

During the last meeting, Amber brought a stat to my attention..... something along the lines that London plants close to 25 000 - 30 000 trees each year! WOW!

I believe that the TPS sees London planting around 5 000 trees annually with ambitions taking this number higher, each year.

There have been budget cuts by the Ford gov't that used to go towards tree planting efforts! Also, recently, Ford also told the UTRCA to stop tree planting programs and go back to mandate - even though the Ontario gov't won't save a penny as the tree planting was funded by other sources!

And, I heard about the Federal Liberals coughing up \$15 million for tree planting in response to Ford's cuts!

So - this has me rather confused about understanding if all of these actions are or will be affecting London's TPS!!!

Example - If ReForest London can't afford to plant as many trees as they did, this will affect our yearly projected planting actions and this will affect our 40 year plan!

Does TFAC need to recommend to the City that more municipal funding is needed to keep the TPS on projected targets!

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