

CITY OF HAMILTON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Pan Am Initiatives

TO: Chair and Members
Public Works Committee

COMMITTEE DATE: December 3, 2012

SUBJECT/REPORT NO:
Hamilton Pan Am Soccer Stadium - Tree Removal (PW12099) - (Ward 3)

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RECOMMENDATION

That the existing trees identified in Appendix A to Report PW12099 be approved for removal in order to facilitate the construction of the new Pan Am Soccer Stadium.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request removal of trees currently located on the Ivor Wynne Stadium site; between Beechwood Avenue and Cannon Street, and Melrose and Balsam Avenues, in accordance with Hamilton Tree By-law Number 06-051.

The removal of these trees is required to demolish and construct the new Pan Am Soccer Stadium. The trees, outlined in Appendix A to Report PW12099 are in varied states of health, all of which have been reviewed and verified through the Forestry & Horticulture Section of Public Works. Due to the demolition and construction of the existing facility, all 38 trees are to be removed to accommodate the design and orientation of the new stadium. The replacement tree plan outlined on Appendix B of Report PW12099, and submitted as part of the Site Plan Approval, shows approximately 120 trees to be located on the site.

The proposed new tree plan is of greater value than the tree removal therefore no costs are to be compensated to Forestry & Horticulture.

Alternatives for Consideration - Not Applicable

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial:

The value of the proposed new trees to be planted (approximately 120) is greater than the tree replacement value of the trees being removed (38) and therefore, no costs are to be compensated to Forestry & Horticulture for replacement value.

Staffing:

There are no staffing implications associated with the recommendation of the report.

Legal:

There are no legal implications associated with the recommendation of the report.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Council, at its meeting of January 31, 2011, approved the Ivor Wynne site as the replacement for the Hamilton Pan Am Soccer Stadium. Hamilton was awarded the new stadium as part of the Pan Am bid.

Subsequent to the awarding of the games the host corporation, TO2015, selected the City of Hamilton in 2012 as the sole venue host for soccer and thus the capital investment to build a new stadium.

On October 11, 2012, Ontario Sports Solutions was named as the succesful proponent, and immediately thereafter submitted for Site Plan Approval. As part of the Site Plan Approval process a tree removal plan was required. Public Works (Forestry & Horticulture) along with Planning staff have been consulted to review and confirm the tree removals.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council approval for tree removals is being requested in accordance with the provisions of the City of Hamilton Public Tree Removal Policy in the Tree By-law Number 06-051. Council approval is not required for the removal of dead and evasive trees that meet Forestry & Horticulture's criteria for removal to facilitate the demolition and construction of the new Pan Am Soccer Stadium in accordance with the Site Plan Approval.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Public Works Department, Forestry & Horticulture Section was consulted in preparation of this report. The tree removal and replacement plans, outlined in Report PW12099 as Appendices A and B, were submitted and reviewed by Forestry & Horticulture.

Development Planning staff in the Planning and Economic Development Department have been involved in the design process and consulted through the Site Plan Approval process.

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ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The 38 trees to be removed will be replaced with 120 trees that meet Forestry & Horticulture's approval, and are detailed on Appendix B to Report PW12099.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Growing Our Economy

- Newly created or revitalized employment sites
- A visitor and convention destination

Healthy Community

Plan and manage the built environment

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix A - Tree Removal Site Plan

Appendix B - Tree Replacement Site Plan



