



City of Hamilton PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 23-006
Date: May 1, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P DANKO.....

Opportunities to Partner with Educational Institutions to Plant Trees (City Wide)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a climate emergency;

WHEREAS, through increased tree planting initiatives on public property, the City continues to work towards meeting targets for the 30% urban tree canopy coverage, as set in the Council approved Draft Urban Forestry Strategy;

WHEREAS, increasing the urban tree canopy by planting trees on private property has many environmental benefits to the residents of the City;

WHEREAS, tree planting on institutional education properties within private lands is not currently funded under existing City funded tree planting programs; and,

WHEREAS, larger post secondary properties have land holdings that are not treed, and therefore provide opportunities to increase tree canopy across the city; and.

Whereas some educational institutions do not have funding for tree planting to enhance their properties,

WHEREAS, some Hamilton public, Catholic and post-secondary school representatives have shown interest in participating in partnering with the City to plant trees on their privately-owned lands.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to work with institutional education representatives to identify how they could partner with the City to help meet canopy targets through larger scale tree planting initiatives utilizing current budgets and staffing resources, and report back to the Public Works Committee with recommendations on how tree planting on institutional lands might be implemented.

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WHEREAS, the Free Tree Giveaway program allows residents within Hamilton to participate in the Free Tree Giveaway and gain a free tree to plant on their private property;

WHEREAS, tree planting on institutional education properties within private lands is not currently funded under existing City funded tree planting programs; and

WHEREAS, some school representatives have shown interest in participating in the Free Tree Giveaway.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to adjust the current Free Tree Giveaway program to allow a representative of an educational institution within Hamilton to participate in the program by allowing one representative from the educational institution to attend an event and pick-up one to five trees with proof that they represent the institution.