



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting February 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. CP Library Facility

Next Regular Monthly Meeting March 26, 2020 @ 7 - 9PM – CP Library Facility

Attendance:

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

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson

Environmental Committee Member: Jack Havel

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda;
2. Minutes of January 23 meeting (already approved)
3. Minutes of February 27, 2020 Approved (Ron Wood, Dale Moulton)
4. Business Arising from January 23, meeting
 - Gord Harrison is inquiring about having a representative from the UFRC committee on the Climate Network – **Joanne will contact Gord to get details and will relay any information back to committee**
 - Amendments to the OP and DP – the Town staff are asking for the committee to send them in again
5. Planning
 - a. Development Permit Review –
 - Tuesday March 3, 2020: information session, 5pm at Auditorium – comments have already been prepared by the UFRC committee, Jim will be bringing the comments to the March 3rd meeting
 - b. Official Plan review
 - Committee has prepared comments – LIDs, green infrastructure, stronger language in some cases (e.g. “may” to “will”), recommendation to include definitions, source water protection, overall a greater emphasis on the importance of the Mississippi River
 - Ron found permeable pavement regulations from another municipality (Mississauga) – he will share with the committee and at the March 3rd meeting
 - Timeline for OP and DP updates taking effect likely in Q3 or Q4 of 2020
 - Strategic Plan not slated for updates during this Council term
 - c. McArthur Island- Hackberry Seed
 - Much back and forth between the Town, Jim and James (developer) – need to maintain the genetics of the seed. Seed collection is in the development permit.
 - The temporary waiving of development fees for specific brownfields sites in town ended at the end December 2019. It had been extended for McArthur Island but the developer did not meet their deadline, therefore development fees will apply and the certainty of the

development is unknown. Town will discuss with the developer to make sure the seed collection does occur, if the plan does go forward.

- Seed collection is to take place over a 7 year period (exception of 20 years for a large Hackberry by the river)
- Need to maintain the local seed for new Hackberry plantings

d. 119 Bell street

- Development has been amended to comply with the interim control bylaw (4 stories to 2 – now under 28')
- Lot percentages have improved (greater green space)
- Spruce trees now being retained at the back of the property
- Open space to the west of the parking lot could accommodate one or two more trees, committee is recommending White Pine

e. 35 Roe St.

- Open office space condos
- no comments on the landscape plan – looks good, good mix of trees
- committee agrees with the Landscape Plan

6. Public works

Road construction West of HWY 15

- Located behind the KIA Dealership
- Robin D. contacted Jim to walk the area. Mark Smith (volunteer) was able to walk the site in place of Jim.
- Mark comments: nothing of significance in the area
- Nice to have the Town come to the committee with this task
- Council and Mayor are promoting trees in Town, this is being heard by town staff, positive steps

7. UofT Masters of Conservation visit

- Small town Ontario visit
- Scheduled for Monday May 4th, 2020
- Include discussion of tree inoculations, tree planting program, development etc.

8. Other Business/Open Discussion

- Strategic plan shapes the vision for the town – when a developer presents a plan, the town can clearly lay out what the expectation is
- Individual councilors are limited in their ability to influence developments
- Revisions to the DP and OP are the mechanisms to control what developments take place in the Town
- Town residents are not aware of the pull that developers have and the avenues that are in place to allow them to proceed with development
- Redevelopment of Highway 15 – expansion to 4 lanes – only going as far as Findlay Ave. on Franktown road, which will allow for preservation of several large trees
- Oak Wilt information workshop in June with Invasive Species Centre and Regional Forest Health Network. Location Rideau Valley CA boardroom. Date to be confirmed.
- Bridge St. reconstruction – crucial to maintain tree scape, town has invested in the trees that are currently in place – these should be saved. Kitchener and Belleville have gone through this and could provide guidance/advice.
- Tree Planting Workshop being moved to Thursday May 7th (to allow Liam MacIntosh to attend), likely being held in the upstairs room at the Arena (7pm)
- Dale brought maps of the updated flood lines around Carleton Place

Meeting adjourned – 8:45 pm

Meeting Dates for 2020

DATES: March 26, Apr 22, May 27, June 24, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25