

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

THURSDAY
FEBURARY 16, 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 Sheehan, Peter Howes, Ron Calvert, Mike Anderson , Stephen Holmes, Ted Van Geert, Ian Magee, Councillor Bill Phillips

Agenda topics

APPROVAL OF JAUARY 26, 2012 MINUTES

DISCUSSION	Minutes
ACTION ITEMS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accepted by Peter Howes2Nd by Ian Magee	

INTRODUCTION OF GAVIN PALLY

DISCUSSION	Gavin Pally
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gavin is the Supervisor of Forestry Services at Transportation and Environmental ServicesHe oversees maintenance and removal of all street trees, and boulevard treesHis vision is to update St. Catharines in knowledge and the way things are done<ul style="list-style-type: none">Looking to repair the disconnect between RCS and TES, hoping to bridge the gap between them.Looking for more efficient and more practical ways of doing things.	

THREAT RESPONSE EVALUATION

DISCUSSION	Review of 2012 Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of 2012 action items. 	
ACTION ITEMS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roles and responsibilities, who is ultimately responsible? There should be meetings or contact with these groups that are responsible CFIA, NRCA, CFS Is there preparation for an infestation Potential for them to be stopped and wiped out, if properly prepared Who is the lead for pest control in Ontario? Finding out who is responsible (Federal, Provincial, Municipal?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Forester – Bohdan Kowalyk , OMNR, Area District Forester, Aurora, ON – 905-713-7714</i> <i>Mary Orr, Area Program Specialist, Canadian Food and Inspection Agency - Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Long-horned Beetle. – 416-661-8158</i> CFIA and Canadian Forestry will take samples but on the ground operations is up to the city and is their responsibility Look to Toronto, Windsor for their procedures for sampling and removals Injections have been working for Windsor and they have had positive recourse for a 2 year period of time Gavin states there are no plans in action, it is just trials and samples from the injections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25-30% if the total leaf cover are Ash trees A year after infestation is when the tree will come down on its own if it hasn't been taken down prior In our parks we have been planting various other kinds of trees, and if there are ash trees they have been taking the time to plant other tree types in close proximity to be proactive. There have been comparisons of the cost of injections vs removals, if only to prolong the removals – as a budget consideration. Gavin explained it like financing and having 2 years of non payment with the injections The best alternative is injections at this time All the surrounding areas will be looking to the City of St. Catharines as the leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public property Private property Marshalling years for destroying Proper advertising Make contacts with Brantford, London, and Toronto to liaison with them for information and advice Risk registry – unknown and known <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All based on the environmental conditions Not all cycles are perfect, dependant on environmental changes Not all foreseen issues TES – Forestry Classifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Cert. Arb. And Utility Arb. Job description is changing based on having re-cert. Sub Committee for the threat response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Howse Ron Calvert Gavin Palley Mike Anderson Prevention for future risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be proactive and ready for potential issues in the future Tree inventory – tentatively 2013 budget -> RFP to council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2013 deadline for a database Consultants have been contacted Costs???? RCS, TES and IT have met to discuss the logistics of an inventory UFAC will play a r role in the inventory processes It must work well with planning, TES and RCS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with the existing databases Private property by-law 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A permit to remove and replace trees ○ Set up a fund where the charges go "Forestry Fund" ○ Needs to be welcomed by the public ○ Cautioned by Councillors to be careful of the parameters • <i>Sub Committee for the private property by-law</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>John Sheehan</i> ○ <i>Ian Magee</i> ○ <i>Gavin Palley</i> ○ <i>Mike Anderson</i> • Horizon has recently funded some tree planting in the City – Lake St. • Lakeshore road is being replaced, and sidewalks are being installed on the South side of the road. Who is responsible for these sidewalks, and will the trees that are being removed, be replaced? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gavin will look into who is responsible for the construction of the side walks, as Region is responsible for the road construction • By-law for the city trees and protecting the urban street trees who does this policing? • Save the right trees but also replant the right trees in the right place, instead of an issue it will be helping 		

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION	Urban Forestry Council and Inventory Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNCR(Greater Niagara Circle Route) has extra money from the trail that was added on the East side of the canal near Lock 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A letter should be written and sent to Councillor Bruce Timms (the Chair of GNCR) suggesting that the leftover money be spent on planting native trees along the trail. ○ Councillor Bill Phillips will approach Councillor Bruce Timms and inform him of the letter that he will be receiving • Region vs. City, who is responsible on Glenridge? And what happens when the city does work on a private property but the Region is responsible for the road allowance? • Tree nursery, the one that is at Burgoyne Woods, should another one be started? • Genetically local trees, where are the seed genes from? Seed controls and keep only local trees • The Billion tree Challenge – presentation by John Bacher 15-20 minutes presentation would be accepted by the committee. • Malcomson Park – Friends of Malcomson Park – in the spring the committee can take a walk through, meet with members of Friends of Malcomson Park and see what has been done in the park. 	

MEETING ADJOURNED:	7:20pm
RESOURCE PERSONS	
NEXT MEETING:	March 29 th , 2012 at 5:00 pm at City Hall