

**10TH REPORT OF THE**  
**TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on November 23, 2011, commencing at 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Gilmore (Chair), C. Benson, J. Galbraith, I. Kalsi, J. Kennedy, J. Ryan, D. Sheppard, B. Shiell and G. Sinclair and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: B. Bergsma, I. Listar and S. Rowland.

REGRETS: Councillor J. L. Baechler.

**I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

Urban Forest  
Strategy

1. (4, 5) That the following actions be taken with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy:
  - (a) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to develop a reporting framework related to the implementation process of the Urban Forest Strategy; and,
  - (b) the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to provide an update to the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC), in January 2012, with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy priorities established for the next 12 months;

it being noted that the TFAC received a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy. The TFAC provided comments and suggestions for Staff's consideration; it being noted that the TFAC appointed B. Sheill to represent the TFAC on the RFP review team and asked that Ms. Rowland be included as a member, as well.

Street Tree  
Wait List

2. (6) That the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to report back to the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) with details of the current wait-time for homeowners to receive a tree following the submission of a request.

**II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

TFAC  
Deferred  
Matters List

3. (7) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received its Deferred Matters List, as at November 23, 2011. The TFAC asked that future agendas include the following:
  - (a) Item #1(b) – the incorporated UFORE checklist summary and responses be placed on the January 2012 TFAC agenda;
  - (b) Item #3 – an update on the status of the sub-watershed studies and how they work with the Urban Forest Strategy;
  - (c) Item #4 – an update on parking next to City park trees;
  - (d) Item #11 – an update on the Tree Planting Guidelines; it being noted that the TFAC received the attached communication dated November 23, 2011, from D. Sheppard, with respect to tree spacing benchmarking with other municipalities in support of 2008 TFAC recommendations to reduce infrastructure restriction on tree plantings; and,
  - (e) the TFAC Deferred Matters List be placed on its January 2012 agenda.

4. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) noted and filed the following:

9th Report of  
the TFAC

- (a) (1) the 9th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on October 26, 2011;

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(b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on November 7, 2011 with respect to extending the time frame to invite applications for appointment to the Striking Committee to December 2011 and to extending the term of the current advisory committees terms to March 31, 2011; and,

Emerald Ash  
Borer  
Management  
Strategy

(c) (3) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on October 24, 2011 with respect to the Emerald Ash Borer Management Strategy;

Next Meeting

5. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) will hold its next meeting on January 25, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

**Tree Spacing Benchmarking with Other Municipalities in support of  
2008 TFAC Recommendations to  
Reduce Infrastructure Restrictions on Tree Plantings**

The benchmark data was collected by D. Sheppard in November 2011.

The distances indicate the distance new trees must be spaced from each feature.

Brantford Survey represents anonymized results from the following 7 cities: Guelph, Mississauga, Windsor, Ottawa, Thunder Bay, York Region, Brantford

<b>Fire Hydrant</b>	<b>meters</b>
London (current)	6
London (fire dept)	2 to 3
London (water operations)	3
Winnipeg	3
Richmond Hill	2
Markham	3
Brantford Survey 1	2
Brantford Survey 2	2
Brantford Survey 3	3
Brantford Survey 4	3
Brantford Survey 5	3.1
Brantford Survey 6	1.5
Brantford Survey 7	2.5
<b>London (proposed)</b>	<b>3m preferred but 2m allowed where necessary</b>

<b>Hydro Vault</b>	<b>meters</b>
London (current)	6
London Hydro	1 m from side; 3.3m from door
Richmond Hill	2
Markham	1.2m side; 3m from door
Brantford Survey 1	2
Brantford Survey 2	2 non-open side, 3 from doors
Brantford Survey 3	3
Brantford Survey 5	1.3
Brantford Survey 6	3
Brantford Survey 7	3
<b>London (proposed)</b>	<b>1 m from side; 3.3m from door</b>

<b>Street Light/Pole</b>	<b>meters</b>
London (current)	6
Winnipeg	3
Richmond Hill	6
Markham	5-8
Brantford Survey 1	2.3
Brantford Survey 2	6
Brantford Survey 3	3
Brantford Survey 4	5
Brantford Survey 5	3.1
Brantford Survey 6	4.5
Brantford Survey 7	3-5
<b>London (proposed)</b>	<b>3m for ornamental trees; 5m for others</b>

<b>Driveway</b>	<b>meters</b>
London (current)	2
Winnipeg	1.5
Markham	1.2
Brantford Survey 1	2
Brantford Survey 2	1
Brantford Survey 4	2
Brantford Survey 5	3.1
Brantford Survey 6	1.2
Brantford Survey 7	1.5
<b>London (proposed)</b>	<b>2m preferred but 1m allowed when necessary (esp. ornamental)</b>