



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting April 22, 2020

7:00 p.m. Conference Call

Next Regular Monthly Meeting May 27, 2020 @ 7 - 9PM – Location TBD

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Andy Kerr-Wilson, Councilor Toby Randell, Ron Wood, Jennifer Rogers

Absent: Janet McGinnis, Doreen Donald, Jack Havel

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda
2. The March meeting was cancelled
 - Committee will look into holding the next meeting using video conferencing
 - An upgraded account is needed to use Zoom for more than 40 minutes
 - Toby will find out if the town has a Zoom account
3. Minutes of February 27, 2020 meeting (previously approved by Dale and Ron)
Minutes of the April 22, 2020 minutes were approved (Jennifer, Joanne)
4. Business Arising from February 27, meeting
 - Will be covered in tonight's meeting
5. Planning
 - a) McArthur Island- Hackberry Seed
 - Jim will approach the developer in the summertime about potential opportunities to collect seed this year
 - The plan is to use a professional seed collector
 - Ferguson Forest Centre is in operation but dealing with some labour shortages
 - Tree planting contractors are also working but lower numbers of workers
 - The large tree near the road on McArthur Island is a town tree and the latest version of the development plans show it staying in place
 - b) 7 Arthur Street
 - Jim distributed response letter ahead of the meeting
 - Lanark Housing has pushed back on the UFRC recommendations citing budgetary reasons for not being able to implement the recommendations
 - UFRC should work with Lanark Housing to get a good landscape plan: busy corner and the future residents deserve landscaping similar to other developments

- Jim obtained a quote for the recommended trees using smaller diameter 50mm instead of 60mm trees. Committee will communicate this in the response letter
 - Committee has planted trees for low income housing in the past (Caldwell Street)
 - If Lanark Housing cannot implement the recommended landscape plan within their budget the committee will look for opportunities to help them (e.g. re-allocating trees from other parts of the town, applying to Tree Canada for grants etc.)
 - Infill may be possible following the completion of the units provided Lanark Housing gives permission
- c) 119 Bell street
- Letter from the Committee has been received by the developer
6. Public works
- a) Tree planting workshop on May 7 has been cancelled
- It has been determined the Bare Root program will be cancelled for this year with the intent for it to resume in 2021
 - The committee will recommend to staff and Council suggesting transferring the funding for this program in 2020 to 2021. Any excess trees that are not picked up from the double cohort could be planted on town property to enhance the tree canopy as directed by Council
- b) Ash injections
- Will be continued this year by Trillium Tree Experts
 - Work can be done safely since the person works on their own
 - Trees are being checked by Liam MacIntosh to come up with the total diameter. Jim McCready will not be traveling with Liam this year because of Covid-19 but will be checking trees which Liam feels needs a second opinion.
7. Uof T Masters of Conservation visit. May 4, 2020 visit cancelled.
- Looking at moving this tour to September but unsure if the tour would include Carleton Place do to allot of changes
 - The group that was to go on the Indonesian tour had to be cancelled and those students will be joining the group that comes to Carleton Place.
 - If it comes in September it would be double the number of people which we said we could handle.
8. Lanark County Climate Change Initiative / Climate Network
- Joanne talked to Gord Harrison who leads the Network to get details on becoming a member
 - No requirement to attend meetings or pay a fee
 - The Network may provide opportunities to get involved in initiatives/working groups that suit our committee
 - It would allow us to stay connected to likeminded organizations
 - A collaborative workspace may be developed
 - Environment committee is also a member however there is value in having both UFRC and Environment Committee as members
 - UFRC committee agreed to become a member of the Network – Joanne to notify Gord
9. Other Business
- a) Tree cutting bylaws
- Previously, the committee understood that a lower tiered bylaw could not exist when an upper tier bylaw is in place
 - Recent conversations with Johnathan Allen indicated that this may not be the case
 - Jim will look into this, pass through legal and see if there is an opportunity to have one in place
 - Jim will also ask his counterparts in the City of Ottawa

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm

Meeting Dates for 2020

DATES: May 27, June 24, Sept 23, Oct 28, and Nov 25