



Agenda
Sustainable Orangeville

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Sustainable Orangeville

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

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8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall

9. Adjournment

Recommendations:

That the meeting be adjourned at _____.



Minutes of Sustainable Orangeville

November 28, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

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Members Present: M. O'Connor
Councillor Prendergast
M. Rowley
M. Smith
G. Spence
A. Waugh

Members Absent: G. Bryan
W. Speirs
M. Whitcombe

Staff Present: T. Barry, Executive Assistant, Community Services
K. Thomson, Sustainability Co-ordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation: 2023-010

Moved by A. Waugh

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved: October 13, 2023

Carried

4. Presentations

4.1 Meeting Dates and Times (T. MacDonald)

T. MacDonald, Acting Clerk, provided guidance to the Committee regarding working groups. Each working group must be listed as standing item on every agenda, and report back each meeting as to any meetings/discussions that were had. The purpose of reporting back to the Committee is so that the other members of the group are aware and informed as to what is going on in all of the different groups. It is recommended that a sub-group not have all Committee members forming

part of the group (preferred to be kept under quorum). The sub-groups are more informal than the actual Committee, and staff attendance is not necessary for the sub-group to meet.

4.2 Steph Miller - Recreational/Bike Business

Unable to make the meeting, but will want to come to the next meeting (T. Barry to send out invite to meeting).

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 2024 Workplan - Council Comments

Council did not have any comments for the Committee, and the workplan was accepted and passed.

5.2 Tree Canopy

K. Thomson provided a summary of the Tree Canopy Survey. There were 176 respondents (most submitted on line) and in general terms, the public perceives roughly 66% of the tree canopy is decreasing. They understand the benefits of the trees to be: air, quality of life, shade, character and charm to the Town. 65% of respondents thought trees did enhance quality of life. Over 80% of the respondents believe either incentive programs or outreach programs to subsidize purchasing a tree would help for trees on public property. The respondents would like to see trees in different areas of Town including - parks, dog parks, along Broadway, schools, newer developed areas (new subdivisions), plazas, commercial industrial areas. Overall the survey was well received.

The next step will be for staff to prepare a report and present to Council with the results and recommendations for next steps (i.e. tree by-law, maintenance of trees).

A meeting with the Tree Canopy sub-group meeting was held, and the group discussed an informal workplan and timeline for any tree projects and the roles were divided up amongst the sub-group. Chair Prendergast is making posters, and they have also secured a booth at the market for May 4, 2024. Posters, after approval by the Communications Department, will need to be put up in different locations around Town including Alder Recreation Centre, Mill Street Library, Tony Rose Recreation Centre, and Town Hall

Currently all members of the sub-group are also members of Sustainable Orangeville. It was agreed that M. Rowley, M. O'Connor and G. Spence will step down from this sub-group.

5.3 Grant Application Form

Revisions made to the application form. Suggested that a sample application form accompany the application form.

Anticipated that the process will be up and running in January and February for submission. Review of the applications will be in March with funding to follow in May. A. Waugh and M. Smith to prepare a fake application to attach to the draft.

Suggestion that the application be at info@orangeville and vetted through K. Thomson, and when it comes to review time will be circulated by the secretary of the committee. Make deadline approximately two weeks before meeting to ensure a complete review.

Indicate on the website that the grant will be provided via cheque.

6. Correspondence

Chair Prendergast received an email from staff advising that the horticultural society will no longer be looking after the gardens on Centre Street (including the 46 apple trees). A suggestion was made that Staff could arrange for an Arborist to host a workshop and prune the trees and perhaps the Committee could assist with sharing the messaging and possibly pay for half of the cost for this (at the most \$3500 per year). Chair Prendergast to reach out to staff to confirm that amount that the Committee may have to pay, and to see what this would entail.

The email also asked if the Committee would be interested in seeing the policy and updated procedures to address the community garden service levels. The Committee would like to see this draft, and Chair Prendergast will advise staff of this. The email asked if the Committee would be interested in assisting with the apple trees (pruning and picking). Staff could arrange for a workshop and prune the trees. Staff is also working on a policy to address community gardens service and SO would be interested in seeing the draft. \$3500 from SO to maintain the apple trees. C. Prendergast to confirm the amount that they would like from SO, and to ask what this all entails.

Chair Prendergast will also look into whether school groups can pick apples at the community gardens and talk about potential liability issues.

M. Rowley has advised that the 46 apple trees can be added to Urban Harvest.

An agenda item for the next meeting will be apple picking.

7. Announcements

M. Rowley provided the results from the 2023 Urban Harvest. There were 950 lbs harvested that went to the Orangeville Food Bank which consisted of mostly apples, some peppers and potatoes. There could potentially be another 50 lbs coming in. Total food rescued was 1,124 lbs.

An agenda item for future meetings could be the Committee putting money toward some indoor hydroponic growing tower, perhaps at the Mill Street Library in the new atrium or at Town Hall. The Committee could purchase and donate to one of the facilities (approximate \$1500 cost). This can be discussed in 2024 and include the Food Bank in this discussion. Also suggest creating a . Include the food bank and a create a Food Security Sub-Group. There is a Food Security Committee (not through the Town), and Sustainable Orangeville would like to be invited to one of those meetings.

Michele Maycock, a member of the public, asked if trees would be planted on April 22 for Earth Day and that we could do a monthly tree planting on the 22nd of each month leading up to Earth Day.

Sarah Cianfarani, a member of the public, asked if the Town accounts for the trees that don't survive when considering our tree canopy. K. Thomson advised that the tree mortality rate was taken into consideration (a generic percentage when doing the calculation).

James Jackson, a member of the public, discussed how BC and Yukon and NWT are asking other provinces for help to replace tree canopy that was lost from wild fires. Quebec is doing well with their tree canopy, but the other areas are desperate for funds. Should the Committee also discuss surrounding areas. Could Orangeville donate funds to the three provinces/territories.

Chair Prendergast ask about whether committees can do fundraising, and will look into that.

7.1 Discussion on Littering and Educational Campaign

Chair Prendergast mentioned the amount of litter left behind after the Santa Claus parade, and has suggested having kids enter a contest to create a "Let's Litter-less Orangeville" poster which Sustainable Orangeville could provide. This would be a great way to promote education, and there would be no cost associated with contest. There could be three categories for grades: Grades 1-5, 6-8 and 9-12, normal poster size, with any material and illustrating consequences of littering. This could be a digital submission to the Town and the prize would be displaying the poster on Town property along with an awards ceremony. Another prize option would be to provide a sapling and Once Upon a Forest book.

G. Spence made a comment that the Committee should also gear something toward adults. An idea would be to go through Active Transportation and have information put up at the bus stops and information at the bus shelters, which would hopefully target adults. There is a need for more garbage cans around Town as well.

Sustainable Orangeville committee endorses this initiative.

8. Date of Next Meeting

T. Barry advised staff that agenda items need to be received by December 15


9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Indoor Food Tower

Matthew Smith



Toronto Public Library 

July 27 · 



Leafy greens in libraries? Yes, please!

Did you know that our Malvern branch is home to a [Tower Garden](#)? This vertical, indoor aeroponic growing system allows us to grow nutritious and delicious food year-round — right among the stacks. On July 13, patrons were invited to a salad party, where they harvested and took home fresh lettuce, kale, cilantro, basil and more.

This incredible initiative, which helps to address food access in the community, is part of the Our Fragile Planet series and is sponsored by [TD Friends of the Environment Foundation](#). Learn more about Our Fragile Planet, including upcoming events: <https://ow.ly/yAbW50PmLzg>









Toronto Public Library's Post



Jan McLeod

We are so lucky with the Toronto Public Library!!!!

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Jan McLeod 🙏

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Sharon Saunders

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Sharon Saunders We appreciate the love! 🥰

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Tanya Bay

I love this!!! So wonderful! Another great reason to go to Toronto Public Library ❤️❤️👍

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Ruth Gretsinger

I have a tower garden in my school library! We do salad parties too! We love it ❤️👍

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Author

Toronto Public Library

Ruth Gretsinger Nice!

16w Like Reply



Jamie Day Fleck

I love the library more!! ❤️

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Jamie Day Fleck Shucks! 😞

Tower Garden

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TD Friends Of The Environment Grant

Eligibility criteria



Organizations eligible to receive funding:

- Registered Canadian charities with a Charitable Registration Number (CRN)
- Educational institutions (primary/secondary/post-secondary)
- Municipalities
- Indigenous groups/communities

Projects eligible to receive funding:

The Foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs.

Eligible projects include schoolyard greening, park revitalization, community gardens, park programming and citizen science initiatives. For a full list, please see the [Common Questions](#).

Submit your application for funding prior to the start of your project

When planning your project, please keep in mind that TD FEF has set deadlines and response times throughout the year. To ensure timely review of your application, please refer to the following schedule:

	Winter submission	Summer submission
Submission deadline	January 15	July 15
Regional advisory board meeting	March	September
Applicants notified	April	October

Apply online

All grant applications must be submitted online.

Once successfully submitted, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement. Applicants must attach a budget to their application form.



[Start application](#)

