

# Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

## Report

9th Meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee  
September 26, 2018  
Committee Room #3

Attendance                   PRESENT: R. Mannella (Chair), J. Koelheide, C. Linton, A. Morrison, N. St. Amour, M. Szabo, S. Teichert, R. Walker; and P. Shack (Secretary)

ABSENT: C. Haindl, T. Khan, A. Meilutis and G. Mitchell

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton, S. Rowland and J. Spence

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM.

### 1. Call to Order

#### 1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interest were disclosed.

### 2. Scheduled Items

#### 2.1 Boulevard Tree Protection By-Law

That, the following action be taken with respect to the Boulevard Tree Protection By-law:

the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee BE REQUESTED to have the opportunity to review street tree species that are listed in the Design and Specification Manual prior to final decision, to prevent fruit trees from being planted on boulevards.

it being noted that the attached presentation from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to Boulevard Tree Protection By-Law, was received.

### 3. Consent

#### 3.1 8th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Trees and Forestry Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on August 22, 2018, was received.

#### 3.2 Municipal Council resolution with respect to the 7th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on July 25, 2018

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council Resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2018, with respect to the 7th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, was received.

### 4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

**5. Items for Discussion**

5.1 Removal of Trees-J. Spence

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from J. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the removal of trees.

5.2 National Tree Day

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee heard a verbal presentation from J. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to National Tree Day being held on September 26, 2018.

5.3 Urban Forest Strategy Working Group-S. Rowland

That consideration of the Urban Forest Strategy Working Group BE DEFERRED to a future meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee.

5.4 Shade Policy Update-R. Walker

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from R. Walker, with respect to the Shade Policy.

**6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.



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## Boulevard Tree Protection By-law



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## Overview

### We Are “The Forest City”

Urban Forest Strategy (2014) “Protect More, Plant More”

Tree Canopy Cover Goal 34% by 2065

Update Boulevard Tree Protection By-law

The London Plan – Walkable, attractive, shaded streets and neighbourhoods



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## What is the purpose?

- Protect City tree on the boulevard from the actions of others
- Process to remove a street tree that is not a hazard
- Fees to recover our costs
- Not about restricting maintenance, day to day operations
- Boulevard = portion of every road allowance not used as sidewalk, driveway, travelled roadway or shoulder



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## Background – Previous Report

February 2015 – Public Participation Meeting to repeal, replace Boulevard Tree Protection By-law

Directed Civic Administration to report back

Report delayed by Tree Protection By-law development



## Issues with the current By-law

No Part I set fines – no ability to issue “tickets”

Part III Laying of an Information

1. Charge
2. Summons
3. Court (or Early Resolution)

Consensual Removal fee insufficient



## Public Comments (2015)

- Allow easier planting of tree = without permission of City
- Reconsider fees, consensual removal
- Implications for developments requiring tree removal?



## 2018 Public Engagement

Building and Development Liaison Forum

Urban Agriculture Steering Committee

1. Evaluate public land for “foodscaping”
2. Edible trees – where safely maintained, long-term (rarely on boulevards)

Other initiatives underway:

- map edible trees on City lands
- identify suitable community orchard sites
- promote adoption of existing apple orchard



## How we addressed concerns

**Street tree planting**

- Down from 6 years (2013) to 1 year (in most cases) – Emerald Ash Borer
- Proactively identifying plantable spots
- Homeowner requests – City plants in next planting season for “free”
- Consider edible trees - where appropriate



## Main Changes Proposed

- Improve language of By-law
- Tool for efficient enforcement – Part I or Part III
- Increase fees for removal and replacement of boulevard tree where City Engineer agrees
- Tree replacement 1 tree:10 cm DBH removed - replacement tree(s) may go elsewhere
- Fee includes interim boulevard repair e.g. stumping, seed



## Remaining Unchanged

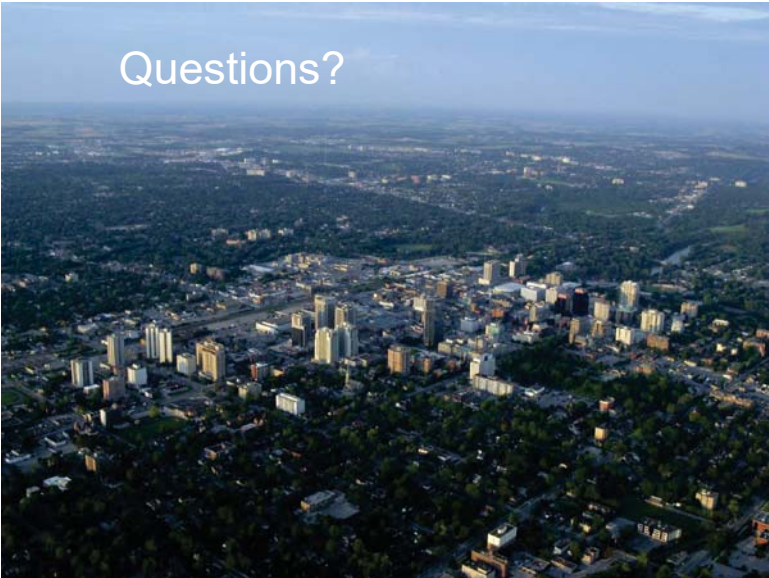
- City Engineer's By-law
- Forestry Operations will administer and enforce
- Scope of By-law – trees on boulevard
- Persons wishing to plant a tree require consent of City Engineer

*City Engineer has broad authority to manage trees on boulevard, or adjacent trees threatening public safety*



## What We Propose to Do Next

- Receive, consider and, if appropriate, incorporate suggestions from public
- Consult Trees and Forestry Advisory Committee
- Finalize By-law
- Return with By-law to appropriate Committee, first quarter of 2019



# **Trees and Forests Advisory Committee**

## **Report**

8th Meeting of the Trees and Forests Committee  
August 22, 2018  
Committee Room #3

Attendance                   PRESENT: R. Mannella (Chair), T. Khan, J. Koelheide, A. Meilutis, A. Morrison, N. St. Amour, M. Szabo, S. Teichert and P. Shack (Secretary)

ABSENT: C. Haindl, C. Linton, G. Mitchell and R. Walker

ALSO PRESENT: J. Ramsay, and J. Spence

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM.

### **1. Call to Order**

#### 1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### **2. Scheduled Items**

#### 2.1 Emancipation Day Celebration

That it BE NOTED that a verbal presentation from J. Turner, Organizer, Emancipation Day, with respect to Emancipation Day Celebrations to be held on September 23, 2018, was received.

### **3. Consent**

#### 3.1 7th Meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 7th Report of the Trees and Forestry Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on July 25, 2018, was received.

#### 3.2 Notice of Study Commencement - Adelaide Street North Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

That it BE NOTED that the Notice of Study Commencement from H. Houtari, Parsons Inc. and M. Davenport, City of London, with respect to the Adelaide Street North Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study, was received.

### **4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups**

None.

### **5. Items for Discussion**

#### 5.1 TFAC Assisting in the Development of the Communication Strategy

That a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED, consisting of A. Meilutis, A. Morrison, M. Szabo and T. Khan, with respect to the Tree-Protection by-Law to assist in the communication strategy.

5.2 Establishment of Working Group for the Urban Forestry Strategy

That discussion regarding the Establishment of a Working Group for the Urban Forestry Strategy BE DEFERRED to the next Trees and Forests Advisory Committee meeting.

5.3 Work Plan

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee held a general discussion, with respect to review of the work plan.

**6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

6.1 (ADDED) Municipal Council Resolution regarding its meeting held on July 24th, 2018 with respect to the 6th report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council Resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 24, 2018, with respect to the 6th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, was received.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.



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August 29, 2018

D. Baxter  
Manager, Policy and Planning

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on August 28, 2018 resolved:

That, the following actions be taken with respect to the 7th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on July 25, 2018:

a) the Civic Administration BE ADVISED of the following comments from the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee with respect to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- it should be ensured that trees continue to populate the City of London as it is “The Forest City” and more trees should be planted in shared recreation spaces;
- it is recommended that a shade policy be created as a task item and implemented under the Parks and Recreation Master Plan;
- selective tree species should be planted in parks and recreation areas to assist with safer shaded areas;
- older trees should be kept and maintained as much as possible and all trees should be properly maintained (watering, trimming, etc.);
- citizens of the City of London should be engaged with respect to what is being done to protect and encourage trees and forests in their area;
- tree-related communities (i.e., ReForest London) should be allowed to use parks and recreation facilities to hold events;
- the Parks and Recreation Master Plan should explicitly recognize the importance of park spaces play in the local environment and that park spaces should be designed in such a way as to enhance the environmental benefits they offer; and,
- it is recommended that a Naturalization Policy be included as a task item under the Parks and Recreation Master Plan;

b) the Civic Administration BE ADVISED of the following comments of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee with respect to the City of London Tree Protection By-law:

- there should be a standardized form as part of the application package for both the “Arborist Report” and the “Arborist Opinion”;
- the by-law should include a minimum canopy target of 51% of irreversible die back;
- the definition of “Pest” should be revised to include an infestation causing detrimental and irreversible damage to the direct health of a tree;
- the distinctive tree size should be reduced to 25 cm for a permit;



- the definition of “Replacement Tree” should be revised to clarify that “native” is required and that “shade” and “large growing tree” are synonymous;
- golf courses should be added to the exemption list in Section 5 of the by-law; and,
- wildlife values and interests within a tree should be considered more carefully with respect to provincial and federal Acts and Regulations and tied back to the by-law process to ensure a consistent approach;

it being noted that the communication appended to the 7th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from the Tree Protection By-law Working Group, with respect to this matter, was received; and,

c) clauses 1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2 BE RECEIVED (4.1/13/PEC)



C. Saunders  
City Clerk  
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cc. J. P. McGonigle, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation  
M. Dellamora, Specialist II Municipal Policy  
A. Macpherson, Manager, Environmental and Parks Planning  
J. A. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry  
Chair and Members, Trees and Forest Advisory Committee