



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting February 24, 2020

7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting

Next Regular Monthly Meeting March 24, 2021 @ 7pm (Zoom meeting)

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Janet McGinnis, Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Councilor Toby Randell, Doreen Donald, Jack Havel (Environmental Committee Representative)

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson, Jennifer Rogers

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda

2. Minutes of January 27, 2021 meeting (already approved)

3. Business Arising from January 27, 2021 meeting

- Beaver activity follow-up: Dale connected with Mark and he indicated that the beaver activity he saw was off McNeely. It was a while ago.
- Website Content – Janet has been working with Amanda at the Town to draft UFRC Committee content. Janet is now looking for feedback.
- Two other committees have content: Municipal Drug and Heritage. UFRC will be the third. The Heritage committee they have a variety of properties that they describe and provide photos. We could do something similar for the municipal tree-planting program.
- Initial feedback on the content is:
 - good layout, good amount of detail, could add more about accessing the meetings
 - should we add the committee members (the info for the chairs is available)
 - including the history of the hackberry tree would be interesting
 - currently we don't have the commemorative tree program anymore. It was handed over to Joanne Henderson. We can see where she sits with it and potentially re-introduce it.
- Send all comments to Janet and cc the other members of the committee.
- If other members of the committee want to contribute or prepare something for the website, that would be fine. Open to any contribution. Submit content to Janet and she will be the point of contact with the Town.
- We do need something on the website about the river corridor/ on water
- perhaps some good graphics on where water intake is and the 100-year floodline
- **Comments by March 17th**

4. Tree Planting Workshop

- webinar on tree planting program
- there was a suggestion to have a Q&A over Zoom with Jim and two people from the Town
- interactive Zoom meetings are difficult, and need ample lead up time.
- Toby suggests having people send in questions in advance.
- Jim is thinking a typical zoom meeting webinar followed by questions (total duration of 1 hour or 1.5 hours)
- We may be able to stream it and then it is accessible afterwards as well.
- Recommendation is to go with straight Zoom webinar; T. Randall would be moderator, Stacey Blair or Amanda to host the Zoom call.

- potentially we could advertise in the next water bill.
- Doreen suggests minimizing text in presentation and then having a link to a pdf with text instructions.
- Doreen will revise the presentation.
- Jim will loop back with Sharyl- Anne on the committee's preference.
- Toby will find the max number of people that can attend.

5. Source Water Protection

- Doreen attended the meeting last month
- Source Water Protection and Drinking Water protection committee – doing work with Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority
- Performing an assessment on the impacts of climate change
- Project manager of the source water protection has been contacted for more information (what data they are capturing and the results)

6. Planning

- Bodnar Subdivision/Mississippi Shores
 - Recently there has been a lot of blasting and tree removal along the fence line.
 - UFRC committee does not support the trees being removed and doesn't support the subdivision development in general. Everything is legal but the legislation they are following is out of date, they are in Zone 9 of Source Water Protection Plan, and the development does not address climate change (**We must be prepared to Protect Life and Property**).
 - Councilor Seccaspina voiced her opinion on the development in the council meeting last night. The big issues are the setback from the River and the location of the stormwater management pond (SWMP). There is also no park. Cavanaugh may make some changes but likely no park, no movement of SWMP and no change to the setback.
 - Councilor Randell is interested in knowing what the council should fight for.
 - There are 64 conditions that they need to be held to.
 - Last night Mayor Black did bring up the draft conditions and that it is important that they are held to them.
 - The committee does still need to see a landscape plan for the subdivision.
 - Currently planning for 107 trees to go into Roy Brown Park but there is not a lot of soil there. Need to stake the area to mark where the trees will go. If they don't all fit in that park, they need to go somewhere else in Town.
 - The Town Engineer Robin Daigle is aware that the SWMP should be an enhanced SWMP.
- 17 Albert St.
 - old church at the corner of Albert and Beckwith (old cinema). They are making it into apartments and currently adding more apartments on
 - The committee has no comments. There was never any greenspace on the site and no possibility of planting a tree.

7. Forest Health Network-Gypsy moth

- Jim sent out information on where we expect to be with Gypsy Moth this summer. MNRF says they are looking at 1 – 2 more years of Gypsy Moth in our area. Increased impacts further to the west of us (Maberly area).
- It may not naturalize itself for another couple years.
- The cold weather may have affected the egg masses.
- Also, virus build ups and fungi that affect the moth and the caterpillar may have an impact. If it is enough it will knock them back.
- Healthy forests do not succumb to this defoliation event and can go through a couple years but if there is a drought, that will stress the trees further and put them in jeopardy.
- Individual trees can be wrapped with burlap, which traps the caterpillars.
- Scrape egg masses and put in soapy water
- Gypsy moth mainly goes after Oak and then Maple, then White Pine, then Spruce.

8. Vine Clearing

- Jim discussed removing vines with Bob White who is coordinating clearing vines and dead trees out of O-Kee-Lee Park. Winter is the best time to clear out the vines. Some members of the public had concerns but once it was explained they understood.
- Suggest planting red maple to help with the vines

9. Other Business

- Review of Environmental Committee Activities (Jack)
 - Last month they finished up the assessment of the Anti-idling campaign
 - Next big thing coming up is trying to set up a green bin program/composting program, which could reduce the cost of waste program for the Town.
 - Looking at options for full green waste collection program – first step is setting up a survey with the Town.
 - In the spring they are looking at establishing standing gardens in some of the Town parks – wildflowers for butterfly promotion.
 - Town does \$40 rebate for compost bin purchase and a rebate for rain barrels is also likely being approved at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Meeting dates for 2021: March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24

Homeowner Workshop: May 5, 2021