



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting May 26, 2020

7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting

Next Regular Monthly Meeting June 23, 2021 @ 7pm (Zoom meeting)

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Janet McGinnis, Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Doreen Donald, Jennifer Rogers, Todd Boyce

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson, Jack Havel (Environmental Committee Representative), Councilor Toby Randell

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda;
Approved (Joanne and Jennifer)
2. Approved Minutes of May 26, 2021 meeting (Doreen Donald, Joanne Woodhouse)
3. Business Arising from March, 2021 meeting
 - Beaver problems persist in Town
 - Hwy 7 to 10th line – traps are out, people should not let their dogs off leash
 - Vines – still cut them when you are out on walks
4. Tree Planting Workshop
 - Good feedback from attendees and from the Town
 - Webinar is more accessible, can reach a wider audience
 - Attendees found the mulch volcanoing and watering tips very helpful
 - Some slides will need changing where bare root, container, wire and burlap are discussed
 - Too many slides on pruning can be more straight forward
 - Suggestion to add a video of the planting procedure to the webinar/slide deck with voice over – this would reduce the number of slides
 - Length of the workshop was good
 - Consider adding an option to send in questions in advance
 - Presentation is currently on the UF/RC website on the Town website
5. Micro grant
 - Due to participating in the “love your lake” program, the Mississippi Lake Association was able to apply for the grant
 - \$500 has been approved for purchasing and planting trees for the shoreline
 - We have until Dec 2021 to use the grant

- September would be a good time to plant at O'Kee Lee – potentially during National Forest Week
- If we need more funds to cover any overages, we could access the committee funding

6. Tree planting Roy Brown Park

- Janet, Todd, Jim and the several staff from the Town helped plant the trees
- Janet's group planted cedars which was an extension of an existing stand
- The Town will be mulching and watering the trees
- Would be nice to have larger trees
- Due to Cavanagh activity, 107 trees will be coming – it will be important to see where the deeper soil is to be able to sustain the trees
- Consider planting along the eastern boundary to provide a buffer between the park and the residences

7. Forest Health Network

Gypsy Moth

- Gypsy Moth are now a huge issue in Town, every oak in Town is affected as well as the basswood, and maples
- No egg masses were observed in fall the gypsy moth have blown in on the recent winds
- Previously Carleton Place was on the edge of the infestation, now we are in the middle of it
- They will remain until the virus/fungi build up to take down the gypsy moth – no timeline for when this will happen
- Jim has informed the mayor and town staff
- First three instars are the ones that eat 24 hours, the fourth instar eat at night and come down and look for shelter during the day.
- Burlap folded over where the caterpillars can find shelter during the day is a control for landowners for individual trees. You pick them off and destroy them
- From August to April you scrape for eggs. We will be looking for egg masses this fall.
- June 10th (7pm) - webinar on Gypsy Moth that will provide an update on the status of the situation in the area – encourage all to attendance
- Burgess in Lanark County is doing a spraying program – they will be reporting on their efforts
- Homeowners can water their own trees to keep them in the best health while the defoliation is happening - Town could communicate this to the residents
- Jim has distributed information to the committee

Invasive plants

- Webinars are coming up (June 22nd 6 – 8pm) put on by the Ontario Invasive Plant Council who are members of the Forest Health Network
- First time we are getting webinars for free – recommend committee members to take these webinars
- Doreen will attend two: common buckthorn and a two part series on phragmites in June

- Training has been a long time coming in Eastern Ontario

8. MVCA Watershed Plan

- With the public for review
- Send comments directly in and cc' Jim and Doreen
- General Manager at the conservation authority is presenting at the webinars – very good high level of the whole plan and drill into how they got to the details
- Doreen represented MLA and Jim represented forestry in the development of the plan

9. Planning

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- Jim has received comments from Todd
- Fair amount of trees going to be planted in the landscape plan
- Concerns about the large tree getting removed – the branches and roots are shared with neighbour – recommend preserving that tree being on the edge of the property and key component of the streets landscape.
- Suggest putting underground hydro in so that the power lines and tree growth are not conflicting – perhaps power could come in at the back
- Comments due June 18th

Official Plan

- Janet attended the council meeting where they introduced the official plan
- The process will consist of a two phase review
- First phase – going over density that is being proposed for the Town
- The Town has determined that with the amount of growth designated for Carleton Place, it can be accommodated within our boundaries without having to go through the very expensive annexation process
- Several densification scenarios are proposed and available on the Town website
- Second phase of the review will be more applicable to the committee – green spaces and natural environment – this will take place later in the year

10. Other Business

- UF/RC website still needs the river corridor information – Doreen had sent to Amanda
- Committee members should continue to identify areas in Town where trees could be planted and send them to Jim
- Playground by the tennis courts is ringed by Ash trees and it would be good to get some different species and start planting now.
- Town should pre-emptively replace Ash rather than wait of them to come down
- Would like to see more trees in the parks and along the trail – better to have trees of all ages in the parks

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Meeting dates for 2021: June 23, Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24