

4TH REPORT OF THE
TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on May 23, 2012, commencing at 12:15 PM.

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

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton, K. Elliott, V. Kinsely, I. Listar, S. Rowland and B. Williamson.

REGRETS: Councillor J. L. Baechler, B. Bergsma and R. Postma.

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| 3rd Report of the TFAC | 1. (1) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) noted and filed the 3rd Report of the TFAC from its meeting held on April 25, 2012. |
| Urban Forest Strategy – Questions and Answers and Project Steering Committee | 2. (2) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a communication from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, outlining the questions and answers related to the B A Blackwell and Associates delegation at the TFAC meeting held on April 25, 2012, and also a list of the Project Steering Committee membership. |
| UFORE Update | 3. (3) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal update from I. Listar, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the Urban Forest Effects Model (UFORE). |
| TFAC – Summary Report | 4. (4) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received the <u>attached</u> summary report, prepared by the TFAC Chair, with respect to the TFAC's 2006 to 2012 term. |
| TFAC – Deferred Matters List | 5. (5) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received its Deferred Matters List, as at May 23, 2012. |
| Celebration Forest | 6. (Added) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) held a general discussion with respect to purchasing two trees from Reforest London to be planted in Celebration Forest, on behalf of the City of London; it being noted that the TFAC approved the expenditure of \$100.00 from its 2012 Budget allocation for this expense. |
| ReThink London | 7. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal delegation from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to ReThink London. |
| Next Meeting | 8. That the next meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) will tentatively be held on June 27, 2012. |

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

"The role of an advisory committee is to provide recommendations, advice and information to Municipal Council on those specialized matters which relate to the purpose of the advisory committee." Municipal Council Policy Manual, Chapter 5 Council and Committees

The terms of reference for the newly-created Trees and Forests Advisory Committee allowed for 11 voting members to be appointed in 2006.

3 members-at-large: B. Gilmore, P. Berton, C. Benson

1 representative from each of the following:

Local business association: J. Kennedy - London Development Institute

Urban League of London: G. Sinclair

An active community planting group: J. Ryan - Reforest London

University of Western Ontario: J. Galbraith

Fanshawe College: 2 appointments - now vacant

London Community Foundation: withdrawn after 3 appointments

Environmental & Ecological Planning Advisory Committee: D. Sheppard

Advisory Committee on the Environment: 3 appointments - now vacant

City Council also appointed Councillor J. Baechler a voting member

The committee met for the first time on November 10, 2006. By April 2009, the London Community Foundation was replaced by the Middlesex-London Health Unit with J. Reffle, subsequently with I. Kalsi, and an additional 2 members, B. Shiell and G. Fournie, were appointed members-at-large.

The duties of the committee were to provide input, advice and make recommendations regarding the formation and implementation of London's Urban Forest Strategy through three main areas: planning and protection; planting and renewal; and, management and maintenance.

Over time, with the organizational changes implemented by Council, this committee has submitted its 51 meeting reports to date, containing recommendations related to its duties, to various Council committees: Environment and Transportation Committee, Built and Natural Environment Committee, Community and Neighbourhoods Committee and now the Planning and Environment Committee. Also, due to these changes the original 2-year appointment of the members has been extended to the current year 2012.

The initial activity of the committee was to review the related-work being done by City departments and other agencies, such as London Hydro. The committee established two subcommittees to identify tactics that could be taken to achieve an urban forest strategy - the Save More subcommittee and the Plant More subcommittee. The ideas from this work allowed the committee to begin to focus on the elements needed for a new strategy.

In the ensuing time, the committee has been instrumental in encouraging the Council to undertake: emergency tree watering guidelines, emerald ash borer management strategy, new street tree guidelines that reduced wait-times for boulevard tree replacement, improved annual reporting on tree removal and replacement, the urban forest effects (UFORE) project to identify and

quantify the London forest and to hire new personnel to facilitate related programs and to direct the creation of the new urban forest strategy using out-sourcing contracts.

In order to develop a better perspective of the city, the committee conducted three field tours to examine the work being done within the city to preserve and maintain trees and to establish trees in new developments by touring the centre of the city, development in the north part of the city and the management of the city's largest forest within Western University.

The committee has also sent letters of acknowledgment to citizens of the city recognizing individual efforts to support the direction of City interests.

By 2010 the committee developed a glossary of terms and a deferred list of its recommendations that were adopted by Council with a status update attached for the achievement of each recommendation.

The committee will continue to assist Council in the release of the final UFORE report and in the development of the new urban forest strategy with the contractor, as well as many other outstanding items such as the approved tree species list for the city, the tree conservation by-law and enforcement, and suitable staffing and funding to support ongoing activities.

May 23, 2012 - B. Gilmore, Chair and G. Sinclair, Vice Chair