



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

**Minutes of a meeting of Sustainable Orangeville
Held on October 6, 2020, at 7 p.m.**

Members Present:

Councillor Grant Peters
Martina Rowley
Charles McCabe
Matthew Smith

Tammy Woods
Jessica Marchildon
Jeff Lemon

Regrets:

Andrew Seagram
Luke Decastro
Janice Quirt
Mark Whitcombe

Staff Present:

Charles, Cosgrove
Andrea Shaw, Committee Secretary

Guests Present:

Shaun Booth
Jean Booth
Sylvia Bradley
Chris Burton

1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2 Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None stated.

3 Approval of Agenda

That the agenda for October 6, 2020 be hereby approved.

Moved by Martina Rowley

Carried.

Recommendation Number 01

4 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

That the minutes of September 1, 2020 meeting are hereby approved with amendments.

Moved by Jessica Marchildon

Carried.
Recommendation Number 02

5 Delegation – Hutchison Court Naturalization

Shaun and Jean Booth presented regarding community volunteer project to spruce up the Hutchison Court trail way due to neighbour concerns. Neighbours within the Hutchison Court area have had concerns within this area. Image of neglect other than naturalization, suggest going in and removing weeds and doing maintenance with community involvement. Encourage people to support naturalization other than mowing the area down. Select removal and replacement of plants at meeting with Parks and Horticulturalist to discuss plan and receive feedback. Focus of this being on a community volunteer project to maintain trail area as a spring project. Charles Cosgrove, Manager of Facilities and Parks will speak to Kevin Barry, Parks Supervisor regarding this further. This project ties into the Town's Bee City pollinator program. Educational signage is recommended to communicate the naturalization / pollinator garden to the public. Shaun and Jean Booth will attend the November Sustainable Orangeville meeting to update the committee on the projects progress.

6 Reports and Items for Discussion

6.1 McCannell and Hwy#10 Entrance Gardens and Baby Tree Forest Maintenance Update

Several Committee members met with Parks staff at the McCannell garden entrance signage. Parks is to send Charles Cosgrove a final plan/report for the garden and maintenance plan for the Baby Tree forest. The committee would like to have the work completed this fall. An RFQ-informal is being drafted for 3 quotes by Parks. Public Works has been requested to fix the area that they ran over.

6.2 Rotary Club's Let's Make Orangeville Shine Event Update

Rotarian's considered a success and several SO members attended. Some Literati App issues and some members found the metrics difficult. Concerning amount of garbage in Mill Creek by Townline. It should be the Corporations responsibility within that area to provide garbage's and to keep this area clean. Recycling Bins with lids would be the better option within these areas to ensure the garbage does not fly out. The committee requested to

discuss this garbage bin option further at the November meeting.

6.3 Community Tree Planting Event – October 17

Sustainable Orangeville and CVC tree planting event is on October 17th. Registration is mandatory and a maximum capacity of 40 people can attend. Pre-registration is through Eventbrite and strict COVID protocols for physical distancing and masks are to be maintained.

6.4 Sub-Committee Update

Urban Harvest:

Martina Rowley provided an update on the Urban Harvest program. There are 6 volunteers that have come out and assisted to pick harvests. The majority of harvests this year have not been that great. In total approximately 200 lbs. have been harvested and there is one more property to visit this season.

New for 2020 are potatoes. A farm in Mono planted potatoes specifically for the Urban Harvest to be donated to the Food Bank and this will be added to the total pounds weight at the end of the year. Protocols are easily maintained such as physical distancing and masks are worn and everyone is outdoors.

Thank you letters are being drafted and sent to the homeowners with some education and information on spraying of trees. Training sessions at Earth Week with a Horticulturist on how to care for fruit trees is a consideration for 2021.

Community Garden:

Volunteer, Sylvia Bradley advised the committee that this is the best that the community garden crop has ever been.

The Food bank plot had a large harvest. Committee Chair, Councillor Grant Peters will send a congratulations letter to commend them on the plot this year. There were only 3 plots of concern this year and after speaking to some of the owners they are now cleaned. Staff and Ms. Bradley reviewed the community garden policy and procedures within the contract and registration is open for 2021. Ms. Bradley has approximately \$300 in receipts for reimbursement for various community garden items that are within her allocated budget amount as per the Committee's motion in November 2019.

Some additional items that the garden requires are:

- Additional straw – Mr. Cosgrove will speak to Parks
- Shed Repair – being added to capital budget requested for 2021.
- Raised bed installation is scheduled for late Fall – as per Mr. Cosgrove
- Walkway Interlock path releveling – scheduled for spring.
- 4 new pear trees to be planted and the diseased plum trees removed.

6.5 Committee Budget Review

The committee members reviewed the committee budget actuals for 2020 and considered ideas for funding allocation for 2021.

Ideas for 2021 funding projects include:

- Orangeville Mall is currently under renovations and committee contemplated their need for bike racks. The planning division will be contacted as the site plan approval may be dependent upon bike rack installation.
- Starter kits for Homeowners – seed kits, education items, growing items, lawn care items and information, veggie garden items.
- Lawn Fertilizer for Condo Corporations
- Promote Boulevard plantings
- Urban harvest marketing – sandwich board for sites
- Workshop for fruit trees
- Tree Protection By-law: funding could possibly be required

7 New Business

7.1 2021 Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee was presented with the 2021 committee meeting schedule and all agreed that the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. worked will within their schedules.

That the 2021 Sustainable Orangeville Committee Schedule be approved as presented.

Move by Jeff Lemon

Carried.
Recommendation Number 03

8 Other

8.1 Petition to Council for Sidewalk

Mr. Bradley advised the committee of her intention to be a delegate at an upcoming Council meeting. A petition has been created for a sidewalk along 24 Faulkner Street, as this would assist all the students walking to ODSS and this section is the only area with out a sidewalk. A petition has been signed by neighbours and Ms. Bradley would appreciate the endorsement of the Sustainable Orangeville committee.

That the Sustainable Orangeville Committee endorses the petition for a sidewalk at 24 Faulkner Street and that sidewalks be required in new residential developments to allow for active transportation.

Moved by Charles McCabe

Carried.
Recommendation Number 04

9 Closed Session – Sustainable Orangeville Awards

That the winner of the Environmental Sustainability Award in the individual category go to Gary Skinn.

Moved by Charles McCabe

Carried.
Recommendation Number 05

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7 p.m.

11 Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.