



## **TREE PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 7:00pm  
via Zoom

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**A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – January 12, 2021**

Recommendation that the Tree Protection Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the January 12, 2021 meeting.

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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**1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – December 8, 2020**

Recommendation that the Tree Protection Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting.

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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I. **NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** February 9, 2021 (TBC)  
**Location:** via Zoom  
**Time:** 7:00 pm

J. **TERMINATE**



## TREE PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00pm  
via Zoom

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### MINUTES

**Present:**

C. Grey, Community Co-Chair  
B. Whitmarsh, Council Co-Chair  
P. Arnason, Council Co-Chair (Alternate)  
K. Richter, Councillor

C. Bishop, J. Evanochko, M. Muller, A. Neufeld, H. Sakurai, T. Smith, and A. Stewart

**Staff:**

J. Chu, Manager, Community and Policy Planning  
E. Fong, Superintendent, Trees, Trails, Horticulture, and Natural Areas  
A. Jensen, Planner, Community and Policy Planning  
R. Seifi, General Manager, Engineering and Community Development  
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

**A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – December 8, 2020**

Moved by A. Neufeld,  
Seconded by A. Stewart,  
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive  
the agenda items of the December 8, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – November 17, 2020**

Moved by A. Neufeld,  
Seconded by M. Muller,  
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the  
November 17, 2020 meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

D. **REPORTS**

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

F. **WORK PROGRAM**

1. **Detailed Review of Tree Protection Bylaw**

After the November meeting, the committee was asked to provide written comments regarding changes or suggestions for the Tree Protection Bylaw. Staff compiled all of the comments into one document and provided for further review and discussion.

The following comments were provided at the meeting:

**Explanatory Note:**

- More of a motherhood statement is needed to protect the tree canopy – not just about regulation.
- It is important to include language that conveys what the purpose of the bylaw is – tree canopy conservation and protection.
- Clear guidelines are important.
- Need to be a bit more expansive on the intention of the bylaw.
- Create sections in the bylaw that state the reasons for removing healthy trees.
- Expand bylaw to include the full lifespan of the tree.
- Trees on public property are protected by the Highways Bylaw and Public Spaces Bylaw – is there any way to cross reference this bylaw with the Tree Protection Bylaw?

**Definitions:**

**Hazard Tree**

- Needs to be dealt with specifically.

**Critical Root Zone**

- Delete all references in bylaw to “Drip line”.

**Hazard Tree**

- Needs to be rated as a “high or extreme” risk of failure.
- “Qualified tree risk assessor” - Can we have a provision for removing an extreme risk tree without a risk assessment?

**Qualified Tree Risk Assessor**

- This is now referred to as “Tree Risk Assessment Qualified”.

**Tree:**

- Most other municipalities use 20cm dbh and larger. Surrey and the Township of Langley are the only municipalities who use 30cm.

## F. WORK PROGRAM

- Could have an exemption for Alderwood and Cottonwood trees if we move to 20cm dbh.
- Smaller dbh are more resilient than larger ones and easier to retain in development sites
- Should we exclude certain species such as rhododendrons? Could have a tree replacement list that excludes shrubbery?
- Still have a 30cm dbh for Alderwood and Cottonwoods.
- Part C regarding a perennial plant on municipal property should be removed from this section. This bylaw is for private property owners, not public land.
- Maybe need to identify what definitions are missing from this bylaw so that people do not need to refer to other bylaws. Have everything in one.
- Replacement trees should be listed in this bylaw, not just in the Subdivision Bylaw.
- If a replacement tree dies, land owners need a permit to remove it.
- Other municipalities have different ratios relative to replacement trees. Would like this integrated into our bylaw.
- Should the replacement tree list in the Subdivision bylaw be reviewed?

## 2. **Recommended Staff Positions for the Administration and Implementation of the Tree Protection Bylaw**

Discussion ensued regarding the staff report to Council dated October 26, 2020 and the suggestion to hire an additional Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Arborist and a FTE Support Clerk to administer and process tree removal applications. The committee was in agreement that these positions are necessary.

### **COUNCIL**

Moved by A. Neufeld,

Seconded by Christine,

That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee recommend Council add one Full Time Equivalent Arborist to administer, inspect, and enforce the Tree Protection Bylaw; and one Full Time Equivalent Support Clerk to receive and process tree removal applications.

**CARRIED**

## G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

## H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

## I. NEXT MEETING

**Date:** January 12, 2021

**Location:** via Zoom

**Time:** 7:00 pm

J. **TERMINATE**

Moved by J. Evanochko,  
Seconded by H. Sakurai,  
That the meeting terminate at 8:46pm.  
**CARRIED**

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Community Representative Co-Chair

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Council Representative Co-Chair