



## **Carleton Place Urban Forest/River Corridor Advisory Committee**

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**Minutes of meeting June 22, 2022**

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

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting September 28 @ 7pm (Library)**

### **Attendance:**

Jim McCready (Chair), Joanne Woodhouse, Dale Moulton, Todd Boyce, Janet McGinnis, Councilor Toby Randall, Lankan Bare, Doreen Donald

Regrets: Jennifer Rogers, Nathan Bare, Doreen Donald

1. Welcome-Approval of the Agenda;
  - Dale and Janet approve
2. Minutes of June 22, 2022 meeting approved ( Todd Boyce, Joanne Woodhouse)
3. Business Arising from June 1st meeting.
  - Niki Dwyer is continuing discussions with the developer on Rosamund
  - Public consultation on parks and recreation master plan – Doreen leading, Todd attended a community consultation session:
    - The feedback from the survey was presented
    - Natural areas and Arklan Island did not come up
  - Transportation master plan was discussed at the committee on June 21 – a deferral was presented, and council will have a full day working session (likely in August) to go through the three plans (Transportation, Parks and Rec and Water and Wastewater)
  - Tree Inventory – Jessica is going to give us a process so that a student could be put in place for next summer – process still pending from Jessica
4. Discussion the Recent Storm-Jim
  - Webinar being held on June 29th to discuss windstorm impacts to rural woodlots and urban areas
  - Keep in mind – storms weaken trees - in some cases the base has been loosened but the tree did not come down in the storm. Another strong wind may push it over at any point in the future
5. Storm Water discussion from Guy-Joanne
  - New notice Joanne will forward to the committee
  - No new communications with Guy
6. CIF National Forest Week & National Tree Day-Jennifer
  - Look and see what needs to be added to the order
  - Todd can distribute to CPHS and Arklan
  - Joanne can distribute to Caldwell, can door knock on the other schools to distribute poster
  - National Tree Day ( September 21), National Forest Week ( September 18-24)– arrange for declaration by the Mayor

- Suggestion for tree planting – a number of parks, Riverside Park, if close to a school we could invite students to attend the ceremony.

## 7. Planning-

### **Findlay Foundry 28 High Street**

- Jim has received many comments from the committee and shared the Enviro committee comments
- Janet's comments were included in Jim's draft
- One building not shown on rendering
- Red and green lines not identified on the figures
- A lot of hard surfaces – asphalt or hard surface pavers between the building and the river – better to have surfaces where rainwater and stormwater run off can penetrate the surface
- Property lines would benefit from trees as a visual barrier
- Can they build a boardwalk at the waterfront? – the lawyers have resolved this issue and it has been determined that the property owner owns the property right up to the wall
- Distance between the trail and the river – should this be 5 m, similar to the other trails in Town?
- Stone dust was used at Waterside – permeable surface is preferred, stone dust could wash into the river, suggestions
- Who will be the owner of the proposed boardwalk and the dock?
- This site is an anchor property to the Town's downtown – this must be done right
- The new building on Woodward Street is very similar to this design and is the same owner
- The height of the proposed building is quite different than the surrounding area
- Blasting is a concern - could generate a conduit for contaminated groundwater to enter the river
- Shrubs (~2'high) could be put on either side of the walkway. The root system would be beneficial to the environment and provide a safety barrier with the water's edge
- Using pavers for the trail that would allow grass to grow through them would be a good option and accessibility would be maintained.
- Tree planting along High Street – discrepancy between drawing and figures
  - Can trees survive in the shallow bedrock area – Bur oak, Hackberry, Red oak these types could take the species – still want to avoid a monoculture.
- The proposed height of one building (seven stories) will not affect any stands of trees – committee will not comment on height of proposed building since it's outside of our realm of responsibility
- A tree planting strip along the neighbouring Maclaren properties is suggested
- A lot of parking is proposed – however they are still short of the requirement
- Is the complex too big if they are asking for a 62 spot variance?
- Official Plan (OP) dictates what is allowed to be built – developer has the option to take the Town to court if the Town refuses a development that passes the OP
- Developer is using our current OP which is a weak OP and being reviewed.
- What does the Strategic Property designation mean? If this is a significant property, then there may be more attention paid to these comments
  - significant property status means they height restriction can be extended,
  - Toby has a communication from Niki that answers a lot of those questions – he will find it and share
- Toby encourages the committee to submit all comments on the proposed development
- Comments to Jim this week or next week

## 8. Other Business

- Starting in September the Committee will be meeting face to face at the Library 7-9 pm.. Jim has made the arrangements and again he will be given the key to lockup and set the alarm as we have always done.

- Environment committee – Joint meeting with UFRC committee
  - Looking at beginning of October, meeting at the library – open invitation to anyone from our committee who can attend
- Appropriately trimming trees
  - Janet noticing that trees have been pruned ineffectively – could the committee communicate to residents how to properly prune – suggest putting it on our website
- Planting trees in playgrounds
  - Planting trees to ensure ongoing shade – Joanne Henderson is on top of this – also ensuring correct mulching and that the whipper snippers do not damage the trunk/base of tree
  - Liam McIntosh's group has been working hard to plant the trees (end of June timing)
  - Need to ensure trees are being protected during construction
- Spongy Moth ( Gypsy moth)Egg masses – we thought it was going to be a severe defoliation from the egg mass numbers. Majority of the egg masses have pin holes indicate a parasite wasp ( fly) has attacked the egg masses. pinholes . Since it has been a wet, cold spring this has brought on a fungi which may be mitigating the spongy moth population in town. Parasite and fungi are keeping the population down.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

**Remaining Meeting dates for 2022:** Sept 28, Oct 26 & Nov 23