



Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee

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Minutes of meeting April 27, 2022

7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting

Next Regular Monthly Meeting May 25 @ 7pm (Zoom meeting)

Attendance:

Jim McCready (Chair), Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Jennifer Rogers, Todd Boyce, Nathan Bare, Kahlán Bare, Doreen Donald

Regrets: Janet McGinnis, Toby Randall

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda;
 - Doreen & Jennifer approve
 - Addition to agenda: Trees in dog park – some activity on Facebook forums
 - UFRC can ask Liam at the Town to put extra trees in the dog parks if they are available
2. Minutes of April 27, 2022 Approved (Doreen Donald, Joanne Woodhouse)
3. Business Arising from March 30th meeting
 - MVCA raw data – Dale still working on this
4. Homeowner Tree Planting (Jim)
 - Presentation to be held on May 4th
 - Trial run of the presentation has been completed
 - Toby is moderator, Jim will present, Liam will flip through the slides
 - Jim will share the presentation with the committee
 - Payment for trees being done at Town Hall this year (\$25/tree)
 - Trees are expected to arrive on May 8th..
 - Pickup available until May 29th
 - This program started in 1998 and this is the 24th year. Approximately 2,500 trees have been planted through the program counting this year
5. Tree Clearing Bylaw Infraction update (Jim)-Flow chart
 - File is with Niki Dwyer
 - Discussion has been held with the developer where Niki explained the Town's position
 - Currently waiting for a response from the developer who has indicated that they talked to by-law before taking the trees down
 - Did they tell bylaw that they were Hackberry? The trees were still within 15 m of the natural shoreline.
 - If Niki has not heard back within a week, she will follow up
 - Flow chart has been prepared to help Town staff know what to do if a resident asks to take down a tree
 - Would be good/useful to have the flow chart available to the public on the Town website
 - The flowchart would be helpful for residents and developers

- Committee would like Official Plan changed and Development Permit changed to update the 1 tree planted for every 3 trees removed – this needs updating badly
6. Planning-10418 HWY 7
 - Not much landscaping, mostly hard area
 - Do they have any room for low impact development?
 - Comment to Jim to be in by May 12th
 7. Water & Wastewater Master Plan Update (Joanne/Todd)
 - Joanne has not contacted the Town yet – will reach out this week
 - Scepters have been installed on Frank St. and on Bridge St.
 - Priority should be for installing a scepter on Joseph St. – this would improve the health of the river near the beaches
 - Where are the other pipes that go into the river? And are there any timelines to install scepters?
 - Expanding water treatment plant footprint – are they going to cut off the road that CPHS is using to facilitate student drop off? Trees that are removed must be replaced hopefully in Riverside Park if there is room.
 8. Public Consultation on Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update (Doreen)
 - Public survey is underway
 - Link to survey is on the Town website – open for another few weeks
 - A summary report will be generated after the survey closes
 - Todd felt there were some leading questions on the survey
 - Naming of parks is not helpful for most residents
 - Let the Town know if you have concerns about the survey

Arklan Island – the Town wants to develop this eventually (build a bridge, add trails maybe)

 - They need to look at what can they do in a Natural Environment Area which is outlined in the Official Plan
 - Other Natural Environment Areas include O-kee-Lee Park, Roy Brown, Riverwalk Area to name a few
 - Transportation Master Plan included preliminary design for Arklan Is
 9. Tree Inventory
 - Todd is trying out an app that uses GPS to inventorize and record condition of trees
 - Jessica Karafila is moving to Town, she is a landscape architect, and has worked with people doing tree inventories - she would like to assist in a Tree Inventory CP
 - Jim has talked to Niki Dwyer and it would be nice to have a base line of the Carleton Place Forest Canaopy
 - We are waiting on a small report from Jessica on how the inventory could be carried out
 - Looking at doing the inventory in 2023 – using a program called “Neighbourhoods” – Jessica can assist
 - May need a student hire to facilitate this which is why it will be scheduled for 2023
 10. UofT Master of Conservation Tour (Jim)
 - May 13th
 - 12:30 meeting at Canadian Tire – start at Carleton Junction ~12:40 attend
 - Councilor Randell will will welcome them on behave of the town and the Committee
 - Niki Dwyer will explain how a Small Town works with Volunteers on Planning matters
 - Liam McIntosh will explain how the committee works with Public Works
 - Plan to visit Mill Street, Hackberry Park, Mississippi River over pass to discuss bylaws and Mississippi Quays stormwater pond will be visited
 - Should be ~2hrs, ~20 students usually attend
 11. Bridge St. Trees
 - Committee always wanted the existing trees moved to a park

- Manotick Tree Service (who has experiancein such) has evaluated the existing trees and determined that none of the trees will be able to be transplantable
- Shallow sites, root condition and underground services make it impossible to transplant
- New trees will not necessarily be in the same spot
- New trees will be a variety of speices (not a monoculture)

12. Other Business

- Trees at the dog park – committee will let Liam McIntosh in Public Works know so that if there are extra trees, they could potentially get planted in or near the dog parks
 - Not sure if newly planted trees will survive in a dog park
 - At Roy Brown soil conditions are very shallow which limits viable planting locations
 - Town could consider canopy shade installations (similar to Beckwith splashpad park)
- Joanne Woodhouse will e-mail Joanne Henderson about in person meeting location for June 22 meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Meeting dates for 2022: May 25, June 22, Sept 28, Oct 26 & Nov 23