



CITY OF ORILLIA Environmental Advisory Committee MINUTES

**Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee,
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Michael Williams in the Chair
Councillor Tim Lauer
Tim Adamson
Jane Bonsteel
Javier Cappella
Lee Hanson
Richard Ruegg
Lindsay Telfer

Absent: Bob Bowles

Also Present: Ian Sugden, General Manager of Development Services and
Engineering
Shawn Crawford, Manager of Legislative Services
Kyle Mitchell, Manager of Source Protection and Operations
Robin Cadeau, Assistant Clerk

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Hanson, seconded by Adamson:

THAT the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on April 20, 2021 be approved as distributed.

Carried.

Disclosure of Interest

None declared.

Deputations

None.

Minutes

1. February 16, 2021.
2. February 23, 2021 - Special.

Moved by Lauer seconded by Bonsteel:

THAT the minutes of the following Environmental Advisory Committee meetings be adopted, having been printed and distributed:

- February 16, 2021
- February 23, 2021 - Special

Carried.

Closed Session

There were no closed session items for this meeting.

Correspondence - Information Items

1. Recent Council Follow-up:
Deputy Clerk - re Feasibility of Banning Single-Use Plastics.
2. Recent Council Follow-up:
 - a) Deputy Clerk - re Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition: Recommendations for policy improvements and better implementation of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan in its 10-year review.
 - b) Recommendations Report.

Moved by Ruegg, seconded by Bonsteel:

THAT the Correspondence – Information Items listed on the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on April 20, 2021 be received as information.

Carried.

Correspondence - Action Items

1. Public Consultation - re Proposed Tree By-law - Letters submitted.
2. Public Consultation - re Proposed Tree By-law - Emails submitted.
3. Public Consultation - Survey Summary and Compiled Comments by Question.

Moved by Bonsteel, seconded by Hanson:

THAT the public consultation feedback on the Draft Tree Preservation By-law set out in report DSE-20-34 be received and forwarded to staff for inclusion in the responding report to Council Committee.

Carried.

4. Tree By-law Working Group - re Public Consultation on the Proposed Tree By-law and Next Steps.

Moved by Ruegg, seconded by Bonsteel:

THAT, further to the March 10-31, 2021 public consultation held by the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and City Staff regarding the Draft Tree Preservation By-law set out in report DSE-20-34 and the public feedback received and whereas the EAC believes the City of Orillia has a KEY leadership role to play in setting the example for proper urban tree management, the EAC provides the following recommendations and comments:

- The EAC does not support moving forward with the draft by-law that applies to all properties regardless of size, and recommends that Council amend the existing Tree Conservation By-law (Chapter 370 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code) in the short term to improve definitions and the enforceability of the by-law as recommended by staff.
- That Council authorize the EAC to undertake a new tree canopy study using an updated shapefile with tools and methods utilized in the 2017 study and develop a recommendation for the tree canopy goal to be incorporated into City of Orillia Policy 2.3.1.3. - Municipal Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy.
- That Council direct the appropriate staff to investigate partnership opportunities with either Lakehead University or University of Toronto (both have forestry programs and might consider sponsorship) to prepare an urban forest management strategy and plan for Council's consideration, including a capital budget request (if required).
- That Council ensure an urban forest management strategy and plan to develop a community wide vision including the following but not limited to, and subject to partnership availability and/or Council approval:
 - Identification of the various attributes of the urban forest.
 - Assessment of relevant resource data where it exists.
 - Creation of a vision in which the needs and desires of the community can be reflected in an urban forest ecosystem.
 - Determination of the current status of the various components and their sustainability.
 - Identification of the gaps between the vision and the current status.
 - Creation or definition of an administrative vehicle to close these gaps.
 - Formulation of an operational plan that incorporates the community's goals.
 - Implementation and monitoring of the plan.

- That Council direct the appropriate staff to work with the EAC to investigate the possibility of collecting data on trees for private properties using the concept of a self-serve permit (or notification process) that would track removals, replacements, new planting.
- That Council enable the development of a public education program for tree conservation and care for the City utilizing the full complement of communications tools available.

Carried.

Reports

None.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. - Electronic Meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Ruegg, seconded by Telfer:
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned - 6:18 p.m.

[adopted May 18, 2021]

M. Williams,
Chair.