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Date: June 15, 2020
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: Tree Management Policy
Report No.: MS 2020- 26

AIM

To obtain Council endorsement of policy MS-017 Kingsville's Tree Management Policy.

BACKGROUND

At the August 12 Regular Meeting of Council the following motion was made:

428-2019

Moved By Councillor Laura Lucier

Seconded By Councillor Kimberly DeYong

That Administration be directed to provide a review and update Report with respect to Town of Kingsville By-law 71-2014, being a by-law to prohibit the injury or destruction of trees on public property, with a view to including a provision that the removal of trees as a result of any Public Works project be identified and brought to Council for approval.

A report was brought to Council on September 11, 2019 outlining the Town's current tree removal practices. At this time, the Municipal Services Department committed to updating current policies to improve communication for the removal of trees. As such, the following motion was made:

517-2019

Moved By Councillor Laura Lucier

Seconded By Councillor Tony Gaffan

That Council receives the information regarding the Town's current Tree Removal Policy and that the Policy be amended to include a communication procedure for the removal of trees as a result of municipal projects.

DISCUSSION

In an effort to streamline operations, the Municipal Services Department took this as an opportunity to consolidate and improve several existing policies. Specifically, Kingsville's Tree Removal Policy, Tree Planting Policy, and Commemorative Tree Policy were combined into the updated Tree Management Policy. The existing policies can be seen in Appendix A.

The updated Tree Management Policy has been provided in Appendix B. Several key features of the policy are:

- A communication strategy for the removal of landmark trees and trees that will significantly alter the streetscape or natural features of a neighborhood.
- A commitment by Municipal Service to plant two (2) trees for every one (1) tree removed from Town property.
- Guidance on tree planting and an updated approved species list to better aid residents when selecting trees.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Effectively manage corporate resources and maximize performance in day-to-day operations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations.

CONSULTATIONS

Municipal Services Department
Senior Administration

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses substituting the existing Tree Removal Policy, Tree Planting Policy, and Commemorative Tree Policy with MS 017 Kingsville's Tree Management Policy which regulates the protection, planting, and removal of trees from public spaces including the municipal right-of-way, town owned properties, and municipal parks.

Respectfully Submitted,

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