



## Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting June 23, 2021

**7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting**

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting September 22, 2021 @ 7pm (Zoom meeting)**

### **Attendance:**

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

Absent: Andy Kerr-Wilson

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda;  
Joanne and Dale approved
2. Minutes of June 23, 2021 meeting approved ( Jennifer Rogers, Joanne Woodhouse)  
Submitted to the Town
3. Business Arising from May, 2021 meeting  
160 Miguel
  - o Comments have been sent in  
River Corridor information on our website
  - o Completed
4. Tree Preservation – Landscape Plan
  - Confusion about what is required and not required – that section is for Niki and her staff to fill out
  - Previously there was no checklist or documentation of checking to see if the preservation plans were being followed
  - Doreen e-mailed her comments to Jim
  - List of trees:
    - o Some species are missing (e.g., Ginkgo, Black Walnut, Japanese Tree Lilac)
    - o Some species should be removed (e.g., Prairie Hackberry)
    - o City of Ottawa commented that there are a lot of Maple, don't want the smaller maples
    - o Take a look at Service Berry because there are so many cultivars
    - o Reduce the number of maple species on the list
    - o In general the list of trees need adjusting
  - The City of Ottawa's comments
    - o Should not call it an Arborist Report because when you are working in a woodlot, they are not qualified. Arborist reports are for single trees.
    - o Should be called a Tree Information Report
  - Official plan would need to be amended to change the requirement that one new tree will be planted for every 3 trees removed.- this is in place because it referred to small trees and is no longer applicable
  - This needs to be changed, even if it means changing the official plan. (3.44 of a Dev Permit Bylaw)
  - Janet thinks we can amend the DP without changing the Official Plan.

- Toby suggests that Committee can make a recommendation to Town Council to amend the bylaw so that it is in line with the City of Ottawa
    - Janet moves the motion and Jennifer and Todd second it
  - In Ottawa, the requirement for re-planting correlates to the size of the tree that is being taken down.
  - Does the developer have to own the land to plant these trees on? Or could they put them anywhere in Town? Could the Town ask the developer to allocate the trees to a park?
  - The developer contributes the space and the Town puts in the park infrastructure
  - Motion to amend could also include that the Town approves where the trees will be planted
  - The size of the trees should be reasonable
  - Letter for this motion should be written to Niki who will formulate a staff report to adopt an adaptation.
  - Add the wording that the committee approved the motion – Jim will draft this
  - Who is going to go out and make sure that it fencing etc. is in place and the tree preservation plan is being followed?
  - Get protection/fencing in place before contractors start is very important
  - Also, keep the paperwork on site
  - Is there any other department that goes and does inspections? – Fire department does inspections
  - Would Liam have capacity – no, he is Public Works
  - If there are any other comments on this – send them to Jim
5. **Climate change-Natural Heritage member for planning AD hoc committee**
- The Ad Hoc Committee has been appointed – Janet has been selected
  - Applications were reviewed by council and candidates were selected
  - There was a lot of demand to be on the committee
  - Total of 13 committee members: 5 community members, 2 climate/environmental members, 1 expert, 2 developers, the BIA rep, the Chamber rep and one council member
  - Janet will be glad to emphasis Climate Change and Natural Heritage
6. **Budget for 2022-Elm Treatment, Ash Treatment.**
- Town needs to create a budget for Dutch Elm injections for the town Majestic elms - \$5,000 we would like allocated to this (previously it was \$3,000 but there are additional trees to be treated). This is protection for three years. The next injections are due 2022
  - Must continue to inject the Ash which have been identified for injections every two years. Injections are split every second year.
  - Budget deliberations typically happen in November
7. **Forest Health Network**  
Gypsy Moth webinar
- A number of committee members attended (Doreen, Janet, Todd, Jim for the Committee Liam Macintosh and Sharyl-Anne Andrews from Public works)
  - Carleton Place will be experiencing gypsy moths for another year or two
  - Power Point presentation was well done and well attended 562 attendees (a copy is accessible on the Town website)
  - Since we did not find egg masses last year in Town and Gypsy moth is wide spread across Town they were blown in this spring from affected areas west and south of Carleton Place.
  - Carleton Place is into its first year with the infestation. Time is needed for the viruses and fungi to build up enough to knock out the Gypsy Moth. We may be into this for 2-3 years
  - Right now use the burlap to capture the caterpillars,
  - Look for the caterpillars pupating is the next step. They are brown in colour. Look and destroy
  - The male moths will be coming out first. They are brown and can fly looking for females.
  - The females will then appear as white moths but do not fly. They should be destroyed when found.
  - The female moths will lay eggs everywhere. Scrape egg masses, which are buff coloured, into a bucket with soapy water and leave for two days.

- Given the variety of mitigation measures that have been observed, the committee may need to communicate the correct way to control the Gypsy Moths
- What about spraying? Jim is suggesting no spraying...the Town would likely have to pass a bylaw and cost is high. Better to ride it out until we get the virus and fungi build up. This means doing another control measures as described.
- Jim observes that we are not getting hit as hard as he thought we would. We do have another few weeks of defoliation ahead.
- If the public demands spraying, the cost would be significant to tax payers
- Toby's observation is that Carleton Place is not as bad Central Frontenac
- Education at this point is the most prudent way to go

#### Invasive plants webinar

- Doreen attended two workshops – one on Common Buckthorn and the second on Phragmites
- Structure the same for both: 1st session on identification of plants, economic, social and environmental impacts, 2nd session on management
- Doreen now has a lot of resource links, not sure if she would recommend them again because the information is publicly available, however sometimes easier to attend a webinar
- Takeaways:
  - Response to invasive plants is all about management,
  - Management practices will work but the strategies must be long term, multi year type of process but it can be done
- Phragmites are not common in Town but there is a lot of Buckthorn
- Has CP identified larger, dense patches of Buckthorn? No
- One place that is bad, is along the waterfront behind Waterside
- Doreen will share her information with the Committee

#### **8. Plan Okee Lee Park-Ash removed.**

- Last year the Town removed vines - now a lot of the Ash are in worse shape than they used to be because of Emerald Ash Borer
- 18 hazardous trees have to be removed
- Town is working on how to replace them
- Trying to get planted stock to replace them with use of the micro-grant
- If we can't do the planting this fall but we buy the trees is that acceptable?
- Doreen will check and let Jim know.

#### **9. National Forest Week (September 19-25) National Tree Day- (September 22)**

- Before the next meeting – Jim will ask the Mayor to announce National Tree Day and National Forest Week
- Where to put ceremonial tree? Junction Park is an option (two years ago one was planted)

#### **10. Other Business**

- Tree Replacements on Town property
  - Street trees, every tree that comes down has to be replaced
  - Park trees – when they are taken down, they are also replaced
  - Trail Trees – natural environment areas, natural regeneration takes over and often does not need intervention. With the Ash, the Town has a program ready but doesn't have the funding. The Town is looking into it.
  - How do they account for trees that come down? In some parks, trees are taken down but not replaced in the same location.
  - If trees are taken down in naturalized areas and cut up – should they be taken away or left to naturalize? Depends on the location. Parks does not have the money to replace the trees even though they have the plan. For parks to get the budget, Joanne/Parks has to request it at budget time.
  - Liam in Public Works is replacing every tree that comes down.

- Dale – around Riverside park, a number of the trees are getting large suckers at their base - is this a concern?
  - Are they on the trees or on the Gabion baskets? If they are on the baskets, that will be a problem. If they don't remove the suckers then they will damage the shoreline. The Town is looking into it. (Gabion Baskets) are rocks within wire mesh to stabilize the shoreline. Rip rap(rocks) were placed in front of the baskets to create fish habitat as directed by a MNRF biologist.
- What are the numbers from the Town regarding their tree-planting program? Jim will ask so that the committee can review – Town recognizes that when trees are coming down, the plan is to replace.
- It would be nice to see a long term plan rather than by individual trees that come down
- Toby: One example of the Town replanting was when a developer gave them 75 left over trees. Liam had these planted on streetscape. There was more money in the budget this year for tree replacements.
- Possibly the Gypsy Moths might increase the public's interest in tree health, tree cover etc. (similar to what happened after the ice storm) Can we turn it into a positive with increased visibility?
- A long-term plan for tree replacements would help identify what we need to spend on tree planting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

**Meeting dates for 2021: Sept 22, Oct 27, and Nov 24**