



# Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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## Minutes of meeting March 26, 2025

7:00 p.m. (Library)

Next Regular Monthly Meeting:

April 23, 2025, 7pm (Library)

### Attendance:

Janet McGinnis (Chair), Joanne Woodhouse, Daniel Brumer, Kelly Vieira, Councillor Mark Hinton, Irene Tobis, Dale Moulton

Regrets: Jim McCready, Doreen Donald

1. Welcome/opening remarks (declarations of conflict of interest)
  - no conflicts of interest declared
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - Moved by: Dale Moulton
  - Seconded by: Irene Tobis
  - "That the agenda be approved" CARRIED
3. Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2025 meeting
  - Moved by: Doreen Donald
  - Seconded by: Mark Hinton
  - "That the minutes of February 26, 2025 be approved" CARRIED
4. Business Arising February 26th meeting
  - Green Development Standards from EAC (Janet)
5. Correspondence:
  - Environment Committee minutes (Mar. 3) – Janet distributed to the committee
  - Hackberry Park Plaque
    - the Hackberry are unique to Carleton Place because they are generally uncommon in this area
    - the Indigenous population may have encouraged their growth for medicinal purposes
    - Hackberry trees grow from seed, or they sucker from their roots
    - plaque in Hackberry Park is scheduled to be updated
    - FYI - there is a variegated Hackberry behind the St. James Gate pub. The Master Gardener at the Horticultural Society is attempting to graft a sample from it onto the Hackberry trees in the Victoria School Garden.
  - DP2-03-2025 Metro Ontario Ltd.
    - Daniel shared his comments to the committee which included the suggestion of a roof that could capture solar power
    - How much more is the cost of a roof that could generate power?
    - If we had a case study to show the benefit that would be helpful
    - Grocery stores do need a constant supply of power so there is greater rationale
    - The stormwater system is to current Town Specifications – should this be to a higher standard given the increase in severe weather events? Since the MVCA is no

longer commenting on this, who has that knowledge and how stringent can the town be?

- We should be asking for more from developers with respect to environmentally friendly designs
- They are asking for variances on the buffers - we should push back on this
- Janet asks that committee members itemize their comments and send them to her for compilation
- this preliminary stage is right time to be asking for changes

#### 6. Earthfest - Saturday May 3

- containers/cups for trees? (Jim)
  - Jim is still looking, the nursery did not have anything and there is nothing left over from last year
- organize info for our booth- QR code (Mark)
  - QR code will link to the committee's page on the Town website
  - Joanne will send text to Amanda Chanaria at the Town to add information to our webpage about the tree inventory
- We will have two tables
- Saturday set-up: 9:30am – 12 noon Mark (for set-up only), Janet, Joanne, Jim
- work shifts - Dale not available, Doreen will be around, Kelly is available also

#### 7. Tree Inventory-Dale Moulton

- Software
  - Still don't have the Town's asset software
  - No security issues from the Town for using the crowd sourced software
  - Dale is still checking the data and getting the coordinates placed correctly
  - Mark will ask for latest satellite imagery that the Town has and forward it to Dale
  - Trees Count is the name of the app used on android or iOS phones
- Coordinator
  - Joanne can do the admin side of things, monitor the e-mails etc.
- volunteers-sign-up sheets @ Earthfest + Horticultural plant sale (Irene)
- Janet will contact CPHS & ND for volunteer students
- Scheduling this year's work for 5 weeks starting at the end of May
- Irene and Kelly can help (Irene is busy with plant sale until May 24th)
- Identify a lead for each day of the week that an inventory session is running
- Establish a schedule and then reach out to volunteers
- Proposing 6 – 8pm for evening sessions, and 10am – 12 for Saturday
- Orientation on May 27th to run through things (6 – 8pm), use McNeely Park
- Horticulture sale is May 24th and we can have a table there if we want to help recruit and explain what the committee is all about
- The first task will be to finish the neighbourhood from last year

#### 8. Development Permit By/Law review

- CP Built Form Design Guidelines Survey (open until April 18)
- input is greatly appreciated by the Town

#### 9. Other Business

- Seminar on March 9 – Urban Forest for Every Community – Attended by Kelly and Irene
  - Style of planting where three species make their own habitat
  - Town in NS had built a frisbee golf course in their forest
  - Three presenters – Charlottetown, Mahone Bay and Longueuil

- Charlottetown presentation focused on recovery from Hurricane
- Mahone Bay presentation was focused on street trees
- Longueuil presentation focused on recovering from losing all their Ash
- The advice was to know what is available from the province for grants
- Seedy Saturday in Almonte had a very good speaker about fruit trees from Indian Creek Orchards – zone 3 trees are doing well – could get some consultation from him if the Town gets the edible trees grant
- Daniel: Black Ash are now endangered in Ontario
  - The Sault Invasive Species Centre is looking for volunteers to help to collect seeds – there was something on CTV local news on March 25th
- Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library – volunteer organization and gives away the seeds including tree seeds
- The Nature of Oaks - book recommendation from Irene

Adjournment:

Moved by Kelly Vieira

“That this meeting be adjourned”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Meeting Dates 2025: April 23, May 28, June 25, September 11(Thursday), October 22, November 26