

Urban Agriculture Steering Committee

February 25, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Action Table: Prioritization of Strategy's Implementing Actions
 - a. Urban Farm Sales: Land Use Permissions and Licensing:
 - Issues to be consider: Zoning and licensing to permit sales; farm gate markets; and sales on individual properties from individuals' gardens (e.g. in driveway).
 - Ms. P. Postma nominated to lead the steering committee's consolidation of requests/ comments and compiling for City's review.
 - City to review issues, provide response by next committee meeting.
 - b. Use of City (or Conservation Authority) land for demonstration projects (urban farms/orchards).
 - Committee's interest is in lands intended for parks/green space, not lands designated and planned for other uses (e.g. Industrial).
 - City will evaluate sites with committee members and review site-specific considerations (e.g. based on community garden and adopt-a-park models). Will address case-by-case.
 - c. Feedback on Action Table prioritization and implementation
 - Steering Committee members represent various community groups and organizations. Action Table will be take back to the committee members' various organizations for those organizations to provide input on prioritization and community-led implementation Table.
 - Results will be presented by members at next committee meeting.
2. Establishment of Working Group
 - a. Education and Training working group established.
 - S. Franke and J. Horrell will be working group leads. G. Sass, S. Harrott and J. Keller to be working group members.
3. Updates on Community Events/Initiatives
 - a. London Farm Show at the Western Fair District, March 6th – 8th.
 - b. Aquaponics presentation by community member Rheece De Veyra.
 - c. SoHo Thames Valley Corridor Project update: next open house March 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Goodwill Industries (Horton Street).
 - d. Strengthening Neighbourhood Strategy meeting, March 6th at Civic Gardens Complex (Springbank Drive).
 - e. Seedy Saturday, March 2nd, 2019, Carling Heights Community Centre (Elizabeth Street).
 - f. Urban agriculture and sustainability workshop April 16th, 6:30 p.m. at London Public Library, Landon Branch (Wortley Road).

- g. Beekeepers Collective, May 18th, 10:00 a.m. at London Public Library, Byron Branch (Commissioners Road West).
- 4. Next meeting to be held: May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. Location is to be determined.