



**Ontario Horticultural Association  
District 2**

**Spring Advisory Council Meeting**

**April 25, 2015**

**8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**



**Hosted by Pembroke & Petawawa Horticultural Societies  
Petawawa Civic Centre, Petawawa, Ontario**

1. Call to order / Welcome– District 2 Director, Kathryn Lindsay, welcomed representatives of all societies.

Introductions/Announcements- Special guests

Kathy introduced Penny Stewart, Director, District 3 as our OHA representative.

2. Society Roll Call:

2	Almonte	2	Madawaska Valley	2	Perth & District
2	Beachburg	2	Manotick	2	Petawawa
2	Carleton Place & District	2	Nepean	1	Smiths Falls
2	Deep River	2	Ottawa	1	Stittsville-Goulbourn
2	Eganville	3	OV Rock Garden	2	West Carleton
1	Greater Ottawa Water Garden	1	Pakenham		
2	Kanata March	1	Pembroke		

3. Additions to / Approval of Agenda

No additions to the Agenda

**Motion: Sharon Mahussier, Madawaska Valley, Seconded: Marion Thompson, Deep River Carried**

4. In circulation:

- District 2 contact list was passed around to make corrections and returned to Acting D2 Secretary. This contact list is important as it is the basis for creating D2 brochure via OHA website
- Society constitution file was passed around. Missing Society Constitutions were to be emailed to Kathy, District Director

5. Amendments / Approval of Minutes:

- 2015 D2 Fall Advisory Council meeting

**Motion: Donna Christie, West Carleton, Seconded: Kathleen Lang, Smiths Falls Carried**

6. D2 Executive Reports:

- a. Treasurer – 2015 budget update; financial transfer to D1; - read by Linda Bartlett for Karen Haddon (report attached).

**A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the OHA Convention from District 2 by: Jamie Robertson, Ottawa, Seconded: Kathleen Lang, Smiths Falls Carried**

- b. Secretary – correspondence; expressions of sympathy

No Correspondence

- *In memoriam* (names for AGM; photo also requested by OHA for 2015 Convention)  
*This was passed around and updated and then read at AGM meeting*

- CASL compliance; Society email/ mailing address - Each society should create a society email and president email address that can be transferred to a new president. There should be a note at the bottom of each email that includes information to unsubscribe, the society email address, telephone number, website and mailing address. This block of information to be sent out in a D2 Communique.

Should each society and district have their own PO Box? OHA pays for PO Box for secretary.

c. Director – D2 Executive at Society AGMs

- OHA bulb fundraiser reminder

Most societies submitted their forms at the meeting. Deadline is May 1, 2015.

- OHA - Spring Board meeting highlights

Kathy read some highlights from her report (to be attached to these minutes).

There will be an OHA Garden Week in June 2015 – Societies can plan activities around this week and announce on the Calendar of Events on the OHA website and Garden Ontario Week website.

- Service certificates; pins - Kathy mentioned how to get Service Certificates on the OHA website and also announced that we had pins available – one sold at end of meeting

7. D2 Committee Reports:

a. D2 Communiqué (Linda Bartlett) - Need to update list as some contact information missing.

Communiqués to be sent out periodically when information needs to be relayed to Societies.

b. Judges – Update (Kathy Lindsay/Linda Bartlett)

There will not be a Judges Update this year. We now have a Judging Committee at the OHA level – Judges will be receiving newsletters and surveys from this committee.

c. D2 & Society web sites (Linda Bartlett)

The OHA website is being moved to a new server at this time. The OHA webmaster will contact members who have login status with new instructions when ready.

d. Loblaws (Kathy Lindsay)

Steve Rahm, Nepean Horticultural Society is the contact for the Loblaws Customer Consultant program. Loblaws hires OHA society members to act as customer consultants for their Ottawa locations. Loblaws then gives a cash donation to each society that participates.

8. Other Business

- OHA/Society anti-spam implementation – addressed above under Item 6b.

- D2 Constitution – revision of name/logo; optional spring advisory

The D2 Logo needs a revision to the Name as Grenville is no longer part of our District.

- D2 Spring Advisory/AGM – optional spring council meeting - preference for concurrent or sequential timing - This needs to be updated through the D2 Constitution and voted upon at the Spring 2016 AGM. Update of Society constitutions (missing Smith’s Falls, Ottawa, Nepean, Eganville revision)

- Society survey for subsidizing attendance at D2 events, speaker fee and judge’s honorarium - A survey will go out to Societies through a Communiqué to Societies on these three questions.

- Society media contacts for GardenOntario week promotion - In order to promote Garden Ontario week, please send your media contacts to [district2news@gmail.com](mailto:district2news@gmail.com) so we can forward to the OHA committee to promote these events.

9. D2 Events:

a. Spring Advisory Council / District AGM

2015 – Pembroke/Petawawa - April 25, 2015

2016 – ??

2017 – Ottawa ?? or Flower Show

- b. Fall Advisory Council
  - 2015 – Madawaska Valley, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015
  - 2016 – Stittsville-Goulbourn, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- c. Flower & Edibles Show
  - 2015 – Nepean/OV Rock Garden – Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - update
  - 2016 – Perth
- d. Fun Day
  - 2015 – Manotick proposal - Alison Whitlock submitted a Fun Day proposal for September 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Manotick's Fair (Proposal attached). There would be no charge. Flower Show open to D2 participants. Guided Tour for the D2 societies – the Mill and Dickinson House. It was agreed to encourage Manotick to proceed with this Fun Day by adding some D2 Event such as Member's Garden Tour, Brown Bag lunch in AY Jackson Park.

10. OHA-related Business:

- Annual reporting – importance of online reporting system - Encourage all Societies to input their information online, otherwise if submitted as a Word or pdf document, the District Director has to input the information.
- Convention
  - 2015 – July 3-5 - D6 – (Brant, Halton, Norfolk, Wentworth, Hamilton)
  - 2016 – D19 (Waterloo) – Theme: Experiencing the Grand
  - 2017 – D4 – GTA
  - 2018 – D3 – Kingston/Gananoqué
- *Trillium* newsletter - The Trillium is online. When a new issue is released, will send out in the next D2 Communiqué.
- President's Quick Start (booklet) - To send out link in a D2 Communiqué.

11. OMAFRA-related Business

Initiative to encourage members to write letters to garden centres to discourage the use of neonicotinoids pesticides when growing plants because they are toxic to pollinators including bees.

Expression of appreciation / Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am

Motion: [Cherry Gingras, Kanata-March](#), Seconded: [Kathleen Lang, Smiths Falls](#) Carried