

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY JUNE 6, 2012
START TIME: 5:00PM

CITY HALL: ATRIUM

MEETING CALLED BY	Mike Anderson
CALL TO ORDER:	5:00pm
FACILITATOR	
TIMEKEEPER	Carleigh Lewis – New Trees Forestry Operations Co-op
ATTENDEES	John Dick , John Sheehan, Gavin Pally, Peter Howes, Ron Calvert, Mike Anderson

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

EAB

DISCUSSION	EAB Issues and how to prevent / pro-long the ash trees and budget issues involved
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gavin stated that the Ash trees within the city have been sampled and the result of the sampling was noprimitive samples. He also stated that during the process of crowning each ash tree, they are being sampled as well.Discussion of a processing yard that would be gated for disposal of ash trees: A marshaling area may be a solution.Discussion of laying ashes in garden beds instead in order to save money was suggested.Many people within the community can't afford the price to take down the ash trees which may become an issue.The disease will take 3 years to kill all of the ash trees.\$200 to inject each tree azine – PesticiafThe cost of removal is \$12-1500 per tree, and up to \$3000 for the large trees.There have been positive samples confirmed in Thorold.Public education would need to be provided regardless of the action.After the removal of the ash trees, new trees would need to be planted.The idea of removing smaller ash trees and replanting these locations was discussed.<ul style="list-style-type: none">-There would need to be money set aside for new plantingDiscussion of treating longer tree's to preserve or lengthen the lifespan was brought up<ul style="list-style-type: none">-With this would come a financing fee-There are a significant amount of large trees compared to smaller treesWe need to know what type of budget we are looking at in regards to this matter.Thoughts of removing every third tree on each property<ul style="list-style-type: none">-This could stagger the budget and ensure ever street would still have trees.	
CONCLUSIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The city would need to create a new budget to deal with this in order to plant new trees to replace the ashOur city could communicate with other cities to see what their plan of action is.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel Marshall Yards? • Council will need to know streets, numbers and costs • The age and neighborhood could give us the price of cut down/inventory needed 		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No action taken yet. To be further discussed at the next meeting.		

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INVENTORY OF TREES

DISCUSSION	How can we keep a better track of the inventory of trees.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion of providing GPS coordinates or GEO-Code ID- Budgeted for 2013- A list of must be provided of required fields for inventory taking- Getting someone to do the inventory		
CONCLUSIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We need to look at improving the system there is now and how.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Mike and Gavin will meet and see where the city wants to go internally with the inventory. They'll take a look at the system, then the inventory at hand, and then budget.	Mike and Gavin	

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PRIVATE PROPERTY

DISCUSSION	Private property tree By-Law		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">We should be look more at commercial than residential.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Hard to enforce residential areas			
CONCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ideas to apply a permit to residential housing when taking down a tree		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigate other municipalities.			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
No action taken. To be discussed further on.			

MEETING ADJOURNED:	7:45PM
RESOURCE PERSONS	
NEXT MEETING:	August 1, 2012