



TREE PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 21, 2021 at 7:00pm
via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

A. Stewart , Community Co-Chair
B. Whitmarsh, Council Co-Chair
P. Arnason, Council Co-Chair (Alternate)
E. Woodward, Councillor

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

Guest:

A. Needoba, Diamond Head Consulting

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

Election

C. Grey nominated A. Stewart to be the new Community Co-Chair.

A. Neufeld seconded the nomination.

A. Stewart was elected as Community Co-Chair, by acclamation, and assumed the position for the remainder of the meeting.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – September 21, 2021

Moved by C. Grey,

Seconded by A. Neufeld,

That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the September 21, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Tree Protection Advisory Committee – June 8, 2021

Moved by A. Neufeld,

Seconded by C. Grey,

That the Tree Protection Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Draft Community Forest Management Strategy

Staff provided an overview of the Strategy timeline:

- Stage 1: Background Research/Inventory (2019 - 2020, complete)
- Stage 2: Draft Vision Statement, Principles, Goals and Targets, including Open House on May 6, online survey and mapping (Feb - May 2021, complete)
- Stage 3: 80% Draft Strategy Framework (June - September 2021, in progress)
- Stage 4: Final Draft Strategy (October – December 2021)
 - October: hold TPAC meeting to discussion comments from committee members
 - November: hold Open House (tentatively in lieu of TPAC meeting)
 - December: hold TPAC meeting to discussion comments from committee members, if required
 - December 2021 or January 2022: present Strategy to Council

A. Needoba, Diamond Head Consulting, provided a presentation regarding the work completed to date on the draft Community Forest Management Strategy. Public engagement included an Open House and online surveys. Based on feedback from the Open House and results of the online surveys, the following information was presented:

Highlights of Engagement Summary:

- There were 506 responses to the survey.
- A total of 185 submissions by respondents to identify locations where people value the community forest and areas where improvements were needed.

Preference for street character:

- Majority of respondents (49%) would like mixed spacing, species, and large trees;
- 27% would like regularly spaced large trees;
- 13% would like mixed spacing, species, and medium trees.

Community forest benefits that were important to respondents::

- Ecological benefits – 83%;
- Environmental benefits – 78%;
- Climate change adaption and mitigation benefits – 71%;
- Biodiversity and Stewardship benefits – 43%;

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- Green Infrastructure benefits – 33%;
- Natural heritage benefits – 25%.

Support for actions:

- 83% of respondents want to see canopy cover increase.

Satisfaction with current levels of service:

- Respondents felt least satisfied with tree protection and planting.

Sources of information for main considerations:

1. Metro Vancouver Nature & Ecosystems Discussion Paper – increase urban tree canopy to 40%;
2. Metro Van Regional Tree Canopy Cover and Impervious Surfaces report;
3. Tree Equity Score;
4. 3-30-300 rule – 3 trees visible from every home, 30% canopy cover.

Prioritizing Efforts to Increase Canopy

- Step 1: Identify to Canopy Coverage Target based on the information sources above;
- Step 2: Calculate the gap between existing canopy and the canopy goal;
- Step 3: Calculate the priority index indicators.

D. REPORTS

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. WORK PROGRAM

1. Draft Community Forest Management Strategy

Discussion ensued regarding the 80% draft Strategy presented. The consultant and staff responded to questions from committee members.

Committee members were requested to submit their comments directly to the consultant on the draft Strategy by October 9.

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

I. **NEXT MEETING**

Date: October 19
Location: via Zoom
Time: 7:00 pm

J. **TERMINATE**

Moved by C. Grey,
Seconded by J. Evanochko,
That the meeting terminate at 8:57pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair