

**6TH REPORT OF THE**  
**TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on May 25, 2017, commencing at 12:19 PM, in Committee Room #5, Second Floor, London City Hall.

**PRESENT:** R. Mannella (Chair), A. Cantell, J. Kogelheide, C. Linton, G. Mitchell and N. St. Amour and J. Martin (Secretary).

**ABSENT:** C. Haindle, T. Khan and R. Walker.

**ALSO PRESENT:** A. Beaton, R. Cosby, A. Macpherson, B. Nourse, J. Ramsay, S. Rowland, J. Spence and A. VanDamme.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

**II. SCHEDULED ITEMS**

2. Construction Concerns Surrounding Mature Trees

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review and report back with respect to construction concerns surrounding mature trees and proposed actions to manage and reduce construction concerns; it being noted that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee received a verbal presentation and a communication dated April 24, 2017 from C. Morningstar with respect to this matter.

**III. CONSENT ITEMS**

3. 5th Report of Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 5th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on April 26, 2017, was received.

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

4. Community Energy Action Plan

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) deferred consideration of the Community Energy Action Plan to the June meeting of the TFAC; it being noted that the TFAC members were encouraged to review and prepare feedback for consideration at the June TFAC meeting; it being further noted that the TFAC received a communication from J. Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste, with respect to this matter.

5. Stakeholder Workshop Invitation - City of London - Complete Streets Design Manual

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) appointed C.Linton as the TFAC representative to participate in the City of London Complete Streets Design Manual Project Stakeholder Workshop being held June 2, 2017; it being noted that the TFAC received a communication dated May 15, 2017, from M. Morris, Engineer-In-Training, with respect to this matter.

6. Plastic Sleeves on Trees

That it BE NOTED that discussion with respect to a submission regarding plastic sleeves on trees was deferred to the June meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee.

7. Planting Under or Around Powerlines or Electrical Equipment

That it BE NOTED that a verbal presentation and a communication from A. Van Damme, London Hydro, with respect to planting under or around power lines and electrical equipment was received; it being noted the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) members were encouraged to review and prepare comments for feedback at a future meeting of the TFAC.

**V. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

8. Allergens, Climate Change & Invasives Working Group

That it BE NOTED that no update was received.

9. Dingman Creek Objectives

That it BE NOTED that no update was received.

10. Draft Tree Planting Strategy Working Group

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) received the attached draft tree planting strategy, the attached comments, held a discussion and deferred final consideration with respect this matter to the June meeting of the TFAC; it being noted the TFAC members were encouraged to review and prepare comment for feedback at the June TFAC meeting.

**VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

11. 2016 Trees and Forests Advisory Committee Work Plan Summary

That it BE NOTED that consideration of the 2016 Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) Workplan Summary was deferred to the June meeting of the TFAC.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: June 28, 2017**



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# PLANT MORE

TREE PLANTING STRATEGY

# DRAFT



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In 2014, The City of London, adopted the “City of London Urban Forest Strategy – Enhancing The Forest City”. The long term vision of the strategy is a healthy, diverse and extensive urban forest for today and the future. London is The Forest City. The guiding principles to implement the strategy are to plant more, protect more, maintain better and engage the community. Together these principles will be used to reach the goal of increasing London’s tree canopy cover to 34% by 2065.

This report describes how we’ll achieve that goal together and outlines the first five year Action Plan. It will require close partnerships with the community to be successful. Tracking and monitoring tree planting to better understand impacts such as tree establishment success and mortality will be undertaken in efforts to reduce overall expenses and grow the canopy quicker. This strategy is a living document and will be reviewed and revised as best management practices are investigated and adopted.



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# WHY PLANT MORE?

OUR TREE COVER IS DECREASING, FROM

**24.7%**

OF THE CITY IN 2008, TO

**23.7%**

**IN 2015**

REPRESENTING THE LOSS OF

**178,000 TREES**

MAINLY DUE TO THE LOSSES OF

**ASH  
TREES**



FROM THE EMERALD ASH BORER



# BENEFITS OF AN URBAN FOREST





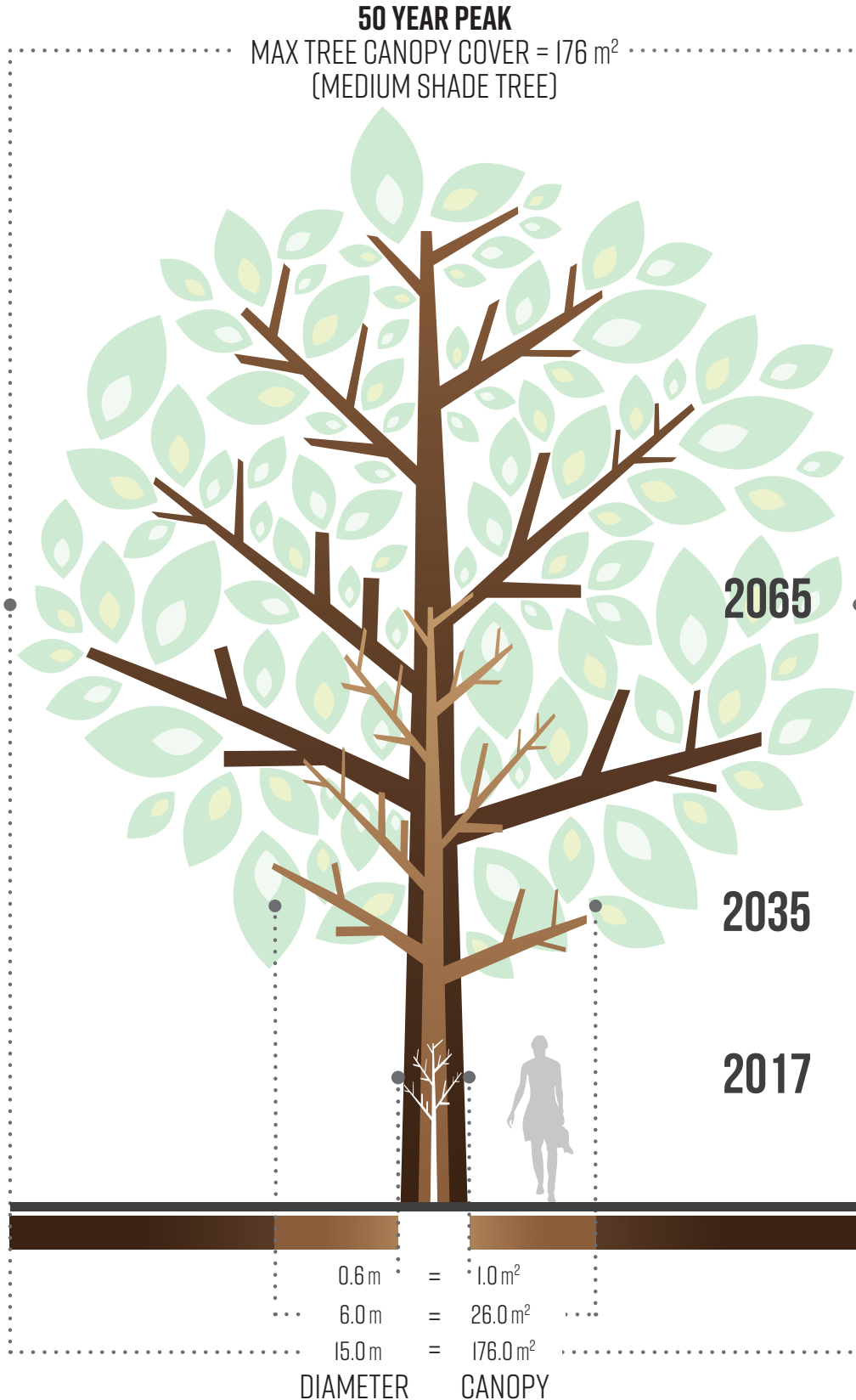
# CONTEXT

The City has a number of policy documents that require enhanced levels of tree planting, to support the health and well-being of residents in our growing City:



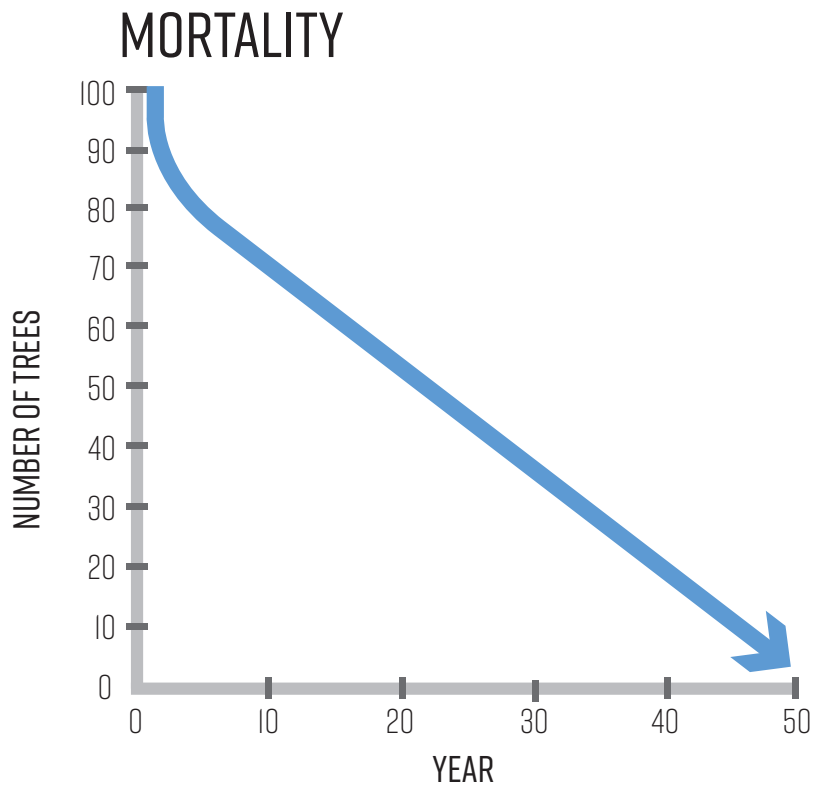
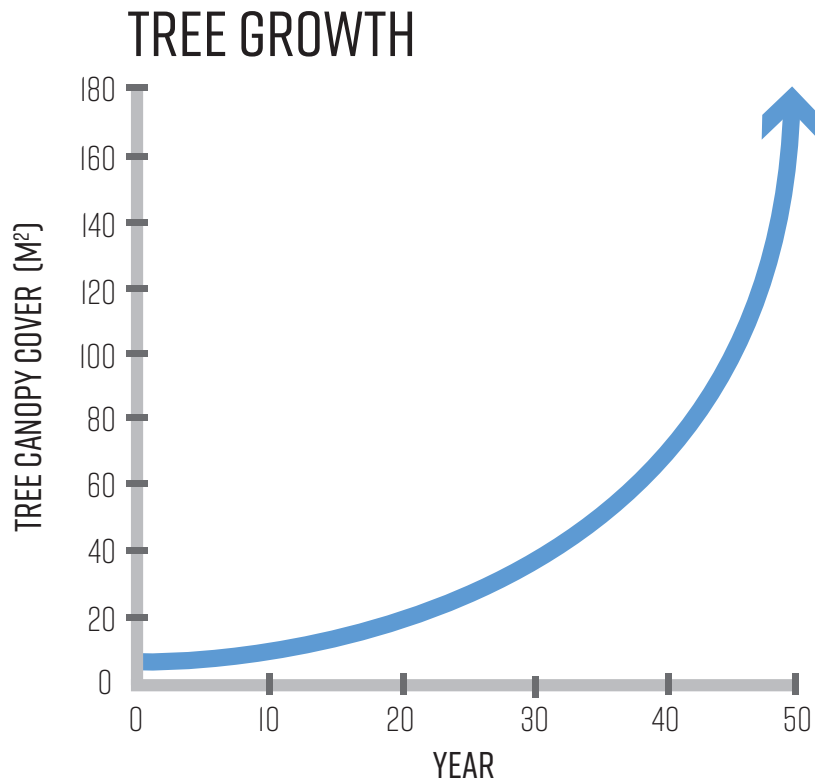
# TREE CANOPY COVER

The area covered by the vertical projection of tree crowns; the area within the drip-line.



# TREE GROWTH & MORTALITY

Trees grow exponentially, but not all reach maturity.



# CANOPY COVER GOAL

To achieve our Forest City goal of 34% tree canopy cover, we need to grow additional tree canopy over an area of 2,430 hectares by 2065.

