



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)

FROM: Becky Rogers, Manager of Arts, Culture & Heritage

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Report ACHAC11-013
Urban Forest Strategic Plan

PURPOSE

A report to advise the Committee that the Manager of Public Works, Major Projects will make a presentation on the Urban Forest Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC11-013 dated May 12, 2011 of the Manager of Arts, Culture & Heritage as follows:

That the presentation from the Manager of Public Works, Major Projects be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary or financial implications as a result of approving the recommendation in report ACHAC11-013.

BACKGROUND

Urban Forest Management includes the efforts made by the municipality, all forms of business, and private citizens in the study and management of urban forests. Components of urban forest management include:

- Policies, by-laws, and standards for tree planting and care;
- Long and short term plans;
- Inclusion of tree inventory;
- Deployment of qualified/trained staff;
- Plant health care and integrated pest management;
- Heritage, memorial and commemorative trees;
- Hardy species;
- Variety & suitability;
- Succession planting;
- Planting and care of school grounds.

An urban forest strategic plan establishes the foundations for the application of best management practices that will benefit our community.

The urban forest provides many benefits including social, cultural, economic, environmental, and engineering benefits. Increasing attention to global warming and the need to address sustainability in our community focuses ever increasing attention to the importance of trees and the urban forest.

In 1988, the City established the Forestry Resource Management Policy to provide direction to the practice of urban forest management. Since that time there have been numerous changes in the forestry management field, including greater public involvement and legislative amendments.

The goal of the Urban Forest Strategic Plan is to review and update the 1988 policy and to begin the process of long term strategic planning.

The Manager of Public Works, Major Projects will elaborate on the objectives of the Urban Forest Strategic Plan during his presentation.

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