

2ND REPORT OF THE
TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 25, 2017, commencing at 12:17 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: R. Mannella (Chair), A. Cantell, T. Khan, J. Kogelheide, C. Linton, D. Pavletic and N. St. Amour and J. Martin (Secretary).

ABSENT: P. Ciufo, C. Haindle and G. Mitchell.

ALSO PRESENT: S. Chambers, A. Macpherson, R. Postma, J. Ramsay, S. Rowland and B. Williamson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. Wharnccliffe and Southdale Woodlot Update

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update from S. Chambers, Environmental Service Engineer, with respect to the Wharnccliffe and Southdale Woodlot, was received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

3. 1st Report of the Trees and Forest Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on January 4, 2017, was received.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

4. Allergens, Climate Change and Invasives Working Group

That it BE NOTED that no update was received.

5. 1995 Dingman Creek Objectives

That it BE NOTED that no update was received.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6. Beaverbrook Avenue and Oakcrossing Road Tree Planting

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update from R. Postma, Forestry Technologist, with respect to Beaverbrook Avenue and Oakcrossing Road tree planting, was received.

7. Aldersbrook Road and Blackacres Boulevard Tree Planting

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update from R. Postma, Forestry Technologist, with respect to Aldersbrook Road and Blackacres Boulevard tree planting, was received.

8. 2016 Trees and Forests Advisory Committee Workplan Summary

It BE NOTED that the 2016 Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) Workplan Summary was referred to a working group for review and report back at the February meeting of the TFAC; it being noted that the TFAC received the

~~attached~~ presentation from A. Cantell with respect to this matter.

9. 2017 Trees and Forests Advisory Committee Work Plan

It BE NOTED that the 2017 Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) Workplan development was referred to a working group for review and report back to a future meeting of the TFAC.

VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 22, 2017

Trees & Forests Advisory Committee

2016 Year in Review

Key Recommendations

FEBRUARY

- ▶ Requested PEC **non-voting member** on TFAC;
- ▶ That Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the following comments with respect to the Draft **2016-2019 Multi-Year Budget**:
 - a) appropriate funding BE APPROVED to ensure the implementation of the Urban Forestry Strategy as approved by the previous Council;
 - b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to quantify the impact of not fully funding the Urban Forestry Strategy as approved by the previous council; and,
 - c) the advisory committees BE ENGAGED at the initiation of the preparation of the business cases in the budget process;
- ▶ That the Municipal Council BE ADVISED that in the opinion of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) the only purpose of the **Springbank Dam** is for recreation and therefore the TFAC does not support the prioritization of recreation over the health of the Thames River and its surrounding trees.

All Topics Discussed

- ▶ Tree Planting Guidelines (Invasive Species: OPALS & Monoecious/Dioecious)
- ▶ Climate Change (inc. Assisted Migration)
- ▶ Watering Options
- ▶ Dingman Creek Consultations/Study
- ▶ PEC Attendance @ TFAC
- ▶ Boulevard (City) Tree Protection Bylaw
- ▶ Planting Pre-Assumption in New Developments
- ▶ 2016-2019 Budget & Urban Forestry Business Cases (esp. trimming cycle)
- ▶ Springbank Dam: Impact on Trees
- ▶ Southdale and Wharnciffe Forest and Water Update
- ▶ Wellington County Green Legacy Programme
- ▶ **Human Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy**
- ▶ **Draft Invasives Strategy**
- ▶ **Westminster Ponds ESA Restoration Work**
- ▶ Roadwork Impacts on Queenston and Alexandra
- ▶ **Tree Protection Bylaw (post-approval)**
- ▶ Breaking Isolation on American Chestnut
- ▶ **Urban Agriculture Conference**
- ▶ Tree Planting Strategy - Table of Contents (March)
- ▶ Urban Forest Strategy Updates & What We'd Like Them to Include
- ▶ Shade policy

Key Recommendations

MARCH

- ▶ That the following actions be taken with respect to the City of London's "**Design Specifications and Requirements Manual**" (Tree Planting & Protection Guidelines) related to climate change:
 - a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the attached proposed recommendations with respect to a **Climate Change Action Plan** and tree planting
- ▶ That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the attached document with respect to the **Boulevard Tree Protection By-law**.

Key Recommendations

JANUARY

- ▶ 1) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide **semi-annual verbal or written updates**, ideally in May and November, to TFAC with respect to the **Urban Forestry Strategy and its implementation**;
- ▶ 2) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to explore the development of a **City-planting watering program** for spring 2016 implementation, including:
 - i) the use of a planting contractor, separate watering contractor and/or City (summer) staff;
 - ii) proposed costs, warranty impacts and long-term benefits; and,
 - iii) a program monitoring process to ensure adequate watering is taking place;

Key Recommendations

APRIL

- ▶ That Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider including the attached communication with respect to the **bi-annual Urban Forest Strategy update**, it being noted that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) will extend an invitation to the members of the Planning and Environment Committee when these updates are presented.
- ▶ That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the attached proposed recommendations with respect to the City of London's "**Design Specifications and Requirements**" and the "**Climate Change Action Plan**" and tree planting

MAY (June 1 mtg)

- ▶ N/A

Key Recommendations

JUNE (22nd)

- ▶ That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider the following comments with respect to the proposed changes to the Street Tree Guidelines:
 - a) include a **Non-Invasive First Policy** for any city approved plantings;
 - b) a proposal to consider **phased planting**, prior to assumption, in new subdivisions for the next version of the Design Specification and Guidelines document; and,
 - c) the attached changes to the Street Tree Guidelines;It being noted that the TFAC approved A. Cantel to attend a future meeting of the **Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee** to share the TFAC's Non-Invasive First proposal.

Key Recommendations

SEPTEMBER

- ▶ TFAC supports the Canadian Chestnut Council's proposal to break isolation of the Dingman Creek **American Chestnut Tree** within the boundaries of the Dingman Creek Conservation area, provided the lands are owned by the City of London

NOVEMBER

- ▶ That Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider a **minimum shade standard** for parks, especially defined recreational spaces within parks, such as playgrounds and around sports fields, to ensure that upcoming planting efforts maximize the public health benefit of trees and the shade they produce for youth and other park users

OCTOBER & DECEMBER

- ▶ No recommendations (Oct.), no meeting (Dec.)

Key Recommendations

JUNE (cont.)

- ▶ That the following actions be taken with respect to the UFS Update:
 - a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to prepare a **detailed written report**, which includes a copy of the task table with item-by-item updates and provides a systematic reporting framework for the next 18 years of the Urban Forest Strategy, for the bi-annual Urban Forestry Strategy update in November; and,
 - b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to **provide a template for the above noted report** to the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee's August meeting for comment, in preparation for the November presentation;

Climate Change Recommendations

- ▶ City consider 2050 Climate Change Sister Cities Initiative

Key Recommendations

JULY/AUGUST:

- ▶ That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide the **Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy** to the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, EEPAC, and ACE for the purposes of providing feedback
- ▶ That the following actions be taken with respect to a **Green Legacy Program**:
 - a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to investigate the possibility of establishing a Green Legacy program in London similar to the Wellington County Green Legacy program; and,
 - b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider contacting Middlesex County, local conservation authorities, ReForest London, local school boards, and other planting organizations, to assist in the investigation of establishing a Green Legacy program;
- ▶ That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee with the policies and guidelines that deal with trees damaged during **roadwork construction** and to advise as to the actions that will be taken with respect to the damage done to trees on Queenston.