



TREE PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 8, 2021 at 7:00pm
via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

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

C. Bishop, J. Evanochko, A. Neufeld, H. Sakurai, and J. Turner

Staff:

T. Buckner, Manager, Parks Operations
J. Chu, Manager, Community and Policy Planning
E. Fong, Superintendent, Trees, Trails, Horticulture, and Natural Areas
A. Jensen, Planner, Community and Policy Planning
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – June 8, 2021

Moved by J. Evanochko,
Seconded by A. Neufeld,
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive
the agenda items of the June 8, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – May 27, 2021

Moved by C. Bishop,
Seconded by A. Neufeld,
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the May 27,
2021 meeting.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. **REPORTS**

E. **CORRESPONDENCE**

F. **WORK PROGRAM**

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

The committee continued with their review of the Tree Protection Bylaw. The following comments and suggestions were provided:

“Replacement Planting Guidelines”

- Information bulletins should be available for the public as most residents will not read the bylaw. (TOL currently provides ISA bulletins.)

Section 6 - Exemptions:

- Section 6.2 should be removed.
- Could leave it in and refer it back to the “hardship” definition.
- Staff can use section 5.5 to provide more discretion.

MOTION

That section 6.2 of the Tree Bylaw be removed from the Tree Protection Bylaw.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Section 7 - General Conditions of Permit:

- Section 7.3 – Could the permit be displayed for 48 hours just during the nesting season and then back to 72 hours for the rest of the year?
- Could an application sign be posted, like a development proposal sign?
- Applications are posted on the TOL website.
- Leave at 72 hours for now and this issue will be re-visited.

Section 8 - Application Requirements

- Section 8.1 – remove reference to section 6.2 which has been eliminated.

Section 9 - Replacement Trees

- Section 9.1 – the ratio needs to be more specific as 1:1 is not always appropriate based on the size of tree.
- A size-based ratio would be better, as well as cash in lieu.
- Could we encourage people to contribute funding for groves? This is not appropriate in the bylaw and is more of an education piece for the public.
- A sliding scale provides more opportunity for cash in lieu.
- This should only be for development sites, not residential.
- Replacement ratios should be 1:1 for up to 30 dbh and 2:1 for over 30 dbh. They need to be added to the first paragraph of section 9.1.

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- Remove section 9.3 completely.
- A permit is not needed to remove a dead tree – it is very difficult for staff to enforce replacement.

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING

Moved by J. Evanochko,
Seconded by A. Neufeld,
That the meeting be extended to 9:30pm.

CARRIED

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Moved by J. Evcanochko,
Seconded by A. Neufeld,
That the meeting be extended to 10:00pm.

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2. Draft TPAC Report to Council

The committee reviewed the report and provided the following comments:

- It was suggested to extend the duration of the committee until the Community Forest Management Strategy is complete and presented to Council, to enable TPAC to participate fully in the strategy. This should be noted in the report.
- It should be noted that the revised bylaw enables staff to control the reduction of healthy tree canopy.
- Reiterate the importance of more staff needed to administer the bylaw.

MOTION

Moved by H. Sakurai,
Seconded by J. Evanochko,
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee endorse the recommended changes to the Tree Protection Bylaw, as provided in the agenda package for the June 8, 2021 meeting and as amended based on the discussions by the committee at the said meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by H. Sakurai,
Seconded by A. Neufeld,
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee endorse the TPAC Report to Council prepared by Catherine Grey, Community Co-Chair, as amended.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by H. Sakurai,
Seconded by C. Bishop,
That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee authorize Catherine Grey, Community Co-Chair, to represent the committee at an upcoming Council

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meeting and present the recommended changes to the Tree Protection Bylaw and the TPAC Report to Council.

CARRIED

COUNCIL

Moved by C. Grey,

Seconded by H. Sakurai,

That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to amend the TPAC Terms of Reference to extend the duration of the committee to allow for active participation, review, and presentation of the Community Forest Management Strategy to Council.

CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Time: 7:00 pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by A. Neufeld,

Seconded by J. Evanochko,

That the meeting terminate at 10:00pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair