

## Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2021

Time: 7:08 p.m.

Place: Internet/Zoom call hosted by Beth O'Connor

### **Attendees:**

Members: Andy Brengle, Co-Chair, Wayne Castonguay, Co-Chair, Katie Hone, Ralph Williams, Andrea Lacroix, Erin Coates-Connor

Associates: Ed Monnelly, Larry Eliot, Monty Monroe

Staff: Beth O'Connor, Open Space Steward; Kristen Grubbs, Town Planner

### 1. Citizen queries

None.

### 2. Minutes from March 22, 2021 meeting

Andrea moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Wayne seconded. Passed unanimously.

### 3. OSR Plan 2020 – EEA Revisions Update

Beth has made steps in compiling information and edits.

Manual input of survey results needed. We ended up with 86 paper surveys.

Beth could use some help inputting the paper survey. Let her know if you can help.

### 4. Open Space Manager Position Update

Wayne and Beth were trying to see if the responsibilities of the position could be adjusted to use in-house employees to cover the responsibilities. That idea won't work, so we are going to advertise the position again at 19 hours a week. The current work is spread across the department but that is not sustainable, so we need to fill this position.

### 5. Other items not reasonably anticipated

Monty spoke with someone from Greenbelt and shared a Kamon property update. It will be transacting between June and July. They will let us know about a parking lot plan (on street vs. off street). There's hope the Kamon property system could eventually be connected to the Linebrook Street parking lot for Willowdale State Forest.

Monty also brought up a question about the warrant article expanding the Great Estate Bylaw. Is this expansion ultimately a good thing or could be detrimental to open space preservation in the future? Wayne shared that amending the bylaw is something we need to be careful about, but the current amendment is very specific and only really applies to the one property on Waldingfield Road, as well as a couple of other properties that would lead to benign outcomes.

Rejecting the amendment could potentially open up the space to housing development that could be more active than what the business is proposing there. The current project can't be permitted without public access.

6. Executive Session

The committee entered Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. on a motion from Wayne to enter Executive Session and then adjourn the meeting from Executive Session, seconded by Katie, and passed after a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Coates-Connor