

8TH REPORT OF THE
TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on September 28, 2011, commencing at 12:20 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: I. Listar and R. Postma.

REGRETS: Councillor J. L. Baechler, J. Kennedy and J. Ryan.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

EAB Management Strategy 1. (2) That, recognizing that the City of London should aim to at least maintain its current level of leaf cover, the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to use a diameter-ratio replacement method to determine the ash tree replanting rate; it being noted that based on the City of London's street tree data, this equates to a replant ratio of 3:3 trees for every tree removed, even with the 3:1 ratio, it will not recapture the lost leaf cover for up to 20 years. Should a 3:1 ratio not be financially obtainable, a 2:1 ratio should be the absolute minimum amount of loss the City should accept; it being further noted that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a Report, dated September 27, 2011, from the Executive Director of Planning, Environmental and Engineering Services and heard the attached presentation, dated September 27, 2011, from the Manager of Urban Forestry, with respect to the Emerald Ash Borer Management Strategy.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7th Report of the TFAC 2. (1) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) noted and filed the 7th Report of the TFAC from its meeting held on August 24, 2011.

UFORE Update 3. (3) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal update and received the summary of the UFORE report edit checklist from the Manager of Urban Forestry; it being noted that the TFAC asked that the above-noted summary be placed on its next agenda to allow the Membership sufficient time to review the document and prepare to offer comments at its next meeting.

Tree Planting Guidelines 4. (4, 5) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received communications from R. Postma, Forestry Inspector, and D. Sheppard, with respect to the Tree Planting Guidelines, Design Specifications and Requirements Manual and the TFAC recommendations for the Tree Planting Guidelines, respectively; it being noted that the TFAC and Staff will meet as a Working Group to further discuss this matter, with a report back at the October 26, 2011 TFAC meeting.

Tree Watering Alert – Definition of Alert Conditions 5. (6) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a communication, dated September 28, 2011, from D. Sheppard, with respect to the tree watering alert and definitions of a alert condition; it being noted that the TFAC asked that this matter be placed on its next agenda for further discussion.

Advisory Committee Review 6. (Added) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) asked that the matter of the current advisory committee review be placed on its next agenda for discussion.

UWO – Walking Tour 7. (Added) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from J. Galbraith, with respect to the University of Western Ontario's "Walking Tour", a self-guided tour of "Canada's most beautiful campus".

Next Meeting 8. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) will hold its next meeting on October 26, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.