



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. **CAO-017-23**

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Chief Administrative Officer
MEETING DATE: December 11, 2023
SUBJECT: **DRAFT Tree Planting Plan**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. CAO-017-23 be received for information;

AND THAT Council approve the attached DRAFT Tree Planting Plan as further recommended by the Thames Centre Environmental Advisory Committee.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present a DRAFT Tree Planting Plan for Council consideration.

BACKGROUND:

At its June 12, 2023 meeting, Thames Centre Council passed the following resolution:

THAT staff prepare a tree planting plan to support the World Economic Forum initiative to plant 1 trillion trees and further that the plan should include the following pillars:

- **Community Involvement**
- **Native Trees**
- **Public and Private Involvement Protection of Existing Trees**
- **Identifying Heritage Trees**
- **Recognition of Indigenous respect for the natural world and rights of the Treaties**

At its inaugural meeting on December 4, 2023, the Environmental Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the DRAFT Tree Planting Plan and recommends approval as attached herein.

COMMENTS:

The attached DRAFT Tree Planting Plan is in response to the Council direction and attempts to put forward a realistic and doable vision of 50,000 trees planted within Thames Centre municipal boundaries, through partnerships, over 25 years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Any financial implications associated with the adoption of this this draft plan will be brought forward during the annual budget approval process. The 2024 Draft budget identifies \$20,000 towards this initiative so that, if approved, the Tree Planting Plan can begin to be implemented in 2024.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: Sustainability

Goal: The Municipality should develop a Tree Planting program and ensure that funding is made available for this initiative.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team
Environmental Advisory Committee
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ATTACHMENTS:

- DRAFT Tree Planting Plan

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