

TWEEC/T4W Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022

Those attending: Susan Bryant (Chair), Pat and Audrey Gleeson, Matt Hilbert, Donald Jack, Phil Leger, Dennis Martin, Hailey Martin, John Mathers, Adrian Miltenburg, Anna Nguyen, Kaitlin Powers, Inga Rinne, Ann Roberts (staff support), Jenny Soehner

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday April 12, 2022 (if required)

TWEEC Meeting

1. Land Acknowledgement:

The land on which we meet has been here from time immemorial. People have inhabited southern Ontario for about 10,000 years and we acknowledge the Neutral people also called Attawandaron (pronounced Add-a-won-da-run), Anishnaabe (Ah-nish-naw-bay) and Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-oh-show-nee) people who lived here when settlers arrived and who share this land with us. May we together learn to care for and respect each other, our flora and fauna, and the land we inhabit together.

2. Tree Nursery Update:

John provided an update on nursery activities since our last meeting as well as upcoming nursery tasks.

3. Region of Waterloo Community Environmental Fund application

An application was submitted on March 4 for funds for roadside tree planting. Lerch Road and Floradale Rd are possible projects. Successful applicants will be notified on April 28.

4. Elmira Library Garden Update

- Wed. May 18 is set as a work party to plant native plants in the area that was cut down in 2020.
- Please let Susan know if you can help out that day.
- also looking for native plants to plant on May 18. Please let Susan know if you have plants to donate.

5. Community Clean-up Day: Sat April 23

- this year the promo for clean-up day will be 2 pronged: 1-encouraging families and friends to do a 20 minute clean-up in their neighbourhood or local green space. 2- inviting larger groups to contact Ann about a larger location, such as a park or trail.
- Ann has reached out to groups from past years about their interest in participating.

6. Invasive Species:

- a \$5000 grant was received from the Ontario Invasive Species Council for the buckthorn control project at the ENR.

Trees for Woolwich Meeting

1. Elmira Nature Reserve Update

- in December 2021 thirteen acres of buckthorn were mulched with a forestry mulcher. Another acre was mulched on March 4.
- Marty has ordered 2000 seedling plugs to plant in areas cleared of invasive species. The goal is to plant smaller stock vs container stock.
- more signs are designed for the ENR

Scavenger Hunt

- Anna from Earthscape showed the group her updated version of the scavenger hunt which includes making it more kid friendly.
- Anna would like to have the scavenger hunt on the WHC website by the first of April.

The group talked about when and how to launch the scavenger hunt.

Honoring Indigenous people at the ENR:

The group will continue to make reach out to Indigenous groups for their input. .

2. 2022 Spring Planting Events:

The group discussed spring planting events. The following calendar of events was set.

Event Dates

April	13 (April 20-alternate date)	Graham Snyder Planting
	23	Community Clean-up Day
	30ish	Seedling planting at ENR
May	Week 1	Potting up 450 GRCA seedlings
	3 5:30 to 7:30	Ann St Park planting
	5 5:30 to 7:30	Bristow Cr Park planting
	7 Tentative	Lerch Roadside planting--tentative
	7	Alternate date for seedling planting at ENR
	14	Community planting: Duck Pond at ENR
	15	Sarah Bradshaw memorial planting
	17	Toyota planting Autumn Colour Walk
	18	Elmira Library garden work party
	Week May 24-27	Seedling kit pick up from Schools
June	1 8:30 to noon	Andrew Bauman windbreak planting
	Date to be set	Toyota potting at tree nursery

3. Possible Fall Plantings:

The group discussed possible fall planting projects. More discussion is planned for our next meeting.