



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting May 27, 2020

7:00 p.m. Conference Call

Next Regular Monthly Meeting June 24, 2020 @ 7 - 9PM – Location TBD

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Dale Moulton, Andy Kerr-Wilson, Councilor Toby Randell, Ron Wood, Jennifer Rogers, Janet McGinnis, Joanne Woodhouse, Doreen Donald, Jack Havel

1. Welcome - Approval of the Agenda;
2. Minutes of May 27, 2020 meeting approved (Dale Moulton, Ron Wood)
3. Business Arising from April 22 2020, meeting
 - Items outstanding include 1) collection of hackberry seed, and 2) work on tree cutting bylaw
4. Planning
 - a. 7 Arthur Street
 - UFRC had requested several changes to the landscape plan, almost all of which were incorporated into the revised plan
 - The Town council is generally in agreement and supportive of what the UFRC is doing
 - b. McArthur Island Landscape Plan
 - New landscape plan does not show the necessary detail given the size and significance of the site (one of three most northerly stands in North America which is a significant seed source for climate change)
 - Previous landscape plan was going to include replacement of all Hackberry trees affected by the development – this is not shown on the new plan
 - New plan appears to include an increased parking area. Will the construction of the parking be phased? This approach is preferred, and phases of construction should be indicated on the plan.
 - Currently, Hackberry trees grow along a ridge on the island where most of the development will take place. The lower wetter areas are mostly Red Maple.
 - The landscape plan for the island needs to show: 1) how many Hackberry will be retained, 2) how many are being removed 3) details on the diameter of the trees being planted to replace the removed trees
 - The Town could re-establish a new Hackberry stand or several smaller stands in town that are not on vulnerable land with the assistance of the developer
 - UFRC committee felt they had made good progress with the previous plan and can start over with the current plan however they would like to understand what happened to the old plan

- Toby will talk to the Town about why the old landscape plan is not being used and the discrepancies on the new plan (i.e. is page 1 is different page 4?)
- c. Arena expansion-Landscape Plan
- Jim talked to Joanne Henderson about the trees in the vicinity of the expansion of the Arena
 - Trees at the front of the arena have been removed and will be replaced with Japanese Tree lilac which are better suited to the area (the roots of the old trees were loosening the cinder block walls of the basement of the arena)
 - Along the side of the arena there is a tight area for planting – no formal landscape plan is needed; Japanese Tree Lilac and Service Berry are recommended for that area.
- d. Public works/ Recreation
- i. Nu Globe Park
- Town has expressed that residents want shade in parks right away. Can any of the Manitoba Maple and/or Poplar be saved and used as “instant canopy”?
 - Jim was on site with Robin, Joanne and Doug Black – some trees were marked that could provide immediate shade, however the open space at the park for some activities would be limited with these trees in place
 - The committee suggests retaining those trees for the short term but planting preferred species in more optimal locations so that when the current trees are old, they can be removed and the other trees will be established
- ii. Inspection of Okee Lee Park, Riverside Park, Trail Dulmage Cr.to St. Gregory School
- Jim completed the inspection with Bob White. An email of what had to be done went to Joanne Henderson for implementation
 - A number of trees in all three areas will need to be removed for liability reasons
 - Janet asked if we could plant some red maple in these wet areas since existing tree canopy is being lost
 - In general, the committee should look for opportunities for retaining/replacing trees along some of the paths in Town and promote natural regeneration
6. Other Business.
- e. Water Management
- Doreen discussed that she is looking for guidance/ideas for activities to focus on water management, wetland areas, shoreline health etc.
 - Some of the ideas put forth by the committee include awareness that storm sewers go straight into the river, installation of filters on the discharge of storm drains, vegetation of shorelines as much as possible on public lands, distribution of information to private landowners about hardened shorelines (the UFRC committee has done door knocking campaigns in the past)
 - Does the Town of Carleton Place have a storm water management plan in place? Robin Daigle will be contacted for details on this.
 - Source Water Protection Plan – the committee should have someone with a handle on it
 - Blue Green Algae is another water management issue
- f. New lawn watering bylaw
- The bylaw included guidance on watering trees

- Toby indicated that all of council had concerns with the bylaw
 - Do we need a bylaw for watering trees, the committee recommends guidelines for watering, enforcing a by-law on watering trees would be difficult.
 - The bylaw has been temporarily shelved so that council could get up to speed on the issue.
 - A special meeting has been planned for June 4th to discuss the bylaw – Toby will report back to the committee
 - The committee should work with the Town to provide information on the Town's website on, watering trees, how to prune and mulch trees properly – Jim and Andy will work on this
- g. Trees that were removed last year and have to be replaced. They are going to be planted mid-June by Manotick Tree Services. Around thirty trees to be planted.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Meeting Dates for 2020

DATES: June 24, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 25