

Present: Beatrice Adesemowo, Chair
Gayle Giesbrecht
Laurie Kuchirka, Vice-Chair
Patti Mavins, Whitby in Bloom Committee Representative
Miranda Pautler
Judy Rivers

Also Present: Councillor Yamada, Mayor's Designate
Michelle Baronian, Special Events Coordinator
Suprajha Vaithianathan, Staff Liaison, Energy & Sustainability
Programs Coordinator
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording
Secretary)

Regrets: Robynne Dunn
Timothy Eric
Melanie Maloney

Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - September 1, 2021

Recommendation:

Moved By Miranda Pautler

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of
September 1, 2021 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

- 3.1** Steve Robinson, Manager, Urban Forestry, City of Burlington
Re: City of Burlington, Private Tree By-law

Note: This item was withdrawn and postponed to a future Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting.

4. Delegations

- 4.1** There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Fall Engagement Plan

Shoreline Cleanup Event Update

Suprajha Vaithianathan provided an update regarding the Shoreline Cleanup Event. Ms. Vaithianathan advised that 72 pounds of garbage was collected by volunteers along Otter Creek.

Waste Reduction Week Update

Suprajha Vaithianathan provided an update regarding Waste Reduction Week, October 18 to 24, 2021. Ms. Vaithianathan advised that two webinar events were planned including:

- a Textile Repair and Repurposing Webinar; and,
- a Backyard Composting Webinar.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether the Backyard Composting Webinar would be open to non-Whitby residents; and,
- whether there was a list of activities posted.

Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF) Fall Tree Planting Update

Suprajha Vaithianathan provided an update regarding the Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF) Fall Tree Planting event. Ms. Vaithianathan stated that the tree planting would take place at Rosedale Park.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- the results from the Tree ID 101 Webinar; and,
- whether the Town was recycling masks and other personal protection equipment (PPE).

Suprajha Vaithianathan advised that Robynne Dunn was no longer available to participate in the ISeeChange interview and stated that anyone interested in volunteering could contact her.

5.2 Energy Efficiency Day Celebration

Suprajha Vaithianathan advised the Committee that October 6, 2021 was Energy Efficiency Day and that the Town of Whitby had proclaimed this day as Energy Efficiency Day. Ms. Vaithianathan stated that energy efficiency tips would be posted online.

5.3 Year of the Garden 2022 Update

Patti Mavins advised that the Whitby in Bloom Committee was interested in partnering with the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee regarding the 2022 Year of the Garden initiative.

Recommendation:

Moved By Patti Mavins

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee, in partnership with the Whitby in Bloom Committee, requests that:

1. Council accept the invitation from Communities in Bloom and the Canadian Garden Council to participate in the Year of the Garden 2022 celebration;
2. Council proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden;
3. Council commits to being a Garden Friendly City;
4. Council recognize National Garden Day on June 18, 2022; and,
5. The Town support and promote sustainable and pollinator friendly gardening initiatives brought forward jointly by the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee and Whitby in Bloom Committee.

Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1 There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

7.1 There was no Council update.

8. Other Business

8.1 Online Public Consultation: Durham Long-term Waste Management Plan

Suprajha Vaithianathan advised that there was an online public consultation regarding the Durham Long-term Waste Management Plan at <https://durhamwasteopenhouse.ca/>. Ms. Vaithianathan stated that the Region was looking for methods to divert garbage from landfills including an anaerobic digestion facility and a resorting initiative for garbage.

8.2 SHORELINE: The Paddle Against Plastic

Suprajha Vaithianathan provided an overview of the 'SHORELINE: The Paddle Against Plastic' documentary and stated that this follows the story of A Greener Future's Executive Director, Rochelle Byrne, as she embarks on a 430km paddle journey across Lake Ontario to raise awareness about plastic pollution. Ms. Vaithianathan advised that additional information could be found at <https://www.agreenerfuture.ca/shoreline>.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding whether the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee could participate in this event by offering a screening of the documentary and connecting with community partners.

8.3 Whitby in Bloom Update

Patti Mavins advised that the Whitby in Bloom Committee was hosting a fall webinar, Preparing Your Garden for Winter on October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Mavins advised that anyone interested in attending could register through the registration link on the Whitby in Bloom Committee's webpage.

8.4 Dog Strangling Vine Update

Patti Mavins advised that she had contacted the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) regarding the invasive Dog Strangling Vine. Ms. Mavins stated that the TRCA advised her to contact the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA). She stated that the TRCA was hosting an Invasive Species At Home seminar on October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m at <https://trca.ca/event/invasive-species-at-home/>.

Laurie Kuchirka advised that the Thickson Woods Land Trust hosted a similar event in the past and would be a good organization to consult with.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Wednesday, November 3, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Laurie Kuchirka

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee on November 3, 2021.