

# Urban Forest Work – 2022











## UFMP Implementation Plan – T1 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 priority implementation actions.

The Urban Forest Section has made progress on a variety of actions; however, a few projects have been delayed due to impacts relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and staffing shortages.

2021/2022 Actions	Status	
<b>RESOURCING</b>		
1. Hire a Manager of Urban Forest Services and an Urban Forest Planner. (A)	✓	Completed (2020)
2. Develop a set of actions to implement the Urban Forest Master Plan, key performance indicators and an implementation progress dashboard. (B)	●	Target completion T3 2022
<b>TREE PROTECTION</b>		
1. Review and update of the Tree Preservation Bylaw and create material to clarify the new requirements. (Q)	✓	Completed (2021)
2. Develop and implement City tree and planting site protection protocols. (E)	○	Pending resources, this requires an update to the Subdivision Bylaw
3. Update warranty and inspection requirements for contractor- and developer-planted City trees (O)	○	Pending resources, this requires an update to the Subdivision Bylaw
4. Administer the Tree Protection Bylaw through review development permit applications, utility permit applications and tree permit applications. Total volume in T1 2022: 475 reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 287 development-related permits</li> <li>• 68 utility permit reviews</li> <li>• 120 tree permit reviews</li> </ul>	■	Permit processing delays due to critical staff shortage
<b>MONITORING</b>		
1. Measure city-wide tree canopy cover (LiDAR) and re-measure every 4 years. (H)	✓	Completed (2021)
2. Measure urban forest ecosystem services and re-measure every 4 years. (H)	■	Delayed – COVID-19 & critical staff shortage
3. Establish targets for tree canopy cover, impermeable surfaces and planting opportunities across the city. (D)	■	Delayed – COVID-19 & critical staff shortage
<b>TREE PLANTING</b>		
1. Develop area planting plans to prioritize and guide tree planting across the City to achieve canopy cover targets. (D, N)	■	Delayed – COVID-19 & critical staff shortage

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2. Host interdepartmental workshops to identify project and funding options to meet the goals of the UFMP and other City strategies or plans. (P)		Ongoing
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>		
1. Develop and implement a citizen stewardship plan. (D, O, S, H, U)		Delayed – COVID-19 & critical staff shortage
<b>MAINTENANCE &amp; OPERATIONS: Annual update provided T3</b>		
1. Continue a vigorous street tree replacement program (N)		
2. Manage existing mature trees and develop a tree risk management program (L, M)		Experiencing staff shortages
3. Make young tree care a high priority within the municipal forestry program (O).		

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS	
Delayed	
On track – not started	
On track – in progress	
Completed	