

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE Council Meeting

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Title:

Tree Care and Management - Deliberation

Date:

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Moved by

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Seconded by

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WHEREAS trees are often planted

As part of roadworks contracts,

- As part of the Commemorative Gift Program in memory of someone or in honor of someone or some event, or to enhance our community,
- As part of recreational parkland development or enhancement.

WHEREAS these trees, as part of landscaping plans in a contract or donation from residents, are funded by taxpayers and therefore become NG assets,

WHEREAS there is solid evidence related to the benefits of trees including;

- The reduction of stress and anxiety, lowering blood pressure, improving mood, alleviating depression particularly in young people, prevention of cognitive decline and overall improved mental and physical health,
- A positive environmental impact including, improved soil quality, improved air quality, decreased air pollution, reduced flooding and erosion, removal of pollutants from rainfall which ultimately replenishes our aquifers,
- Provision of shade, reduction of UV exposure and provision of a natural wind break,
- Visual and esthetic effects include blocking views of commercial buildings and car parks, as well as filtering light and noise.

WHEREAS the Municipality has a responsibility for the care, maintenance and replacement of all its assets,

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of North Grenville establish a By-Law to include trees, which have been purchased with tax dollars, as natural assets and establish a policy for the care, maintenance and replacement of such trees in our parks and public spaces;

AND THAT Council assign the initial consultation and deliberation of such By-law to the Environmental
Action Advisory Committee to report back on by the end of Q1 2025.

	CARRIED AS AMENDED
Mayor	