

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**THURSDAY JANUARY
26, 2012**

START TIME: 5:00PM

CITY HALL: ATRIUM

MEETING CALLED BY	Mike Anderson
CALL TO ORDER:	5:00pm
FACILITATOR	
TIMEKEEPER	Shannon Mitchell– RCS Clerical Staff
ATTENDEES	John Dick , John Sheehan, Peter Howes, Ron Calvert, Mike Anderson , Stephen Holmes, Ted Van Geert, Ian Magee, Councillor Bill Phillips, Councillor Mark Elliott

Agenda topics

5:15 PM

THREAT RESPONSE

DISCUSSION	"Steve's Document" – Who to call, How you find out, List of references.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Circulate to the public and press. Put a document together to define the role makers. All approved this action.	Mike Anderson		

5:30

REVIEW OF URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN

DISCUSSION	Research and Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Council presentation of UFMP<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ UFMP 14 action items<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Action items act as a road map○ 1/14 – Complete our streets<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 97% of people want complete streets▪ Fill and beautify our public boulevards▪ Increase our canopy cover to 30%○ 2/14 – Increase funding<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ \$160,000 budget was increased to \$300,000▪ 2.5% of the total RCS budget○ 3/14 – Include funds for new/replacement trees in construction project budgets<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Proposing \$90,000 more (approx. 300 trees)○ 4/14 – Create an Inventory of all municipal trees<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Up to date information▪ 2005 survey is still on the books○ 5/14 – Private Property By-Law<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ St. Catharines does not have one▪ 66% of all trees are located on private property▪ Give municipalities authority to regulate trees on private property○ 6/14 – Community Stewardship & Education<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Programs (2)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trees for tomorrow• Trees forever	

- 7/14 – Create Committee (UFAC)
- 8/14 – Review Planning and Development Guidelines
 - Planning department meeting, 1 has taken place
 - Tree protection and promotion within the community
- 9/14 – Adopt a replacement policy
 - Effective March 28, 2011
 - Replace all the trees that are removed
 - 500 trees planted due to previous removal
 - Steve Stone/John Bellehumeur to come in and discuss current strategies
 - Sending letters to homes when replacement trees are necessary
 - Native trees vs. non-native trees
 - Soli profiles in different parts of the City of St. Catharines
- 10/14 – Access all available opportunities to plan trees
 - Water courses, ravines
 - Forestry areas (parks and trails)
- 11/14 – Larger Trees
 - All areas where possible they are planted
 - Smaller ones are under utility lines
- 12/14 – Threat Evaluation Response
 - Identifying potentially destructive threats
 - Long-term management
- 13/14 – Diversity and Suitability
 - Diverse
 - Design
- 14/14 – State of Urban Forest
 - December 2012 report reviewed
 - Help from this committee to complete
- Measure Success
 - Public involvement
 - Long term and short term plans and ideas
 - Mature and young trees and their impact

CONCLUSIONS

Review of Committee Mandate and Responsibility

- New Business
 - Possibilities with large trees being under utility lines
 - Proper cutting to be done by Horizon
 - Fundraising
 - Dinners
 - Regional roads
- Tree planting done by the city?
- Working with them for more trees

2012 ACTION PLANS

DISCUSSION	Review of 2012 Action Items	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of 2012 action items.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Send out an email to all members with a due date to have comments and questions returned.Email and contact information is attached in an Excel document		

OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION	Urban Forestry Council and Inventory Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ontario Urban Forestry Council<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Groups and committees to look at• Inventory completion<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 2013 deadline for a database◦ Consultants have been contacted◦ Costs?◦ TES and IT meeting has already taken place• Site tour to rehabilitation foundation center in Jordan Ontario to see the trees that were planted 20 years ago	
CONCLUSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information to be addressed to TES and involvement by TES within this committee	

MEETING ADJOURNED:	5:00PM
RESOURCE PERSONS	
NEXT MEETING:	February 16th, 2012