1ST REPORT OF THE

TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 25, 2012, commencing at 12:16 p.m.

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

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

REGRETS: K. Elliott and G. Sinclair.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Emerald Ash Borer Management Strategy

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- 1. (3, 9) That the following actions be taken with respect to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Strategy:
- the Civic Administration **BE ADVISED** that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) does not support the reduction of the Street Tree Planting Program or the Woodlot Management Program funds and the resulting reduction in customer service; and,
- (b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide the TFAC with an electronic copy of the final EAB Management Strategy;

it being noted that the TFAC reviewed and received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on December 6 and December 7, 2011 with respect to this matter.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Heritage Tree Programme 2. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal delegation from J. Cushing, London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH), with respect to a Heritage Tree Programme. The TFAC indicated its support for the development of a heritage tree by-law and would assist with defining the process and its parameters.

Summary of Advisory Committee Comments, Staff Comments and Recommendations

3. (4) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a communication and heard a verbal delegation from the City Clerk, with respect to a summary of advisory committee comments, staff comments and recommendations related to the Advisory Committee review. The TFAC provided its comments to the City Clerk with respect to this matter.

UFORE Checklist Summary and Responses, and Status of the UFORE Final Report

4. (5, 10) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a communication, dated November 22, 2011, with respect to the Urban Forest Effects Model (UFORE) checklist summary and responses and heard a verbal update on the status of the final UFORE report, from the Manager of Urban Forestry; it being noted that the TFAC was advised that the Upper Thames Conservation Authority are currently finalizing the UFORE report.

Forestry Strategic Review Status

- 5. (6) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from the Manager of Urban Forestry, with respect to the forestry strategic review status. The TFAC requested:
- (a) the matter be placed on its next agenda for further discussion; and,
- (b) the TFAC receive a copy of the 2012 Urban Forest work plan, when finalized.

Urban Forest Strategy Project Steering Committee

6. (Added) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy Project Steering Committee; it being noted that the TFAC appointed C. Benson, to represent the TFAC on the Urban Forest Strategy Project Steering Committee.

Tree Planting Guidelines

7. (7) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a report from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to the tree planting guidelines.

Update on the Status of the Sub-Watershed Studies

8. (8) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal update from B. Bergsma, Ecologist Planner, with respect to the status of the sub-watershed studies, in relation to the Urban Forest Strategy.

TFAC Deferred Matters List

9. (11) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) postponed the discussion of its Deferred Matters List to its next meeting to be held on February 22, 2012.

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

10th Report of the TFAC

(a) (1) the 10th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 23, 2011; and,

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(b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on November 21, 2011 with respect to the Urban Forest Effects Model (UFORE), noting part (a) should read "ward", not "planning".

Next Meeting

11. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) will hold its next meeting on February 22, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.