



Private Tree Bylaw

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Background

- 2017 – City of Cambridge Urban Forest Management Plan (Report #17-010(CSD))
- 2018 – Private Tree By-law (Report #124-18) approved by Council
- 2022 – Public consultation with Residents, Stakeholders & Staff
- 2023 – Report to Council (Report #23-020) presenting “What we heard” from public consultation

Key Changes to By-law & Processes

- Private Tree By-law
 - 1-9 trees – not part of a development application
 - Intent of Bylaw is to replant trees on private property by reducing replacement size
- Site Alteration Bylaw
 - 10+ trees – Tree management plan + site alteration permit required.
- Development Application
 - Typically larger scale
 - Tree management plan and Landscape Plans required.
- Specific wording on Part IV & Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act (1990) registered properties/ trees.

Key Changes to By-law & Processes

Increase Private Tree By-law Awareness

Increased communication and outreach to Residents, Arborists/ tree cutters stakeholders.
Intent of By-law, how to apply, application process, result of by-law/ policy.

Increase Understanding of Private Tree By-law

Among those who do know that the City has a Private Tree By-law, many do not have a good understanding of the purpose of this By-law or how it works.
Increased communications on purpose & result of by-law.

Process too complex

Many survey respondents expressed frustration with complexity and cost permit process
Simplified Application process – just DBH, Form application document.
Simplified tree compensation model

Tree care support requested

Information will be provided on tree species (native/ flowering etc) through City Website.

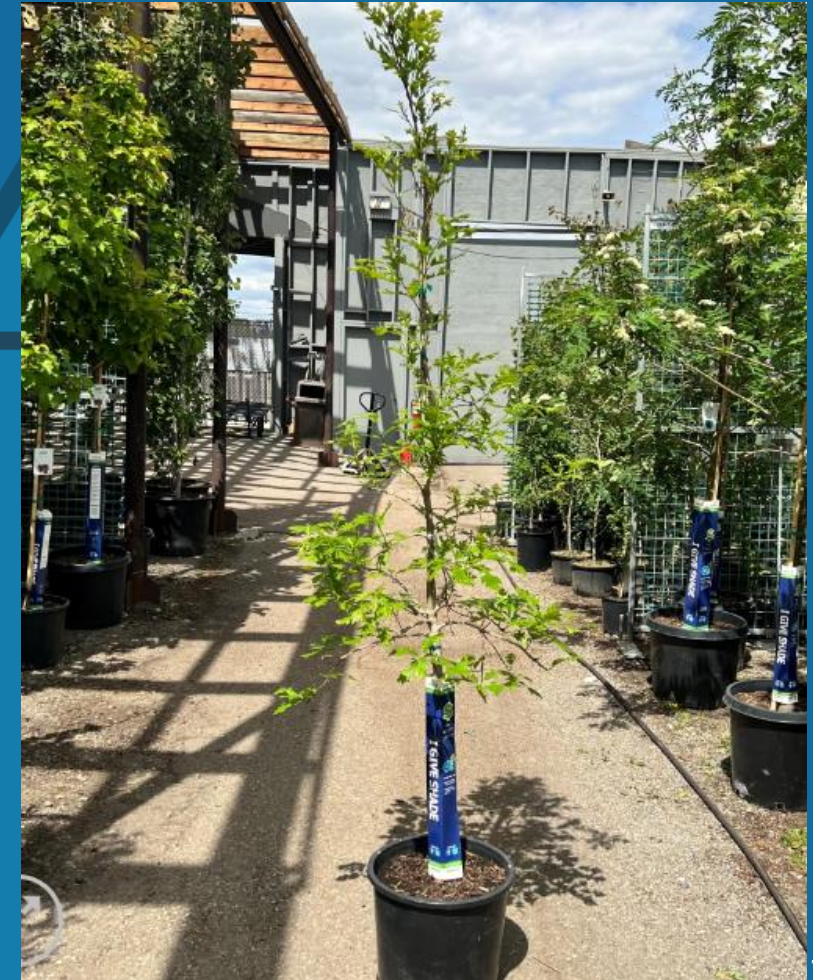
Tree Replacement Compensation Model

Now based on size (diameter of trunk) of tree being removed

DBH of Tree Removed	Number of Replacement Trees* Required	Cash-in-Lieu Required
<20cm	0	\$0
20 – 30cm	1	Fee prescribed by the City's Fees and Charges By-law for 1 tree
31 – 40cm	2	Fee prescribed by the City's Fees and Charges By-law for 2 trees
41 – 70cm	3	Fee prescribed by the City's Fees and Charges By-law for 3 trees
>70cm	4	Fee prescribed by the City's Fees and Charges By-law for 4 trees

Tree Replacement Compensation Model

- Intent of the policy tool is to encourage replanting of trees on private property in the City of Cambridge.
- Minimum 7 gallon/ 25L pot. Minimum 20mm stem/ trunk diameter.
- Needs to be a “tree” – 4.5m at maturity
- If replanting is selected – cash-in-lieu for City to plant replacement trees in City boulevards/ parks.



Next Steps...

- January 1st, 2024, implementation
- Rollout of Communications Strategy for effective date and for spring/ summer 2024
- Website update, advice/ information (tree species and location)



Thank you

Questions?

