

April 22, 2025

## **Urban Forest Committee Meeting Minutes**

Present: Joel Dawe, Bill Thomas, Don Cameron, Scott Holman, Matt Swain, Jacquie Gordon

Regrets: Tracey MacKenzie, Keith Works

### 1. Tree Planting & Special Events

- 2025 Tree list is now available
- 120 tree planting locations and species selected from the updated tree list
- Flyers expected to be added to the paper water bills. Question: can this flyer be attached to a link to view online or added to the Town of Truro website?
- Looking for other tree planting ideas for Victoria park and new baseball field.
- Two Urban Forestry students hired starting May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Tree Inventory

- 2024 trees that were planted are now inventoried on ArcGis
- There were 717 trees added to the current inventory
- Will be referencing the New York City tree map inventory as a goal

### 3. Current Development

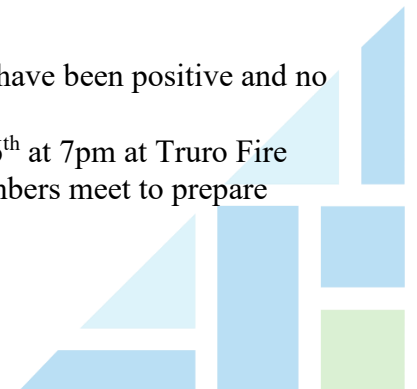
- Implementation of Tree Protection Zones to help contractors with installation and the TPZ standard
- New Buildings planned for Marshland Drive
- Inglis/Esplanade building development in the current parking lot -no landscape plan for this development.

### 4. SS Hazard Tree and DED Contract

- Atlantic Tree Solutions elm contract completed
- ATS/Goodroots tree care company working on the remainder of the list to be done by the end of April

### 5. Insects and Disease

- HWA social media information to the public; there have been positive and no negative comments so far.
- HWA public information session planned for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Truro Fire Hall. Scott suggested that the HWA committee members meet to prepare prior the information session.



- HWA municipal group was formed with Bridgwater, HRM, Kentville, Wolfville and Lunenburg areas.
6. Early Intervention Strategy
- ARC gis Survey 123 treatment has been released to public. Scott requested access to the Hectare grid map for the Town of Truro hemlock stands. This map will track all treatment data.
  - Arbor jet injectors and Birchmeier backpack sprayers were purchased through the tender process and awarded to Mkrittenhouse-Alberta
7. Public Relations
- 50/50 program renamed the Canopy Development Rebate Program.
  - Matt has arranged a tree planning on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Harmony Heights School for two grade 4 classes- on Arbor Day at 1pm
  - May 24<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market seedling event
8. Other Business
- A recommendation for Council was proposed to treat HWA trees on private property.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:06pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Milbury, Admin Assistant, PRC