

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

## Municipal Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Ad-Hoc Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Members Present	Councillor Mike Hinchberger Councillor Beth Blackwell
Members Absent	Councillor Jennifer Prenger
Staff Present	Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO Olivia Kempel, CAO Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary Alex Flanagan, GIS & Asset Coordinator Dwayne McNab, Manager of Development Services/CBO
Others:	Claire Dodds, Director of Planning & Development, County of Bruce

### 1. **Call to Order**

The Municipal Tree and Natural Vegetation Ad-Hoc Committee meeting of The Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine was called to Order at 9:07am on Thursday, July 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Administration Centre.

#### 1.1 **Land Acknowledgment Statement**

The Chair opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

### 2. **Additions/Deletions/Amendments to the Agenda**

Member Blackwell noted the by-law example provided on the agenda from the Town of Blue Mountains is not the by-law referred to by the Committee.

### 3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None noted.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Resolution # 07/20/23 - 01**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell

**Seconded by:** Mike Hinchberger

THAT the Municipal Tree and Natural Vegetation Ad-Hoc Committee minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2023, be approved as presented.

Carried.

**5. Outstanding Business**

**5.1 Claire Dodds - Presentation to Committee Follow Up**

Claire Dodds provided comments to the Committees further inquiries following the presentation made at the previous meeting. It was emphasized that the by-law has authority under the Municipal Act, 2001 and not the Planning Act nor the Official Plan.

Claire Dodds exited the meeting at 10:20am.

**5.2 Goals & Objectives**

The Committee discussed the goals and objectives that they want to work towards with the implementation of the Tree By-law and Policy. Ultimately, the Committee is hopeful that the community's tree canopy will increase throughout the whole municipality.

Alex Flanagan joined the meeting at 10:25am.

Further, the Committee discussed how they can measure the tree canopy. Alex Flanagan provided insight to the Committee on using GIS technologies that the Municipality already has use of within the organization. More research and information on ways to measure the tree canopy within the Municipality would be brought back at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed that the focus of the Tree By-law would be focused on both development lands and private residential lands. Further discussion surrounding on narrowing to settlement vs. non-settlement areas and private vs. public lands.

**a. Previous Municipality of Kincardine By-law Drafted**

The Committee has requested that the previously drafted by-law be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion and review.

b. Municipal Examples

6. **New Business**

6.1 **Drafted Policy Example Presentation**

The Committee reviewed the document presented. The Committee discussed including the goals and objectives that are to be determined within the policy document.

Further, the Committee discussed opportunities to ensure that the public is aware of the implementation of the policy and by-law and that creating guides for developments and residents may be useful to ensure that the appropriate message is relayed to the audience.

7. **Correspondence**

None noted.

8. **Next Meeting**

The Committee tentatively set the next meeting date for Wednesday, August 2nd, based on quorum.

9. **Adjournment**

**Resolution # 07/20/23 - 02**

**Moved by:** Beth Blackwell

**Seconded by:** Mike Hinchberger

THAT the Municipal Tree and Natural Vegetation Ad-Hoc Committee adjourn at 11:16am.

Carried.

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Chair

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Secretary