

APPROVAL REPORT

The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024 and Trees on City Property Policy

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9957, *The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024* (“Bylaw”) as well as a new *Trees on City Property* policy for City Council’s consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Consider Bylaw No. 9957, *The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024*;
2. Instruct the City Clerk to repeal and replace Council Policy C09-011, *Trees on City Property* with the new *Trees on City Property* policy attached to this report.

BACKGROUND

At its [December 19, 2022 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a report of the General Manager, Utilities and Environment dated December 5, 2022, and resolved:

1. That the proposed changes to tree protection be approved;
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft a tree protection bylaw;
3. That the City Solicitor be permitted to make any consequential amendments that may be identified with respect to other bylaws; and
4. That the City Clerk undertake amendments to Council Policy C09-011, *Trees on City Property*, as required, in conjunction with the tree protection bylaw, and based on the proposed changes, as outlined in the December 5, 2022 report of the General Manager, Utilities and Environment.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with City Council’s instructions, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9957, *The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024* and proposed amendments to the *Trees on City Property* policy for City Council’s consideration.

Due to the number of amendments required, the City Clerk’s Office recommended repealing and replacing, rather than amending, Council Policy C09-011, *Trees on City Property*.

No amendments to other bylaws or policies were identified as required at this time.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9957, *The Tree Protection Bylaw, 2024*.
2. Proposed new Council Policy CXX-XXX, *Trees on City Property*.
3. Original Council Policy C09-011, *Trees on City Property*.

Report Approval

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