the playground, B Line has areas around Young Court the pond by ODSS. Chair Peters to reach out to Orangeville Hydro to see if they have any available/appropriate hydro poles that the bat boxes could be affixed to.

### **5.1.6 Community Gardens**

C. Cosgrove advised that supplies have being provided to the community gardens. Chair Peters and J. Lemon to prepare an email to current plot users asking if anyone would be interested in being the new co-ordinator until such time as the Community Garden Policy is released.

## **5.2 Earth Week Storytime Book Purchase and Earth Week Recap**

Library staff purchased 5 books for Earth Week Storytime (Kate, Who Tamed the Wind; A Brief History of the Earth's Climate: Everyone's Guide to the Science of Climate Change; Jamilah at the End of the World; Don't

Be Trashy: A Practical Guide to Living with Less Waste and More Joy; The Regenerative Garden: 80 Practical Projects for Creating a Self-sustaining Garden Ecosystem). These books were on display during the Storytime reading. Cost of the book purchase was \$115.97.

Earth week - Andrew Welch gave an excellent presentation. In person bike repair clinic was very successful with eight participants and the local Rogers videographer filmed it and it will be broadcast on the station. M. Rowley would like to partner with Ecodocumentaries so that we can get the publicity for it. Bring this matter forward in early 2023 to them to use their knowledge and how to organize, set up. etc. Committee would like to start publicizing earlier for this event for 2023 to ensure greater participation.

**5.3 Austin Lethbridge (Starbucks)**

Chair Peters will provide a further update on this issue.

**5.4 Bike Tent for Ribfest - July 15 -17, 2022**

Rotary spoke to Chair Peters and J. Lemon with respect to a tent for participants to store their bikes during Ribfest (July 15 - 17). J. Lemon can provide the tent and locking bar (or alternative locking apparatus). Volunteers are needed to watch over the bikes (M. Whitcombe volunteered for a time block).

**6. Correspondence**

**6.1 Use of Corporate Resources During an Election**

**7. New Business**

**7.1 Community Bike Ride - June 25, 2022**

Kate Thomson will be setting up a table and tent at Town Hall, and if any Committee members would like to join her they are to send an email to Chair Peters and T. Barry. Kylie-Anne Grube has proposed having a station at the community gardens as well as Town Hall. Chair Peters will send an email to Sylvia Bradley asking if she would like to volunteer at the community gardens for this event.

**7.2 Orangeville History Project - History of Local Forests**

Chair Peters discussed local author Nancy Early's book on Orangeville's Local Forests. Nancy Early is looking for sponsorship/donation for the publication and is looking for saplings to hand out with the book. T. Barry to send the draft book out to the Committee.

**7.3 Waste-Free Events**

J. Lemon asked if a policy could be implemented to mandate waste-free events going forward.

Moved by J. Lemon

Motion to request Town of Orangeville develop and implement a Town-Wide events policy that would mandate waste-free events.

**Carried**

**7.4 Urban Meadows**

M. Rowley brought forward an idea to plant colourful wildflowers or whatever is native to the region around certain green spaces in Town. M. Rowley and M. Whitcombe will discuss this initiative and other potential options including Blooming Boulevards. C. Cosgrove advises that this would have to be presented to Council and then Council would give direction to Community Services Department.

**7.5 Hutchinson**

Volunteers have completed the first section and now working on the second section, but they need more cardboard to lay down. J. Lemon said he may be able to provide some. They are also looking for volunteers in June (M. Whitcombe volunteered to assist)

**7.6 McCannell Highway 10 Entrance**

C. Cosgrove to reach out to the Parks Department to see if what work has been done and what is scheduled to be done around the entrance sign and Kevin Barry will be asked to provide a brief update for next meeting.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

July 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.