2. Urban Forest Management Plan Update

Mise à jour sur le Plan de gestion de la forêt urbain

## **Committee Recommendations as amended**

#### That Council:

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- 2. Approve the work plan for the second management period of the UFMP; and,
- 3. Approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the materials and services account to the compensation account in Public Works Forestry Services for the creation of 2 permanent FTEs.
- 4. Approve that staff report back to committee with a fully costed version of the work plan presented in the Urban Forest Management Plan Update and include the anticipated FTE requirement to carry out the workplan, and outline workplan scenarios and timelines based on resource availability.

# Recommandations du Comité telles que modifiées

### Que le Conseil :

- 1. Prenne connaissance du rapport de mise à jour sur le Plan de gestion de la forêt urbaine (PGFU);
- 2. Approuve le plan de travail pour la deuxième période de gestion du PGFU; et,
- 3. Approuve le transfert de 250 000 \$ du compte Matériel et services au compte Rémunération sous Travaux publics Services forestiers pour la création de deux (2) postes ETP permanents.

4. Approuve que le personnel remette au comité une version dûment chiffrée du plan de travail présenté dans la mise à jour du Plan de gestion de la forêt urbaine ainsi que le nombre prévu d'ETP nécessaires pour effectuer le plan de travail et en définir les scénarios et délais en fonction de la disponibilité des ressources.

### Documentation/Documentation

- Director's report, Economic Development and Long Range Planning, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department, dated 9 June 2023 (ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0025)
  - Rapport du Directeur, Développement économique et planification à long terme, Services de la planification, des biens immobiliers et du développement économique le 9 juin 2023 (ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0025)
- 2. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 20 June 2023.
  - Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 20 juin 2023.

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### Urban Forest Management Plan Update

ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0025 - City-wide

### **Report Recommendations**

That the Environment and Climate Change Committee recommend Council:

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At the outset, Ms Martha Copestake, Planner and Senior Forester, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department, introduced Ms Tracy Schwets, Program Manager, Forest Management, Public Works Department (PWD), Mr. Alain Gonthier, General Manager, PWD and Mr. Don Herweyer, General Manager, PRED.

Ms Copestake and Ms Schwets spoke jointly to a detailed slide presentation which served as an overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Prior to the receipt of public delegations, Vice-Chair Carr introduced the following Motion for the Committee's consideration:

### **MOTION Nº ECCC 2023 05-02**

Moved by Vice-Chair M. Carr:

WHEREAS the Urban Forest Management Plan is meant to provide a clear and comprehensive plan to improve urban forest management and urban forest resiliency; and

WHEREAS the tornado of 2018, the Derecho in May 2022 and the Ice storm in April 2023 severely impacted the urban tree canopy and delayed portions of Phase 1 of the Urban Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS extreme weather events affecting the urban tree canopy are becoming more frequent with climate change; and

WHEREAS increased development city wide has resulted in the loss of trees and;

WHEREAS numerous councillors committed to improving the city's tree canopy and;

WHEREAS Mayor Mark Sutcliffe's community tree planting challenge has a goal to increase tree planting to align with the Council-approved objective of 40% canopy cover;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back to committee with a fully costed version of the work plan presented in the Urban Forest Management Plan Update (File Number: ACS2023-PRE-EDP-0025) and include the anticipated FTE requirement to carry out the workplan, and outline workplan scenarios and timelines based on resource availability.

Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

- 1. Ms Leslie Cole, Glebe Community Association
- 2. Ms Angela Keller-Herzog<sup>+,</sup> Executive Director, CAFES
- 3. Ms Leslie Baird\* and Ms Heinen Kringen
- 4. Ms Elyse McCann+, Director of Business Development, EnviroCentre
- 5. Mr. William van Geest, Program Coordinator, Ecology Ottawa
- 6. Ms Astrid Nielsen

7. Mr. Paul Johanis, Chair, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital

Correspondence was also received from the following individuals:

- 1. Mr. Mark Burgham\*
- Ms Della Wilkinson\*
- [ + Slide presentations held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]
- [ \* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions and presentations are held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. ]

Following questions to the delegations and to staff, and with Committee discussions having concluded, Motion N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-02 was put before the Committee and was 'CARRIED'. The report recommendations were then put before the Committee and were 'CARRIED', as amended by Motion N<sup>o</sup> ECCC 2023 05-02.

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  Update and include the anticipated FTE requirement to carry out the workplan, and outline workplan scenarios and timelines based on resource availability.

Carried, as amended