

## HCC Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

**Attendees:** Anne Learn-Sharpe, Angelica Tang, Susan Antler, Shannon Stephens

**Regrets:** Susan Antler

**Staff:** Elizabeth Davis, Aimee Powell

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### **Pollinator Presentation Update**

- Poster has been sent to high school to put up on board in hall wall, as well as library
- Link shared on Facebook/Twitter
  
- Sandie to provide opening remarks to the Webinar Presentation to lend her support from the Administration of the Township.
- Aimee to provide introduction for Sandie.
  
- Shannon to share presentation when completed with the HCC.
- Last slide of the presentation will have links to other information on pollinator gardens.
- Will also provide a link to the presentation to watch after.

### **Garden Plant Organization**

- Cardboard boxes for the garden base can be brought to the Township.
- Could try to do gardening all in one day, dump soil/mulch right on cardboard when dropped off. Would only need to even out across the garden.
- Would like to try to have the garden site prep done before the volunteers arrive.
- Probably best to have the volunteers join us for the planting of the garden not the site preparation.
- Plants could be delivered to Anne's home and brought over. Best to have them delivered the day before planting.
- Garden preparation could be done mid-April to mid-May, as it is better to plant earlier so the plants can start rooting.
- The priority will be to have the soil and mulch organized.
- Ideal garden set up will have a foot deep of triple mix soil, and a foot of mulch. Could add an inch of compost before mulch.
- Aimee to get conformation from Jason and Michael about Township staff availability for mulch and soil pickup.
- Would be best if we could have soil delivered in the morning, mulch in the afternoon.
- We will have to order soil from a local supplier – Anne to call around to get prices for weed free soil.
- Confirmation required to see if County has wood chips and compost available.
- Plant date will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, will have the plants delivered on April 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Have soil delivered before the plant – HCC will have the soil and mulch prepared any time in April and ready to plant on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
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### **Volunteers for Planting**

- Max 10 volunteers due to the size of the gardens.
- Approach Our Lady of Grace teachers to have class involved.
- Shannon to see if NVCA has contacts for some of the teachers.
- We will have to have a contingency plan if there is another lockdown and be ready with other options other than students for volunteers.
- For payment of the planting supplies, forward to Glenda to use her credit card for repayment from the Grant. Because we are planting with student's supplies for the garden fit within the grant criteria.
- Paula is to watch for invoice to have Glenda process the payment.

### **Before Webinar**

- 6:30 Shannon Elizabeth and Aimee to meet on Zoom
- We will have an HCC meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> before Earth Day planting event

### **Next Steps**

Aimee – reach out to Jason Michael regarding topsoil, compost (optional) then mulch before planting day.

- Increase outreach methods for the webinar presentation before Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Angelica try to get a hold of a newspaper
- Aimee – email [simcoe.ca/barrietoday.com](mailto:simcoe.ca/barrietoday.com)
- Check supplies needed for the planting event

Next Meeting - Pollinator Presentation March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm