

March 18, 2025

### **Urban Forest Committee Meeting Minutes**

Present: Don Cameron (chair), Tracey MacKenzie, Keith Works, Joel Dawe, Scott Hollman, Matt Swain, Jacqui Gordon, Bill Thomas

Regrets: Tim McGrath

1. Tree Planting and Other Events
  - There are 32 species on the 2025 tree list
  - 115 tree planting locations determined for 2025
  - Inoculated compost ordered for the spring/summer season
  - Currently looking at sending out the 2025 street tree program letter with town of Truro resident water/tax bills.
2. Tree Inventory Master Plan
  - 2024 planted trees have been inventoried on ArcGis
  - 717 trees to date added to the current tree inventory. Scott is using the NYC tree map as a template and end goal.
3. Current Development Proposal
  - New building/apartments on Marshland Dr. No landscape plan yet. Scott to flag the trees in the area.
  - No landscaping plans for new building on Inglis/Esplanade development.
4. Streetside Hazard Tree and DED Contract
  - Treeworks Ltd. To take over remaining trees on SS hazard tree list starting last week of March. Atlantic Tree Solutions no longer doing residential tree work. They have subcontracted the remaining work to Treeworks.
5. Insects and Disease
  - Scott presented a HWA presentation to PRC Committee meeting and to the Rotary group. Scott is now part of the 'Hemlock Working Group'. Trying to set up a date to present an information session with Tom Rogers preferably for mid-April.
  - An HWA Fact Sheet will be sent to Michaela (Town Hall) to generate a social media post. The treatment date will be posted 20 days prior to treatment on social media.
  - Tracy to speak with DAL AC re: HWA treatment for the hemlocks along the college property.

6. Early Intervention Strategy

- ArcGis survey 123 treatment tool now accessible to the public. This map will show all the trees that have been treated.
- Five backpack sprayers, 10 liters of Imaget 10% and 2 Arbor het injectors have been purchased.
- HWA treatment to begin in Spring 2025

7. Public Relation

- The 50/50 tree program is \$3000 for this budget year.
- It was suggested to look into Tree Canada grant money to support the 50/50 program.

CN Grant

- 115 Boulevard Trees were proposed and approved to go ahead from Tree Canada.CN grant
- Inoculated compost has been purchased
- A list of trees will be created once Scott visits Charlie the Tree Guy for Marshland Blvd, McClures Mill, Park St green space, Young St, Herb Peppard Park and Pleasant.

8. Other Business

- Vic Park staff continue to work on hazardous trees. The course woody debris will be staying in the forest but brush to be removed( 15” from trails).
- Re-forestation planting at landfill site in talks
- Committee requested an update on budget at meetings when available.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:54pm

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Milbury, Admin Assistant, PRC