



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Ash Tree Green Space Management Plan

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

Date: Aug. 4, 2021

Report Number: CS-2021-08-42

File Number: C11-CSE

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS2021-08-42 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services and authorizes staff to request quotes for Ash tree removal.

Background:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss owns many parcels of land, and some of which contain many deteriorating ash trees due to the emerald ash borer.

The priority now is to have the ash trees safely cut down and removed to avoid injury and protect property. There are other trees on other Township owned property, however staff have determined the following parcels of forests with ash trees should be dealt with sooner than later. Priority has been given to quantity of ash trees, proximity of trees to residential homes, and extent of ash borer damage.

Staff will request for quotes the removal of every ash tree within the property limits outlined by maps attached

Staff will consult with the SVCA, and the Coastal Centre regarding a recommended planting guide, and tree list for reforestation for each area. The planting program could proceed as early as the fall of 2022.

Discussion:

The parcel maps are attached for your review.

The following parcel properties are listed in priority: Lakeside of old shore road allowance (Huron Road), upper end of Clarks Creek, Blairs Grove, Lake Range Slope, Whitechurch Park, Green Acres Trail, Shady wood and Lake Range, Heritage Rd.

Staff will report back with the quotes to determine costs, and extent of work to be completed with budget considerations at that time.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.

By being open and transparent

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer