



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting January 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting

Next Regular Monthly Meeting February 24, 2021 @ 7pm (Zoom meeting)

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Jennifer Rogers, Janet McGinnis, Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Councilor Toby Randell

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson, Doreen Donald, Jack Havel (Environmental Committee Representative)

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda (Dale)

2. Approved minutes January 27,2021 (Dale Moulton, Joanne Woodhouse)

3. Business Arising from November 25, 2020 meeting:

UFRC Website Content

- Benefit of Trees – Dale and Janet – going to look at what other municipalities have
- Create a document that summarizes the benefits of trees, how to maintain trees, general care, also links to information on invasive species
- Listing of preferred trees for the Town and the specifications for the trees (i.e. how high it grows)
- Website will also need a video that would replace the workshop presentation

Beaver Problems

- Decided in the last meeting not to update the cages
- Since then there have been a couple sightings – some northeast of Town at the golf course
- Dale will reach out to Mark Smith to see if he has any additional information.

Vines

- Committee members can individually take them down (rather than as a group)
- Ok to remove the vines at any time of the year
- If left to grow, the vines will climb up the trees and eventually the tree dies

4. Planning

Niki Dwyers provided a summary of what key projects are on the go in Town:

- 400 Franktown Road – development is mostly on hold, UFRC made several recommendations for changes to the landscape plan, overall the plans for the potential development are being revised
- Phase 2 - South of Coleman – several phases to the development
- Bodnar Subdivision – very close to satisfying all their conditions. UFRC committee had requested an enhanced storm water management pond. There is no update on the design or location of the storm water management pond. Toby will see if there are any drawings that the Town can share. It has been indicated that there will be no buildings within the 100 year storm line.
- Anticipate receiving a development permit (~end of March) for lands south of Hwy 7 in the vicinity of the Roy Brown extension. The Town is well versed on what trees need to be maintained in that area.

- Town Boundary expansion: 2018 Lanark County paper designated a 97% population increase in Carleton Place from 2013 – 2038. Currently we are growing at a faster rate than that. Because of the numbers in the paper, the Town has to have land available land to meet those targets.
 - Toby: The Town has to find ways to accommodate that growth and consider a boundary expansion (likely after 2023). The Town cannot stop the growth, only guide it.
 - 2027 – Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade to accommodate growth
 - It is very important for the public to comment on the development permits when the opportunity arises. Public commentary is important to the process.
 - It is expensive to expand the Town borders. There are 300 hectares within Town boundaries (including significant properties) that can be developed.
 - CP would either buy land from Beckwith OR Mississippi Mills at a high cost to the tax payer.
 - Terms of Reference for environmental impact statements (and others) are being looked at by the Town to make sure they are sufficient
- UFRC wanted the Town to follow the guidelines for the protection of trees – turns out the Town was not providing this to the developers in the initial consultation meeting. Keep on the back burner to write a policy paper about what should be expected, UFRC can work with Niki Dwyer

Rivera –Costello Drive

- Having fencing up to protect the trees, Jim let the Town know that the fencing was down at one point, staff worked quickly with the contractor and it was replaced almost immediately.

84 Mill Street

- Building across from Hackberry Park – looking for a change of function, no landscape plan, change of use is beneficial to the community

Housecleaning of Development Permits

- Jim sent the complete document on Jan 27 to the committee for review – Jim asking committee to have a look

5. Hackberry Seed Collection

- Floating test with seeds (good ones should sink)
- Estimated that there are ~9000 viable seeds at the Ferguson Forest Centre from Carleton Place

6. Update MVCA Watershed Master Plan

- Currently putting together the papers to share with the public, expect to see them ~late spring
- Drafts have been revised
- Progress is being made

7. UFRC Work Plan for 2021

- Ongoing work to provide comments on development applications as they are submitted
- Private land tree planting program (May 5). This will be virtual so must be worked out with staff
- Removing vines as a group or individually
- Reviewing wire protection on trees
- Collecting Hackberry seeds again either ourselves or getting the Ferguson Forest Centre – goal is to plant a seed collection area replacing the trees removed on McArthur Island.
- Toby will ask the council if there is anything else that the committee should take on or look at
- Source Water Protection Plan – keep an eye on
- National Forest Week, National Tree Day in September to request
- Health of municipal trees (trimming, invasive species) – usually Jim walks the trails with Bob White, or inspects trees with Liam McIntosh, or from By-Law complaints
- Development on the Town website a Urban Forest Committee Site, benefit of trees, how to plant trees, how to maintain trees, invasive species, Hackberry of Carleton Place

8. Other Business

- none

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Meeting dates for 2021: Feb 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24

Homeowner Workshop : May 5, 2021