



Agenda Sustainable Orangeville

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville**

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5.1. Earth Week Events	7
5.1.1. Earth Week Story Time / Library Book Donation	
Recommendations: THAT the Sustainable Orangeville committee will donate five (5) Environmental themed books in the amount of \$99.16 to the Orangeville Public Library.	
5.1.2. Earth Week Community Tree Planting Event	
5.1.3. Earth Week Virtual Webinars	
5.2. CiB Garden Contest Signs	

5.3. Branching Out Support Services Program Update

Recommendations:

THAT Sustainable Orangeville will reimburse Branching Out Support Services in the amount of \$159.68 for the Bat Box materials.

AND THAT Sustainable Orangeville will reimburse Branching Out Support Services in the amount of \$550 for the Rent a Chicken program with Timberwind Farm.

5.4. Budget Review

5.5. Backyard Gardening Program update

5.6. Sub-Committee Updates

6. Correspondence

None received.

7. New Business

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 7 p.m.

9. Adjournment



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

March 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Members Present:	Chair, Councillor G. Peters V. Nilsson A. Seagram M. Smith T. Woods C. McCabe M. Whitcombe J. Lemon	Absent:	J. Marchildon M. Rowley
Staff Present:	C. Cosgrove A. Shaw	Guests:	S. Bradley J.M Palermino

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None Stated.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion:

That the minutes from February 9, 2021 are approved as presented.

Moved by M. Smith

That the minutes of the previous meeting are approved.

Carried.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Hutchinson Court Volunteer Project Update

M. Whitcombe provided an update that he continues to work with the Booth's to create a plan for this initiative. Approval is still required by the Town for the planting layouts and to allow volunteers/public to work on the public trail property. M. Whitcombe will contact C. Cosgrove to continue discussions for potential project start in Spring of 2021.

5.2 Tree Cutting By-law

The committee members received background information on previous work completed on a Tree Cutting By-law for review. The committee suggests altering the name to a Tree Protection By-law. The committee discussed potential alterations and ideas and M. Whitcombe and C.

McCabe will research the City of Guelph's tree protection programs and by-laws.

Motion:

Moved by C. McCabe

That Sustainable Orangeville requests that Council address the action of encouraging tree canopy development on private property through the reworking of the tree protection by-law with amendments and recommendations from the Sustainable Orangeville committee.

Carried.

5.3 Earth Week Planning

The committee discussed the April 19-24 potential Earth Week events that can be continued under COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

5.3.1 Community Tree Planting

Chair Peters has reached out to CVC on the potential of a Spring community planting under the COVID protocols previously set out. The location will again be at Harvey Curry Park.

5.3.2 Baby Tree Forest

The committee members received an update on the current registration numbers and discussed the option to hold a baby tree planting in Spring or to postpone to a Fall planting and ceremony under the hopes that the pandemic will be over and allow for a small ceremony. The committee opted to postpone the planting and ceremony to the Fall for the babies born in 2019 and 2020. A. Shaw will advise the registrants of the postponement.

5.3.3 Other / Virtual Events

The following other events will be organized for Earth Week;

- Enviro Library Book Donation and Reading
- Virtual Bike Repair Seminar by Cycling Elements
- Climate Change video and marketing campaign
- Guided Hike with approval under proposed COVID protocols.
- virtual Backyard Hen's education workshop
- public poll for location of new Bike Racks

5.4 Urban Food Systems

The committee discussed the Urban Food Systems programs such as the community gardens, urban harvest, and the new backyard hen's pilot program. The committee discussed the potential of these programs being overseen by one individual and the option and potential of this becoming a staff position. The community garden and orchard requires a lot of maintenance and pruning throughout the growing season and further discussions are required on the parks responsibilities vs. the volunteer gardeners responsibilities.

5.5 Bike Rack Location Suggestions

J. Lemon purchased the 8 new bike racks that the committee previously approved and recommended. The committee will seek public input on the best locations for the bike racks and will create a public poll for submissions market it as part of an Earth Week initiative.

Motion:

Moved by M. Whitcombe

THAT Sustainable Orangeville will reimburse committee member J. Lemon for the submitted amount of \$2,329.16, inclusive of tax, for the 8 bike racks purchased as previously approved by the committee under the active transportation program initiative.

Carried.

5.6 Farmer's Market Table

Farmer's Market table registration has opened. V. Nilsson will investigate if they are allowing non-profit tables under their COVID protocols. T. Woods and M. Whitcombe will also investigate the option of a tree sapling give-away at the Farmer's Market.

5.7 Rotary Community Clean Up Day

Rotary has paired with Sustainable Orangeville for a community clean up day on May 15, 2021 under the same COVID protocols as was followed in the Fall of 2020. Pre-registration is required, Rotary will drop off a clean up kit to the registrants, and participants can drop off trash collected to Rotary Park between 12 noon and 4 p.m. on May 15. The Litterati app challenge has been created so that participants can use the app to track the amount of trash collected. The committee members have been requested to sign-up and participate.

5.8 Backyard Garden Program

Chair Peters provided an update and the concept of the Backyard Garden Kit program. The Scott's Gro for Good grant was submitted for this project and if successful would assist in funding the initiative.

5.9 Bat Boxes Update

M. Smith created a bat box following the Canadian Wildlife instructions. The committee will place a bat box in the Dragonfly Park. C. Cosgrove will collaborate with Parks to have a pole erected for the Bat Box. The committee discussed the interest in having educational signage on the bat boxes. Chair Peters advised that K. Van Ryn from Branching Out Services, who attended last months meeting, is interested in having some of their members build some of these bat boxes and the committee motioned to allocated committee funds towards materials.

Motion:

Moved by M. Smith

THAT Sustainable Orangeville will allocate up to \$250 to Branching Out Services towards materials to build bat boxes.

Carried.

5.10 Sub-committee updates

No further updates at this time.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

None.

8. Date of Next Meeting

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

APRIL 19 – 24, 2021

Earth WEEK

THINK GREEN



April 20 10 a.m.	Earth Week Storytime with Mayor Brown and Sustainable Orangeville Chair Councillor Peters - Visit the Library YouTube channel and social media sites to watch Earth Storytime with guests Mayor Sandy Brown and Councillor Grant Peters. Sustainable Orangeville donates books to the library with an environmental theme.
April 20 5:30-6:30 p.m.	Virtual Backyard Hens Workshop - Join Lorraine Johnson, well-known author and co-writer of "An Eggcellent Guide to Backyard Hens", to learn the benefits, tips and tricks to raising backyard chickens within an urban setting. Register at https://www.orangeville.ca/Earth-Week-2021
April 21 7-9 p.m.	Virtual Bike Repair Workshop - Jeff Lemon, owner of Cycling Elements, will address how to properly clean your bike, change a tube and perform trail-side maintenance and repairs. Sponsored by Cycling Elements, Sustainable Orangeville and Cycle Orangeville. Register at https://www.orangeville.ca/Earth-Week-2021
April 22 7-8 p.m.	Urban Harvests - your options for local organic produce - In this webinar learn about the Orangeville Urban Harvest Program, tips on growing your own organic fruits, herbs and vegetables, or picking fruit yourself to save money. Presented by Martina Rowley and guest speaker. Register at https://www.orangeville.ca/Earth-Week-2021
April 24 9 a.m.	Earth Week Tree Planting - Credit Valley Conservation and Sustainable Orangeville are partnering for the Earth Week Community Tree planting at Harvey Curry Park. Pre-registration is mandatory. Participants must wear masks. Equipment included. Please note that this event is subject to cancellation due to changes in COVID protocols and regulations. Participants will be notified of the cancellation. Register at https://www.orangeville.ca/tree-planting
April 19-24	Climate Change Resources - Information and resources on climate change are available at https://www.orangeville.ca/climate-change-resources
April 1 - 30	Environmental Awards nominations are open - nominate an environment champion! https://www.orangeville.ca/en/town-hall/sustainable-orangeville-committee.aspx

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