

Public & Private Tree By-law Updates

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What is the Public Tree By-law?

- A by-law to prohibit and regulate the destruction and injuring of trees located on public property



Background and Issues

- Public tree by-law 91-75 is out of date,
- Currently using Highway Traffic Act, Section 2(f)

Increased tree damage

- Staff hours 2016: 920
- Staff hours 2017: 1148
- Staff hours 2018: 1680
- Staff hours 2019: 2811
- Staff hours 2020: 3115

Why we need a Public By-law?



Examples of what happens when trees are left unprotected



Damage to trees left unprotected is extensive and often results in loss of



Who does the Public By-law affect?

- Utility Groups
- Region of Peel
- Residents
- Internal Departments
- Developers

Goals

- Protect and preserve trees on city property
- Update the public tree by-law

Municipalities with public tree bylaws

- Toronto
- Montreal
- Calgary
- Ottawa
- North York
- Vancouver
- Scarborough
- Burlington
- Oakville
- Hamilton

Highlights to the By-law:

- Update prohibited activities
- Create tree permit process
- Allow for tree securities
- Ensure tree replacements
- Allow stop work order to be issued
- Allow the ability to lay a charge
- Increased Fines

Private Tree By-Law

- 2005
- Allowed for the removal of 4 trees over 15cm (6inches) per calendar year without a permit
- Updated in 2012
- Allows for the removal of 2 trees over 15cm (6inches) per calendar year without a permit
- Replacement tree model

Next Steps

- Public engagement webpage with FAQ and survey for Public and Private Trees
- Ongoing public meetings
- Present updated Public and Private Tree By-laws to Council in Fall of 2021 for approval

Questions?

