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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Tree Bylaw Motion

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
We need a City Bylaw to protect mature, healthy trees on Private and on Public properties toward a more Climate Resilient Winnipeg. Tree protection bylaws already exist in many other major Canadian cities and it is time for Winnipeg to follow suit.
Winnipeg is currently losing 1000s of mature trees to construction and development on private properties and no one is counting those losses. Those additional losses would substantially increase the number of trees already being lost to disease and attrition, which are counted, and average 6000 trees per year.
The lack of protection for private trees jeopardizes the city's goal of expanding our canopy from 17% to even a modest 24%. The international sustainable goal is 30% canopy cover for cities.
More importantly, trees on private land represent the majority - as much as 80% to 90% of our total canopy of 3.1 million trees. This is true for a majority of North American cities - in most only 10% to 15% of all trees are on public land.
As a result, it is our private canopy that delivers the lion's share of the close to $54 million in benefits our canopy provides, including their cooling impact during heatwaves. And given that the average number of +30C days are predicted to double over the next few decades, protecting as many of those mature trees as is reasonably possible is essential.
Please demonstrate your Civic and Environmental Leadership by instating and vigorously enforcing a Winnipeg Tree Bylaw that protects mature, healthy trees on Private and on Public Properties. Winnipeggers should not have to fight so hard to convince City Council to do the right thing. Protect our precious canopy to help make Winnipeg a more liveable

city, which in turn will improve our economies. DO THE RIGHT THING NOW!
Thank you!

Submission for a committee of council

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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