



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Joint Meeting Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee (UFRC) & Carleton Place Environment Advisory Committee (CPEAC)

Minutes of meeting January 23, 2020

7:00 p.m. CP Library Facility

Next Regular Monthly Meeting February 27, 2020 @ 7 - 9PM – CP Library Facility

Attendance:

UFRC Committee: Jim McCready (Chair), Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Janet McGinnis; Jennifer Rogers

CPEAC: Jeff Atkinson (Council Representative for Environmental Committee), Bill Slade, Colin MacDuff, Laura Cuffer, Dena Comely (Chair), Tracy Kwissa

Member of the Public: Gord Harrison (Lanark Climate Change Initiative),

1. Welcome, approval of agenda -Introductions
2. Minutes January 23, 2020 Approved (Jennifer Rogers, Dale Moulton)
3. Lanark Climate Change Initiative- *Gord Harrison*
 - Objective of the initiative is to bring people who are already working on this together, build a network, work with governments, and develop partnerships with those with expertise
 - what are the things that the initiative can drive and support, where can resources be provided
 - developing a workshop for County personnel – climate action planning 101
 - Alternative Land Use Services program – pay farmers to undertake ecological projects – steering committee will bring it to the County,
 - Videos are being produced that highlight farmers' successes
 - Partnering with Nature Canada to implement initiatives/projects
 - Formalizing the network with a steering committee, terms of reference etc.
 - Building a volunteer base
 - Seeking funding
 - Sat Feb 29th – workshop, open to the public and held at Algonquin College in Perth, working session to further share what projects are on the go, speaker (engagement organizing), establish working groups and lay out action plans
 - Energy needs – moving to green energy
 - Natural climate solutions
 - Part of Lanark stewardship council

- Funding for these initiatives was discussed (i.e. Federation of Canadian Municipalities)

Action: Jim to get the email addresses of the Committee to Gord Harrison so they can be up on the Lanark Climate Change Initiative

4. Mississippi Valley CA Watershed Plan – *Jim McCready*

- The Public Advisory Committee has had four meetings so far
- Structure of the public advisory committee was explained
- Working towards watershed plan for the Mississippi Valley Water Shed
- Background papers will be public later in the year (~March)
- Next steps were discussed with a handout.
- Public consultation over the summer 2020
- Target is to have the Draft Watershed Plan to four public open houses in October and Early November.
- Conservation authority selected the Public Advisory Committee working on the watershed plan

5. Key Projects for CPEAC 2020

- Majority of the members are new
- Committee is working on building relationships with council and staff
- a. Anti-idling education campaign
 - Print, social media, school involvement
- b. Development application review
- c. Local eco resources brochure
 - communicating resources that are already in place
- d. Wildflower planting
 - staff education
- e. Composting workshop for residence
 - similar to the UFRC tree planting workshop
- f. Building and improving relationships with town staff, other committees and council
- g. Climate Change Plan
 - never made it to council, it's time to revive it
- h. Lanark Climate Change initiative
- i. Adverse weather recommendations/resource for Carleton Place residents
- j. Public Fruit Trees

6. Key Projects for UFRC 2020

- Committee In existence since 1997, have established relationship with staff. Ice storm initiated a lot of the tree maintenance in Town
- b. Source Water Protection Plan
 - Top priority for the committee to watch
- c. Tree Planting Workshop May 6, 2020
 - Enhance the tree canopy in Town on private property
 - 8 species to select from in 2020
- d. Hackberry trees
 - McArthur Island hosts a large portion of the Hackberry population
 - Working with the developer to collect seed as the trees in Carleton Place are one of 3 northerly stands which will be important in climate change moving the species north.
- e. Main street redevelopment (trees)- meeting January 27 at the arena
 - Jim met with Dave Young. Manitock movers to see if trees can be moved to parks

- Contractor to find other communities that have gone through main street upgrades and how they incorporated trees.
- Honey locust, red oak and Hackberry are some species to consider.
- Structural soils, raised gardens are being recommended
- f. Review of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), Storm Water and Landscape Plans (Planning staff, Engineering)
 - Like to get the EIS and tree conservation plans early in the development process for comments by the committee
 - There are guidelines on Tree conservation plans and landscape plans given to the developers at pre-consultation sessions.
 - Comment on landscape plan
- g. Working with staff
 - Public Works, Recreation, Planning and Bylaw are staff the committee works with on a regular basis.
 - Staff take comments from the committee to council for them
- h. U of T Master of Conservation-tour.
 - usually in May
 - been going on for ~9 years
 - demonstrates small community forest management/tree canopy preservation through volunteer/staff relationship
- i. Regional Forest Health Network
 - Carleton Place been a member since 2008 dealing with Invasive Species.
 - Emerald Ash Borer has come to CP and the Network was crucial in what steps to take
 - Other invasive dealing with: Asian Longhorned Beetle, Oak Wilt, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, and Spotted Lanternfly. Not here but south of the St. Lawrence

Open discussion

- Committees success in discussion of retaining old growth forest (130 year old white pine and red oak) Sonnenburg Woods.
- Would like to keep tabs on development south of Highway 7 where there are a number of stands of trees worth keeping for parks.

Meeting adjourned – 9pm

Meeting Dates for 2020

DATES:

- Feb 27, March 26, Apr 22, May 27, June 24, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25