

TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Trees and Forests Advisory Committee serves as a resource and information support group to the Planning and Environment Committee, the Municipal Council, and its Committees as required, and to the citizenry and provides advice on the following matters:

the formation and implementation of London's Urban Forest Strategy through three main areas:

Planning & Protection

- provide advice on the development and monitoring of London's Urban Forest Strategy;
- provide advice on City's policies, by-laws and guidelines which effects trees;
- work with the City's Corporate Communications Division and the Culture Office to publicize the benefits and importance of the initiatives designed to achieve the objectives of the Municipal Council through such vehicles as the Urban Forest Strategy and the Creative City Committee; and
- provide advice concerning the co-ordination of London's efforts with adjacent municipalities with a view to maximizing the retention of existing trees, woodlands and natural areas to maximize the retention of existing trees, woodlands and natural areas.

Planting & Renewal

- encourage public participation in initiatives designed to achieve the objectives of the Municipal Council as identified in the Urban Forest Strategy;
- provide advice on the expansion and advertisement of City and community programs to support community planting initiatives;
- encourage the expansion of annual tree planting programs (parks, natural areas and streets) to meet demand;
- work with the Civic Administration to pursue opportunities for federal, provincial and corporate funding for tree planting initiatives; and
- provide advice in support of the City's Role in its 10 year partnership undertaking 'Million Tree Challenge'.

Management & Maintenance

- provide advice on the development of a comprehensive plan for tree and forest management city-wide;
- support the retention and health of trees on private lands; and
- educate and build awareness of best practices for the maintenance and management of trees;
- to investigate such other aspects of environmental concerns as may be suggested by the Municipal Council, its other Committees, or the Civic Administration.

TFAC meets the last Wednesday of the month at 12:15 PM in one of the Committee Rooms at City Hall.