



## Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting June 24, 2020

**7:00 p.m. Conference Call**

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting September 23, 2020 @ 7 - 9PM – Location TBD**

### Attendance:

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

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson, Jack Havel

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda.
2. Minutes of May 27, 2020 meeting (already approved)
3. Minutes of June 24, 2020 approved by the Committee( Ron Wood, Dale Moulton)
4. Business Arising from May 27, 2020, meeting
  - Implementation of the watering bylaw is delayed until after the summer break, water conservation is encouraged through the summer
  - The Town is supportive of the committee putting content on the Town website about how to care for trees, including planting, mulching watering and pruning.
  - Looking for package done by other municipalities but have not found one yet that would be user friendly to homeowners
  - UFRC committee will review content for clarity and ease of use by the public

***Action: Committee members to review other city sites to see if there is a friendly package the Town could use. If not we will produce our own from what is presented at the Tree Planting Workshops***

5. Planning  
7 Arthur Street

- All recommendations from the committee were accepted

#### McArthur Island Landscape Plan

- The developer has an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that they are required to follow
- Landscape plan did not follow the EIS and was put together hastily
- Final approval of the development is still pending
- The Town Council will hold the developer to the previous landscape plan
- Flood plain has been re-mapped, and this is affecting the development

#### Jackson's Apartments Moore St.

- Issue with the size of the trees that have been planted
- Jim visited the site with Robin Daigle to confirm size of trees
- The measurement process has been standardized (6" from base, measure diameter)
- Planning in pre- consultation with developers requests a landscape plan which requests **60mm trees be planted.** In this case **30mm trees were planted**
- Robin will deal with the developer-replant or forfeit holdback
- The Committee commends the Town on following up on this

6. Public works /Bylaw

New Trees to be planted

- 30 stakes around town where 70 mm trees will be planted in early July by Manotick Tree Services
- Some of the new trees are on High Street, where sidewalks are being replaced. Some of these trees will wait to be planted until after the construction is complete.
- Injections of Ash trees will be done towards the end of August

Inspections with Bylaw

- Jim has gone out with by-law 3 times to inspect trees on private property that might be a danger to the public
- If more are noted, please let Jim know
- The public is generally agreeable and comply with the recommendations (especially when the public is potentially in danger)
- Burr oak in the daycare playground of the French School has a lot of dead branches, which should be trimmed. Jim let the caretaker know who will pass on the message on to the board

7. Update MVCA Watershed Planning-Doreen

- 4 backgrounder reports circulated to the reviewing committee; Doreen will circulate them to the UFRC committee members
- Social media campaign has been underway to educate the public on the process
- Survey has been circulated on the goals of watershed management
- Overall schedule has been delayed due to Covid

8. Potential water initiatives for the committee to consider

- Vegetation on shoreline/naturalized edges – Watersheds Canada (out of Perth, ON) has a program called the [Natural Edge Program](#) – they provide free property visits to advise owners on building a softer border. They also order and plant the vegetation. The UFRC committee could publicize this program to homeowners on the Mississippi River and/or approach Watersheds Canada about working with the Town on public shoreline
- Could put a link on the Town website
- August 13th is the next council meeting; Toby can share this on his social media and through other communications
- [Water Rangers](#) – citizen science program that records water-sampling data. The Mississippi Lake Association owns a group of kits that volunteers use each open water season. The committee could promote this initiative.
- [www.Watersheds.ca](#) (Watershed Canada)
- [www.Waterrangers.ca](#)
- Jim put Doreen and Joanne in contact with the Town to discuss source water protection and storm water management.

9. National Forest Week/National Tree Day

- September 23<sup>rd</sup> is National Tree Day – Jim will ask the Mayor to recognize National Forest Week and National Tree Day by planting a tree
- Junction Park was suggested as a potential location

**Action: Jim to ask the Mayor to recognize National Forest Week and National Tree Day. He will also talk to Joanne Henderson about having a tree planted.**

10. Other Business

Bridge St Landscape Plan

- UFRC has not seen the plans for Bridge Street
- Toby shared that Armstrong red maple, Burr Oak, Hackberry, Service Berry, Japanese lilac are the proposed species,
- Almost the same number as currently in place are proposed

***Action: Jim will request to see the landscape plan as to what and where species will be planted. Salt tolerance must be checked on a couple of these species.***

Early Detection and Rapid Response

- Money coming for invasive species
- Gypsy moths are a big problem this year
- Worried about maple and red oak saw log material on crown land

Update on masters of conservation visit

- Sites will be selected to record speakers which will be shared with the students
- Not sure yet if CP is selected for it

If the committee spots dead trees, please let Jim know.

- Janet has identified a tree that is submerged in gravel (at Mississippi and Morris) – Jim will check it out
- Ash on the River Walk that are succumbing to the ash bore, others are looking great
- Riverside Park – some trees were lost during a recent storm (include large Cottonwoods)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm

Next meeting Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

**Meeting Dates for 2020**

**DATES:** Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25