Attachment J – Urban Forest Master Plan Update

Urban Forest Work – 2020

UFMP Implementation Plan – T2 Update

The Urban Forest Master Plan outlines 26 recommendations to help achieve the vision for the urban forest. In late 2020 Council approved an implementation plan for several of the priority recommendations in the UFMP. This report provides an update on progress made on 2020 implementation actions.

The Urban Forest Section has made progress on a variety of actions however there are a few projects that have been delayed as a result of COVID-19. These projects primarily relied on consultant support or community engagement.

2019/2020 Actions	Status	
RESOURCING		
1. Hire a Manager of Urban Forest Services and an Urban Forest Planner. (A)	✓	
2. Develop a set of actions to implement the Urban Forest Master Plan, key performance indicators and an implementation progress dashboard. (B)	●	
3. Define levels of service for urban forest management and measure the gap in current operating budgets. (I)	✓	
TREE PROTECTION		
4. Review and update of the Tree Preservation Bylaw and create material to clarify the new requirements. (Q)	●	
5. Audit the current role of Urban Forest staff in the development permit and bylaw review processes to identify procedural efficiencies. (Q, Z)	✓	
6. Develop and implement City tree and planting site protection protocols. (E)	●	
7. Update warranty and inspection requirements for contractor- and developer-planted City trees (O)	●	
MONITORING		
8. Measure city-wide tree canopy cover (LiDAR) and re-measure every 4 years. (H)	●	
9. Measure urban forest ecosystem services and re-measure every 4 years. (H)	❍	
10. Establish targets for tree canopy cover, impermeable surfaces and planting opportunities across the city. (D)	❍	
TREE PLANTING		
11. Develop area planting plans to prioritize and guide tree planting across the City to achieve canopy cover targets. (D, N)	■	Impacted by COVID-19
12. Host interdepartmental workshops to identify project and funding options to meet the goals of the UFMP and other City strategies or plans. (P)	■	Impacted by COVID-19
STEWARDSHIP		
13. Develop and implement a citizen stewardship plan. (D, O, S, H, U)	■	Impacted by COVID-19

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IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS	
Delayed	■
On track – not started	○
On track – in progress	●
Completed	✓