

February 13, 2013

Mayor and Members Municipal Council

Llistar Manager, Urban Forestry

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on February 12, 2013 resolved:

- That the following actions be taken with respect to the 1st Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on January 23, 2013:
- the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to forward the <u>attached</u> revised comments, prepared by a) the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC), with respect to the draft Urban Forest Strategy, to Bruce Blackwell and Associates Ltd, the Consultants hired by the City to prepare the Strategy; it being noted that the TFAC reviewed and received a report dated January 23, 2013, from its Working Group, with respect to this matter;
- clause 2 BE REFERRED to the 2013 Budget; b)

clause 2 reads as follows:

the Municipal Council BE REQUESTED to continue to maintain the Emerald Ash Borer funding at its current levels; it being noted that:

- even at its current level the budget allocation is substantially under the original amount a) endorsed by Council for the management of the Emerald Ash Borer;
- the elimination of Emerald Ash Borer funding could result in the closing of City parks and b) trails, the severe denuding of the streetscape and the loss of all previously injected ash trees; and,
- the exposure of the Corporation and its citizens to risk and loss of public trust; c)

it being noted that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) reviewed and received a communication from A. Cantell, with respect to the elimination of the Emerald Ash Borer program funding from the 2013 Operating Budget; and,

that clauses 3 to 6, inclusive of the 1st Report of the TFAC, BE RECEIVED AND NOTED. c) (3/3/PEC)

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