

Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

Report

9th Meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee
September 25, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: A. Cantell (Acting Chair), M. Demand, A. Hames, J. Kogelheide, A. Morrison, A. Valastro; and J. Bunn (Acting Secretary)

REGRETS: R. Mannella and A. Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton, J. Parsons and D. Turner

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

A. Cantell discloses a pecuniary interest in Item 5.3 of the 9th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, having to do with Provincial Funding Changes and the Impacts on Tree Planting in London, by indicating that her employer is affected by the funding cuts.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on August 28, 2019, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 7th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on August 27, 2019, with respect to the 7th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Urban Forestry Strategy Update

That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to attend a future meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee to speak to canopy requirements on new development sites; it being noted that the attached presentation from J. Parsons, Division Manager, Transportation and Roadside Operations, with respect to an Urban Forestry Strategy update, was received.

5.2 London and Area Tree Data

That it BE NOTED that the communication from J. Kogelheide, as appended to the agenda, with respect to London and Area Tree Data, was received.

5.3 Provincial Funding Changes and Impacts on Tree Planting in London

That the following actions be taken with respect to Provincial Funding Changes and the Impacts on Tree Planting in London:

a) the Municipal Council BE REQUESTED to continue to cover the operating budgets, at the current level or higher, for the Conservation Authorities operating within London; and,

b) a representative from ReForest London BE INVITED to attend a future meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee to present their business plan for the next two years and to indicate how the Provincial funding cuts are affecting their budget;

it being noted that this funding will be necessary in keeping the City of London on track with the Urban Forest Strategy;

it being further noted that the communication from J. Kogelheide, as appended to the agenda, with respect to this matter, was received.

5.4 2018 and 2019 TFAC Work Plans

That the 2018 and 2019 Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) Work Plans BE DEFERRED to the next meeting of the TFAC.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 PM.