

2025 Implementation Plan – Urban Forest Master Plan

	Recommendation completed
	Recommendation to be addressed later

Recommendation		Implementation Strategy
1.	Develop an Urban Forest Working Group to formally coordinate activities of department leads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete
2.	Additional canopy be prioritized in dissemination areas with lower median household incomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin the replacement of removed ash trees at a 1:1 ratio or better (as appropriate) on City-owned residential parcels.
3.	The urban canopy be re-assessed in 2042.	
4.	Working group established to develop a data collection plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation of the Neighbourhoods platform as a means of engaging the public to identify and provide information on private urban trees. Identify all newly planted street trees with geolocation, species, and other relevant information as part of the planting process. Through the renewal of asphalt review program, staff will look to include new technology that can capture data on existing street trees as part of the request for proposal.
5.	Working Group to establish planting plans to meet age/species diversity target.	
6.	Working Group to develop, update and formalize internal practices for site and species selection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of subdivision design standards to evolve with changing planting practices and species selection. Ensure that suitable tree species list reflects local existing and anticipated conditions. Consider setting up trials for both street trees and park trees.
7.	Working group to develop a formal plan for monitoring the use and ecological structure and function of the natural heritage features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to Year 2
8.	Working Group to develop a plan for consulting with green industry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging with nurseries to understand available tree species, successful species plantings in other municipalities, and other suggestions from their expertise and feedback. Planting new species in municipal parks, will continue to work with nurseries and other professionals.

9.	Working group to regularly review development policies to ensure consistency with urban forest management initiatives.	
10.	Working Group to develop a plan for consulting with large land holders in the CGS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working with large institutions to plant replacements for ash trees on their sites
11.	Working Group to develop educational materials to be disseminated and inform the public about best practices for managing street trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational brochures ('door knockers') are provided to private landowners when street trees are planted in front of their property. • 'Door knockers' currently being updated
12.	Working Group to monitor community level of engagement at approximately five-year intervals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to Year 2
13.	Working Group to review and pursue funding opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) funding has been sought to remove street ash trees lost to emerald ash borer. • Will investigate further FCM opportunities for updated plantings in key areas such as downtown.
14.	Working Group to annually review needs and resources and inform council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To report annually on the needs and resource requirements as well as achievements and subsequent implementation plan.
15.	Working group to update planting and maintenance procedures to reflect changing conditions or updated best practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive plantings to be tested in municipal parks and greenspaces across time, such as Scots pines. • Membership in International Society of Arboriculture; new information made available through this channel and staff are investigating opportunities to attend conferences.