



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting October 28, 2020

7:00 p.m. Conference Call

Next Regular Monthly Meeting November 25, 2020 @ 7 - 9PM – Zoom

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Jennifer Rogers, Janet McGinnis, Joanne Woodhouse, Doreen Donald, Myrna Lee (Forest and Nature based Solutions Working Group)

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson, Dale Moulton, Councilor Toby Randell, Jack Havel (student)

1. Welcome-Approval of the agenda
2. Minutes of September 23, 2020 meeting (already approved)
3. Minutes of October 28, 2020 meeting approved(Doreen, Jennifer)
4. Business Arising from September 23, 2020, meeting
 - Set up tree planting content for the Town website – Janet has looked at various sources of information – do we want links or our own content?
 - We would like our own site, similar to the Environmental Committee, which would highlight the importance and benefit of trees and provide the webinar for tree planting and maintenance. Amanda at the Town can help us with setting it up.
 - Toby will follow up with Joanne at the Town about vines and beaver wire. Are there still beavers? Janet has not noticed any beaver activity. We should ask the Town if they have seen any beavers. We will also ask Mark Smith who is on these trails regularly.
 - Where are the vines located? Jim cleared the ones near the arena. Okee Lee has many. There are some along the OVRT (west side mostly) and both sides behind the library and up to Townline. They are easy to clip this time of year due to colour. Poison Ivy is a concern when clearing vines. Again we will ask Mark Smith, as he is the one who brought it up.
5. Private Homeowner Planting Program 2021
 - Date – Wednesday May 5th is the preferred date
 - Numbers – the money that was not spent in 2020 has been put aside. As a result, we can purchase >100 trees in 2021. It is recommended that we purchase 150 trees and carry over the other 50 trees to 2022. It is uncertain we could get 200 trees planted in 2021
 - For species we recommend, 15 McIntosh, 15 Cortland, 20 Autumn Blaze, 20 Sugar Maple, 10 Red Oak, 10 Burr Oak, 15 Hackberry 15 Service Berry, 15 Showy Mountain Ash and 15 Honey Locust.
 - Increase in Price – agreed to increase from \$20 to \$25 per tree
 - Method of delivering trees and workshop – Webinar format instead of an in person presentation. Participants will sign up and attend the webinar to get the tree. Payment method to be determined by Town Hall. The committee is considering providing the public with more information on the species that are being offered (specifically Hackberry as it is

the Town tree), the space they need when fully grown and some examples of mature trees in town that the public can observe.

- The committee recommends the Town to continue to have the trees at the nursery rather than at the Town yard.

6. Update on the Source Water Protection Plan- Doreen

- Doreen attended a teleconference meeting on the committee for the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, as a member of the public. Gerry had brought to the committee's attention because the committee was reviewing a series of technical rule changes for the Source Water Protection Plan.
- Doreen made some good contacts in terms of source water protection.
- The Source Water Protection Plan was approved in 2014 (latest revision in May 2020)
- New rules are coming and the province is asking the source water protection committees across the province to review and respond back
- 170 page document that Doreen will review and summarize key points and share with committee – the document contains important information to keep in mind when reviewing current/future developments in Town

7. Update MVCA Watershed Planning-Doreen/Jim

- Last two Chapters 7 & 8 were reviewed at the Public Advisory Meeting on October 27th. Big ticket item – a lot responsibilities falling under Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry so they may not be able to deliver on those responsibilities due to over capacity and lack of staff.
- Draft document will likely be released in February (needs to go through board and then to public)
- Doreen will send Chapters 7 & 8 to the committee.

8. Hackberry Seed Collection

- Jim sent an e-mail to the committee on the results of the Hackberry seed collection and storage
- Seed collection took place last Thursday (Oct 19th)
- 5L of seed was collected that will be processed to see how many of the seeds are viable. The seeds were collected from Hackberry Park, and near the Trail on the other side of the bridge. Very few were collected from the private property due to the height of the tree. The company representative was on site.
- Next year it was suggested we wait until all the leaves are off the trees. We have not done this in the past because of flocks of Cedar Wax Wings getting to the seed before we do. This does not seem to be the case these days.

9. Trees on the Trail through town.

- Johnathan Allen is asking about removing Manitoba Maple by William Street. Homeowner says trees are growing into the yard. They are actually Black Walnut – branches growing into backyard. The branches can be trimmed that are growing into yards. The Black Walnuts were identified by the Committee to remain during construction of the Trail

10. Gypsy Moth Webinar October 7th

- Presentation was very good, different levels of government coming together. Map showing defoliation was very heavy in Eastern Ontario but not discussed because the messaging from MNRF still has to be approved. Many experts participated in the presentation. Doreen will share a copy of one of the presentations.

11. Next meetings – format

- Future UFRC committee meetings will be over Zoom
- The Town has an account that the committee can use
- Joanne to assist with the setup through Amanda

12. 119 Bell Street - construction work is too close to the trees.
 - It has come to light that the Town is not discussing the Guidelines for Working Around Trees with the developers as originally thought.
 - Committee will send the Guidelines for Working Around Trees to Niki and ask for a Policy Paper for Working Around Trees.
13. Appreciation night
 - No Appreciation Night this year
 - Mayor's assistant will be sending a notice to each committee member
14. Forest and Nature Based Solutions Working Group (part of the Lanark Climate Change Action Network) - Myrna
 - A group of individuals that want to do something now with measurable effects
 - Myrna is concerned about water and pesticides - particularly roadside spraying
 - Friends of Lanark County has been voicing this concern and there have been several disjointed efforts
 - The Network is trying to bring people together to fix this.
 - The Forest and Nature Based Solutions working group would like to help and supplement our committee. They are ready to take action on afforestation.
 - Jim pointed out that afforestation is more than planting trees – the group should also work on invasive species, wildfires etc.
 - Paul Keddy (biologist) will talk to their group tomorrow night October 29th.
 - Jim will speak to the working group on Forestry issues on November 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next Meeting November 25 2020. Meeting dates for 2021 will be decided at the November meeting.