

SCHOOLYARD TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM - UPDATE

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CITY-WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment Committee recommend Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED

Messrs. David Barkley, Manager, Forestry Services Branch, Public Works Department (PWD) and Kevin Wylie, General Manager, PWD, responded to questions with respect to Schoolyard Tree Planting Program criteria which seemed to exclude schools without active School Councils or affiliations with community groups. Following discussions, the report recommendation was put before Committee and was "Carried", along with a Direction to Staff to expand the program criteria, as outlined below.

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff ensure that the criteria for the Schoolyard Tree Planting Program include any groups or individuals that can demonstrate a commitment to tree planting and maintenance, as well as an ability to performing these tasks, in concert with the school community.