



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting April 28, 2020

7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting

Next Regular Monthly Meeting May 26, 2021 @ 7pm (Zoom meeting)

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Janet McGinnis, Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Councilor Toby Randell, Doreen Donald, Jack Havel (Environmental Committee Representative), Jennifer Rogers

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson, Todd Boyce

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda;

- Approved by Dale, Seconded by Doreen

2. Minutes of March 24, 2021 meeting (already approved)

3. Business Arising from March, 2021 meeting

Beaver problem

- Beavers are becoming prevalent in Town
- The Town is having a trapper come in to assess and determine a course of action

Vines

- With the provincially mandated shut down we cannot gather as a group to remove the vines
- Jim suggests we and any volunteers work individually to cut down vines
- Take clippers with you on walks, target young trees, any vine that is wrapped around a tree should go. Cut the vine at the base or try and pull them out by the roots. Pull them out of the tree be careful not to damage the tree but it still can be done
- Jim is taking care of the section of the trail between Coleman/Arthur St. to the highway on the trail through town (west side) The east side has got larger older vines that have killed trees and too large for clippers.
- Doreen asked about volunteers and if anyone knows folks that are on the trails or in some of the parks use the procedures Jim described.
- From observations it is the younger trees we have to protect. Some of the larger trees may be too late and the vines are too thick for clippers.

4. Tree Planting Workshop

Power Point Presentation scheduled for May 5, 2021

- Jim distributed presentation to the Committee
- Liam is running the presentation, Jim will present and Toby will moderate
- 40 minute presentation followed by questions (via chat)
- Advertised in the Carleton Scoop and registration is through Sharyl-Anne at the Town Hall
- presentation is open to anyone including other municipalities
- trees need to be picked up by May 15th
- the ones that are not picked up get planted somewhere in Town
- Town is not worried about where the tree is on the lot but it is important to follow guidance for minimum distances from structures and utilities
- presentation slide deck will available following the presentation

5. Micro grant

- No updates until the first week of May

6. MVCA Watershed Plan

- Plan is in the reviewing stage
- Doreen has distributed the material to the committee
- Public advisory meeting has been held, should be wrapped up by the end of the summer
- Is LID mentioned in that watershed plan? Yes, conservation authorities should be working with municipalities to promote LID wherever they can.
- Plan discusses 35-36 actions which are core (within mandate) & non-core – LID is mentioned in support of some of the core actions which is good

7. Planning

400 Franktown Road

- initial response on the development plan has been submitted, revised plan has been received, more trees being kept now
- they indicated that the root systems on some trees are too broad to maintain and the trees would have to be removed, Jim responded that there is a way to cut the roots (clean cut) to preserve the tree
- trees are also being planted at the back of the property
- services are not available to hook into and as a result the stormwater management pond is still in the plan

50 Roe Street

- Committee has already provided comments
- The ditch at the rear is where we asked for trees to be planted

119 Hooper

- Across from Bean Automotive, Bean Automotive is also the developing at this site
- UFRC had asked why aren't they planting trees and indicated that whatever they have planted on their current lot they should be planting on Hooper lot

135 Beckwith

- Additional garage being added at the back, shows a couple trees being kept
- Jim checked to see what will be kept
- Instructions have been given to keep a protective fence up throughout the construction

Official Plan

- Recently there have been advertisements about the open house on the Official Plan
- Town is undertaking an Official Plan (OP) amendment (a major one)
- Toby can share the item that Council voted on
- Process will take 13 months minimum, Council will vote ~May 2021, then the county will vote on it
- Large undertaking for the Town
- Last night's meeting was recorded, Niki went into detail during the meeting regarding the review of the Official Plan which can be viewed on the Town's facebook page
- Highway district was added to the areas being reviewed
- Green infrastructure is missing from the OP, council will try and enhance as part of the amendment

8. Forest Health Network- Invasive Species

- Jim provided an update to the committee
- Carleton Place is a member of the network
- The Network is involved in rapid response to invasive species (oak wilt and gypsy moth)
- Communication notice going out in 2021 (4 pager on what to expect for Gypsy moth) – likely going to be worse than last year
- Distribution the Notice will attempt to answer the questions before people get irritated
- MNR has provided what they anticipate – Science Unit from MNR will answer the public's questions

- Notice will go out to associations across Ontario (e.g. Lake associations etc.)
- Forest is expected to remain healthy as long as there is no severe drought
- 2 workshops on Invasive Species are coming up that committee members can attend. Doreen has offered to take the courses (buckthorn and phragmites).
- Buckthorn is right through Carleton Place – very prevalent near the river – tricky decision whether to remove the riparian area or leave it as habitat

9. Commemorative Tree Program

- Not everyone was aware that the program exists
- The last commemorative tree was planted in 2019
- Need to change the photo on the brochure
- Options for purchase as part of the program include a tree with a plaque or a bench with a plaque

10. Do we want to plant 100 surplus trees from the County?

- Diane Smithson e-mailed Jim today – 100 trees are available for planting on town land (white spruce, cedar, sugar maple) if we agree to take them
- Delivered to the county on May 10th
- Possible locations include the snow dump, trails, edges of Roy Brown Park (not on areas that will be mowed)
- Committee can take this on – Jim will tell Diane
- Logistics to be worked out at a later date

11. Other Business

- none

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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

Homeowner Workshop: May 5, 2021