



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee**

From: **Michael Papadacos, Manager of Infrastructure Management Division**

Meeting Date: **January 20, 2021**

Subject: **Report PEAC21-002
Urban Forest – Tree Conservation By-law Framework**

Purpose

A report to inform the Committee that Urban Forestry staff will make a presentation at the January 20, 2021 meeting to provide an overview of the Urban Forest – Tree Conservation By-law Framework.

Recommendation

That the PEAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC21-002 dated January 20, 2021 of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

That the presentation from Urban Forestry staff be received for information and comment.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

In July 2020, Council approved the recommendations of Report IPSIM20-004 – Urban Forest Canopy Conservation Update, dated July 6, 2020, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services, as follows:

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- a) **That Council endorse the following Guiding Principles for developing a regulatory framework to protect and enhance the tree canopy of the City’s urban forest;**
 - i) **Pruning should not be part of a regulatory framework;**
 - ii) **Prequalification of tree care professionals is part of the regulatory framework;**
 - iii) **Permits are part of a regulatory framework;**
 - iv) **Incentives are part of a regulatory framework;**
 - v) **Penalties should be considered in developing the regulatory framework;**
 - vi) **A balanced approach to any requirement for replanting trees to replace removal of healthy trees should be considered in developing the regulatory framework;**
 - vii) **Education is a key element of the regulatory framework; and**
 - viii) **Costs associated with administering and enforcing a Tree Conservation By-law should be covered by fees and tax supported programs.**

At the meeting of July 27, 2020, Council amended item b) as follows:

- b) **That the current Tree By-law 19-042 continue in place until February of 2021 pending the results of studies scheduled for Fall 2020 to inform an updated regulatory framework.**
- c) **That the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee review the updated regulatory framework before coming forward to General Committee for consideration.**

This presentation will share the recommendations being considered for an updated regulatory framework that will inform a new Tree Conservation By-law with the Committee. PEAC’s feedback is requested for inclusion in the report back to Council.

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Attachments

Appendix A: Report IPSIM20-004 – Urban Forest Canopy Conservation Update