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EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
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URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

PLAN DE GESTION DE LA FORÊT URBAINE

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CITY WIDE / À L'ÉCHELLE DE LA VILLE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Approve the Urban Forest Management Plan attached as Document 1;**
- 2. Direct staff to initiate the first year of the 2018-2021 work plan as described in this report and summarized in Document 3;**
- 3. Direct staff to report back to Committee and Council on the implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan and recommended next steps by Q1 2019; and**
- 4. Confirm approval of the Urban Forest Management Plan as adoption of a City policy in accordance with subsection 270 (1) 7. of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, when Subsection 32 of Bill 68 is proclaimed in force, as outlined in this report.**

Chair Chernushenko opened this item with a few introductory remarks. A copy of his speaking notes is held on file with the City Clerk.

Ms. Marica Clarke, Program Manager, Natural Systems Unit (NSU), Policy Planning Branch (PPB), Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIEDD) introduced Ms. Martha Copestake, Project Manager and Forester, NSU, PPB, PIEED, Ms. Tracey Schwetz, Program Manager, Parks

and Forestry Planning and Project Management, Forest Management Branch, Parks, Forestry and Stormwater Services, Public Works and Environmental Services Department, and Mr. Philip van Wassenaer, Urban Forest Innovations Inc. (Consultant). Mr. John Smit, Director, Economic Development Services, PIEDD, was also present to respond to questions.

Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Councillor Keith Egli and Kanata North Councillor Marianne Wilkinson were also present for the discussion of this item.

Ms. Copestake then spoke to a detailed PowerPoint slide presentation, which served as an overview of the report. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

Following the presentation, the Committee heard from the following individuals / groups, all of whom spoke in support of the report recommendation:

- Ms. Iola Price*, President, Ontario Invasive Plant Council
- Ms. Angela Keller-Herzog*, Co-Chair, Environment Committee, Glebe Community Association (on behalf of seven Urban Core Community Associations; Action Sandy Hill, Centretown Citizens CA, Dalhousie CA, Glebe CA, Hintonburg CA, Lowertown CA, and Ottawa East CA)
- Mr. Robb Barnes, Acting Executive Director, Ecology Ottawa
- Mr. Paul Johanis*, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital
- Ms. Heather Pearl* (on behalf of the Federation of Citizens Associations and Champlain Park Community Association)
- Ms. Laura Bonnett and Mr. Phil Nowotny**, Hidden Harvest Ottawa
- Mr. Murray Chown, Novatech Engineering (on behalf of Greater Ottawa Home-Builders Association)
- Ms. Astrid Nielsen, Eastern Ontario Model Forest

Mr. Phil Nowotny, Hidden Harvest Ottawa, and Ms. Barbara Long had also originally registered to speak in support of the report, but had departed by this point in the meeting.

Written correspondence in support of the report recommendation was also received from the following individuals:

- Ms. Debbie Witham*
- Ms. Janet Mason*, Chair, Ottawa Stewardship Council
- Ms. Carole MacLeod*
- Councillor S. Qadri*

*[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Committee discussions touched upon points addressed by the delegations and in the staff presentation, and included discourse on the potential to enhance the preservation of mature trees (along with trees in general) through education, better communication, and an improved integration of departmental cultures, in addition to improved By-law enforcement.

There being no further discussion, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were “Carried”, as presented.