2ND REPORT OF THE

TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on February 22, 2012, commencing at 12:15 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: I. Listar and S. Rowland.

REGRETS: B. Bergsma, K. Elliott and B. Shiell.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Forestry Services Strategic Review Recommendations Timetable – January 2012

- 1. (4) That, the following actions be taken with respect to the January 2012 Forestry Services Strategic Review (June 2010) recommendations timetable:
- the Division Manager of Transportation and Roadside Operations **BE INVITED** to a future meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) to provide an update related to the current process and information system related to the recommendations of the Forestry Services Strategic Review; and,
- (b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review the priority of item 63 of the Forestry Services Strategic Review recommendations timetable, which states, "Management should conduct a financial analysis to determine the adequacy of the annual budget amount received from London Hydro", to be accomplished as soon as possible, recognizing there is a potential income source for the tree programs;

it being noted that the TFAC reviewed and received a communication, dated January 2012, and heard a verbal delegation from I. Listar, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to this matter.

Heritage Trees

- 2. (6) That the following actions be taken with respect to the report, dated February 22, 2012, from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, related to heritage trees:
- (a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the development of a Heritage Tree Program in its 2013 Work Plan, and submit a business case, if necessary, to the 2013 Budget to support the Work Plan;
- (b) in addition to part (a) above, the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the start of a Heritage Tree Program using simple and low cost methods with assistance from the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC);
- (c) the protection of heritage trees **BE CONSIDERED** in the current Official Plan Review process; and,
- (d) the above-noted report **BE REFERRED** to the London Advisory Committee on Heritage, for additional consideration;

it being noted that the TFAC heard a verbal report from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to this matter.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Urban Forest Strategy 3. (5) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from I. Listar, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the Urban Forest Strategy.

Homeowner Wait Times for New Street Tree Planting

- 4. (7) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a Report, dated February 22, 2012, from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to the homeowner wait times for new street tree planting; it being noted that the TFAC asked Staff to provide a 2011 year-end tree planting and removal summary, including a summary of the number of trees planted through the Emerald Ash Borer funding.
- 5. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) received and noted the following:

1st Report of the TFAC

(a) (1) the 1st Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on January 25, 2012;

Forestry Strategic Review and the Street Tree Wait List

(b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on January 10, 2012 with respect to the Forestry Strategic Review and the Street Tree Wait List; and,

Impact of Services Review Committee 2012 Funding Recommendations on Implementation of the Emerald Ash Borer Strategy and Million Tree Challenge (c) (3) a Report, dated February 9, 2012, from the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, with respect to impact of the Services Review Committee's 2012 funding recommendations on implementation of the Emerald Ash Borer Strategy and Million Tree Challenge.

Next Meeting

6. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) will hold its next meeting on March 28, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.