



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

June 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

**Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville**

Members Present: Councillor G. Peters
V. Nilsson
A. Seagram
M. Smith
T. Woods
M. Whitcombe
M. Rowley
J. Lemon

Members Absent: J. Marchildon
C. McCabe

Staff Present: A. Shaw
C. Cosgrove

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest**

None Stated.

3. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolution: April 6, 2021

Moved by M. Rowley

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

Carried

4. **Welcome New Member**

The committee welcomed Miranda O'Connor as the new public member.

5. **Presentations**

5.1 **Community Improvement Plan**

Ms. Lindsay Cudmore, Consultant for Sierra Planning and Management presented to the members on the Town's Community Improvement Plan and requested to receive feedback from the members. Several of the committee members will send additional comment via email.

5.2 **Dufferin Climate Action Plan**

Ms. S. Wicks was introduced to the committee and presented the Dufferin County Climate Action Plan (DCAP), Dufferin County's Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Climate Hub portal. There are many projects that connect the DCAP and Orangeville's Climate Adaptation Plan and Dufferin would like to continue the alliance with the committee.

5.3 June is Bike Month

Ms. Kylie-Anne Grube, Climate Engagement Specialist from Dufferin County presented the County's June is Bike Month cycling scavenger hunt and awareness campaign. Committee members are also invited to submit stories for the Climate Stories of Dufferin blog, and/or articles for the monthly Dufferin Newsletter. Ms. Grube has offered to assist in marketing and promotion of an Sustainable Orangeville initiatives and will share any Dufferin County future climate engagement projects.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Sub-Committee Updates

Community Garden:

Ms. Bradley gave an update on the community garden and requested various items and supplies be delivered, and pointed out some various areas for repairs. Mr. Cosgrove noted Ms. Bradley's requests and will co-ordinate with Parks staff accordingly.

Urban Harvest:

Ms. Rowley has been monitoring the fruit trees and noticed they are blooming well and therefore is hopeful of a bumper crop for 2021. She has been drafting an email to invite the volunteers and tree owners. Awaiting announcements on COVID protocols and potential reopening stage for Fall Harvest Season 2021.

Active Transportation:

In honour of the June is Bike Month, the public submission Bike Rack location request form is open for the month of June. Seeking public input on placement for the 8 bike racks purchased end of 2020. The public form is being marketed on social media and is linked to the Cycle Orangeville pages. As the committee does not meet over July and August, the committee members are comfortable with the program lead Mr. Lemon reviewing and selected the locations for the bike racks.

Moved by M. Rowley

That the committee endorses member J. Lemon to review the bike rack location submissions received through the Town's website and may select the best locations for placement of the bike racks and coordinate placement on behalf of the committee.

Carried

6.2 Tree Protection

Councillor G. Peters and Mr. M. Whitcombe created a Tree Canopy draft maintenance plan to support and create plan to achieve the goals of the Tree Canopy Policy adopted by Council in 2020. The drafted plan outlines ideas to assist in achieving the tree canopy goal and speaks to expanding resources. Councillor G. Peters and Mr. Whitcombe seek the committees

feedback and endorsement of the draft plan. Mr. Whitcombe will be requesting a delegation to Council to present this plan in June.

6.3 CiB Garden Showcase

The Sustainable Orangeville committee will be running the annual Communities in Bloom Garden Showcase from June 14 to July 7. The submission portal will this year be through a GIS app which will have all the photo submissions viewable by the public on one page and mapped. Scotts Canada and the National Communities in Bloom association are again sponsoring the garden signs and prizes of Miracle Gro. The Best Bloomin' garden showcase submissions are open from June 14 to July 7. Judging will take place the following week, method dependent upon COVID regulations at that time and the prizes distributed afterwards to the winners.

Moved by M. Whitcombe

That committee members, Matthew Smith, Miranda O'Connor, and Valerie Nilsson be the judges for the Communities in Bloom Best Bloomin' Garden Showcase.

Carried

6.4 Bike Rack Location Request Form

The bike rack location request form update is available on the Town's website during the month of June.

Updates were provided during the Active Transportation program discussion under point 6.1

7. Correspondence

7.1 Earth Day Canada Tree Planting Relay

The committee received the correspondence on the Earth Day Pledge of 50 trees in 2021. Due to the pandemic the spring tree planting event was cancelled and the committee is hopeful that they can continue with the Fall Tree planting event.

8. New Business

8.1 Compost

Councillor G. Peters informed the committee that Dufferin County is no longer supplying a free compost pile. The committee discussed the option of taking on this program. The approximate cost is \$15 per yard, and there were 10 yards at the Farmer's Market, plus the cost of delivery, tax and staff time.

Moved by M. Whitcombe

That the Sustainable Orangeville Committee will allocate up to \$700 of the budgeted special project Sustainable Orangeville Committee budget towards a compost pile for the Fall Farmer's Market.

Carried

8.2 Community Garden Shed Art Mural Project

The new Community Garden Shed is a plain and boring grey as pointed out by many of the gardeners. The committee would like to research the idea of a garden or environmental themed art mural on the shed to liven the shed up.

Moved by M. Rowley

That the Sustainable Orangeville Committee review and coordinate an Art Mural project for the Community Garden Shed with an environmental design;

And that staff reach out to the Town's Arts and Culture program leads in regards to such an art mural project and report back to the committee.

Carried

9. Closed Session

9.1 Environmental Sustainability Awards

9.2 Closed Council Minutes Oct. 6, 2020

10. Rise and Report

Moved by V. Nilsson

That the 2021 Environmental Sustainability Awards will be deferred due to lack of entries.

Carried

Moved by M. Rowley

That the Closed Council minutes of October 6, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

11. Date of Next Meeting

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.