

3RD REPORT OF THE
TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on November 28, 2012, commencing at 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT: B. Shiell (Chair), A. Cantell, I. Kalsi, C. Linton, C. McCallum, B. Porchuk, B. Sandler and J. Winkler and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton, D. Clark, V. Kinsley, S. Rowland and B. Williamson.

REGRETS: S. Curtis-Norcross and C. Neilans.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Tree Conservation By-law/Draft Urban Forestry Strategy Report

1. (3, 4) That the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner **BE REQUESTED** to allow the Tree Conservation By-law review to remain open for comments until such time as the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) has had an opportunity to provide its feedback on the Urban Forestry Strategy, noting its immediate response timeframe;

it being noted that the TFAC reviewed and received a communication from I. Listar, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the Tree Conservation By-law and a communication from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner with respect to the Draft Urban Forestry Strategy Report; it being further noted that the TFAC determined that the Urban Forestry Strategy should be a priority for its Working Group to review, and will meet in December to discuss and provide comment. The TFAC asked that the Working Group comments arising from its meeting be forwarded directly to the Civic Administration for their information, and placed on the next agenda of the TFAC.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buckthorn Busters

2. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard the attached presentation from V. Kinsley, Community Programs Coordinator, Parks and Planning, with respect to buckthorn.

Tracking Committee Tasks

3. (6) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from A. Cantell, with respect to tracking the Committee's tasks. The TFAC asked its Committee Secretary to maintain a TFAC task list and periodically place it on its agenda.

ACE and EEPAC Reports

4. (7) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from A. Cantell, with respect to the TFAC receiving the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) and the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) reports. The TFAC asked C. Linton to forward the Committee Members the link from the City's website for the above-noted reports, on a monthly basis.

Stormwater Management and Westminster Wetlands Flooding Issue

5. (8) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from A. Cantell, with respect to stormwater management and the Westminster wetlands flooding issue; it being noted that the TFAC heard a verbal update from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to this matter.

Guide for Tree Appraisal

6. (9) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, with respect to a guide for tree appraisal. Subject to the enactment of the City's 2013 Budget, the TFAC approved the expenditure for up to \$250.00 from its 2013 budget allocation to purchase the book entitled, "Guide for Plant Appraisal, 9th Edition" by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers.

- Worcester Polytechnic Institute - Evaluating the Public's Perception of Urban Trees
7. (Added) That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) heard a verbal report from S. Rowland, Urban Forestry Planner, and received a copy of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute document entitled, "Evaluating the Public's Perception of Urban Trees: The Case of Greendale and Burncoat and Neighbourhoods of Worcester, Massachusetts Value Trees".
8. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) noted and filed the following:
- 2nd Report of the TFAC
- (a) (1) the 2nd Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on October 24, 2012
- 1st Report of the TFAC
- (b) (2) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on October 30, 2012 with respect to the 1st Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee relating to an amendment to its Terms of Reference to add a representative from the London Development Institute/London Home Builders Association as a voting member on the TFAC;
- "Million Tree Challenge" Signs for EAB-Affected Communities
- (c) (5) a communication dated November 19, 2012, from A. Cantell, with respect to a funding request for "Million Tree Challenge" signs for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) affected communities; and,
- Beaver Damages to Trees Around Fanshawe Park Road and Adelaide Trail
- (d) (10) a communication from N. Alizoti, with respect to beaver damage to the trees around Fanshawe Park Road and the Adelaide Street trail.
- Next Meeting
9. That the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) will hold its next meeting on January 23, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Woodland Restoration Through Community Involvement: Buckthorn Busting!

Vanessa Kinsley and
Linda McDougall, City of London



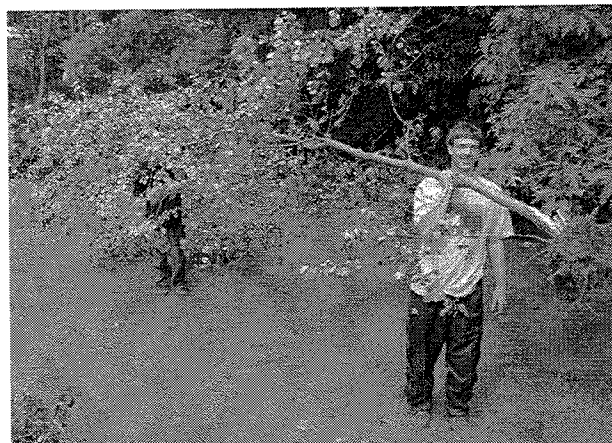
Buckthorn in London

- 20% of forest canopy in UFORE
- Buckthorn in London since 1800s



Buckthorn Management History


- 28 riparian and woodland projects from 2004-2011
- Partnership with federal, provincial, local government and NGOs
- Youth empowerment and education



Buckthorn Busting 2012



- Budget constraints, new approach
- Hire one consultant to lead community workshops
- Strategically chose four park woodlands
- Partnered with a variety of City departments




STOP the Invasion!

City parks and residential backyards are being taken over by the Buckthorn plant and we need your help to remove it!

We'll be Buckthorn Busting in a park near you:

Learn how to identify this stubborn plant, and the tactics for how to remove it permanently

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Argyle			
ForestView Park	June 26	6-9 pm	
Masonville			
Ambleside Park	July 18	5-8 pm	
Westmount			
Jesse Davidson Park	July 24	5-8 pm	
Oakridge			
Kelly Park	Aug 21	5-8 pm	

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Did you know?

Buckthorn (*Saxifraga orthoceras*) is a plant which is native to Europe. It was introduced to London in the late 1800s to control soil erosion by wind.

- It rapidly became **invasive** and spread across City parks and backyards.
- Buckthorn forms dense thickets where **nothing else can grow**.
- It bears **toxic** fruit, which also acts as a laxative to the wildlife that eats it.
- It's listed as a **noxious weed** in Ontario's Weed Control Act.

Help us get rid of this unwelcome species!

Check the locations and dates on the front of this flyer, then join other members of your community in a City park this summer. You'll learn how to identify this pervasive pest, and how to remove it from your own backyard. Plus, you'll be helping make your local parks a nicer place to visit.

Communications

- E-mail blast
- Posters
- Neighbourhood canvassing

Implementation

- Team effort to carry out the project
- Location and long-term planning



Buckthorn Busting In Action



Next Steps

- Continuing what we started
- Plans for 2013 and beyond



Thank You!

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