

Subject: TFAC - June 23, 2021

Here's a quick agenda item that shouldn't take more than a few minutes to get through.....

Removal of tree rings from city trees!

History - 5 or so years ago TFAC was presented with information that showed how the old way of protecting newly planted trees is harmful to the trees if the black rings are not removed.

Over the course of the next 3 months, I took notes with locations of concentrations of black rings throughout the city and I submitted them to Andy Beaton.

He took the info and made a work order to have them removed. This was done successfully!

2 years ago, this topic was brought up again and we were told that city workers do their best to take away the black tree rings.

I still see many around the city and I think it would be beneficial for TFAC to make a formal recommendation to help this matter.

Recent case in point - See photo...



About a month ago, I took a work break at Carriage Hill Park, near Masonville!

As this photo shows.... the entire park is covered in these black tree rings. I tried to take a photo to show many in one shot!

So - it would be difficult to make a recommendation to have city staffers scouring the city to find the black rings... but I'm thinking that if we focused on a new work order to have staff remove black tree rings from city parks, we'd find much success. Staff has to go to these parks weekly, to mow the grass... so why not have them look around each park they are in and remove the black rings?

See.... easy point to understand.... easy recommendation to make... easy work order to fulfill!!!

Thanks

Jim