

Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

Report

The 5th Meeting of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee
June 23, 2021

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

Attendance PRESENT: A. Morrison (Chair), A. Cantell, M. Demand, A. Hames, J. Kogelheide, R. Mannella, P. Nicholson, and A. Valastro; A. Pascual (Committee Clerk).

ABSENT: S. Thapa

ALSO PRESENT: A. Beaton, T. Meyers, M. Schulthess, J.A. Spence, and S. Stafford.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: A. Cantell, M. Demand, A. Hames, J. Kogelheide, R. Mannella, A. Morrison, P. Nicholson, and A. Valastro.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

2.1 4th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 4th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on May 26, 2021, was received.

2.2 Municipal Council resolution with respect to the 3rd Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution from its meeting held on May 25, 2021, with respect to the 3rd Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, was received.

3. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

3.1 Educational Initiatives and Outreach Sub-Committee Update

That it BE NOTED that the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee received a verbal update from the Educational Initiatives and Outreach Sub-Committee.

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Review of Implementation Tasks - Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Plan - RESUBMITTED

That it BE NOTED that the document as appended to the agenda from A. Cantell, entitled "Draft Recommendations Regarding Urban Forestry Metrics for City-Owned Trees", was received.

4.2 City of London Tree Planting - Tree Varieties - RESUBMITTED

That it BE NOTED that the submission as appended to the added agenda from A. Valastro, with respect to the City of London Tree Planting - Tree Varieties, was received.

4.3 Urban Forestry Communications Strategy - Update - RESUBMITTED

That the matter, with respect to the Urban Forestry Communications Strategy - Update, BE DEFERRED to the next Trees and Forests Advisory Committee meeting.

4.4 Advisory Committee Review - TFAC Recommendations

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Advisory Committee Review - TFAC recommendations:

- a) the attached document entitled "Recommendations Regarding Trees and Forests Advisory Committee Status and Classification" BE FORWARDED to the Governance Working Group and Civic Administration for consideration; and,
- b) the Governance Working Group BE REQUESTED to grant delegation status to a representative of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) at a future meeting to provide an overview of the TFAC recommendations with respect to this matter.

4.5 2021 TreeME Neighbourhood Grant Program

That it BE NOTED that the verbal presentation from J.A. Spence, Manager, Urban Forestry, with respect to the 2021 TreeME Neighbourhood Grant Program, was received.

4.6 Removal of Tree Rings on City Trees

That Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to create educational material for the City's website with respect to the proper materials to be used as tree trunk protectors;

it being noted that a communication from J. Kogelheide, with respect to this matter, was received.

5. (ADDED) Deferred Matters/Additional Business

5.1 (ADDED) Municipal Council resolution with respect to the 4th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution from its meeting held on June 15, 2021, with respect to the 4th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, was received.

5.2 (ADDED) City's Tree Watering Strategy - Update

That the matter, with respect to the City's Tree Watering Strategy - Update, BE DEFERRED to the next Trees and Forests Advisory Committee meeting.

5.3 (ADDED) Creating Ecosystems - Update

That the matter, with respect to the Creating Ecosystems - Update, BE DEFERRED to the next Trees and Forests Advisory Committee meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.