

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION



REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: October 13, 2009
REPORT NO.: DOR 09 053
SUBJECT: Bayview Park Tree Removal
PREPARED BY: Terry Green, Manager of Parks & Trails

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 09 053 "Bayview Park Tree Removal" for information purposes.

B. Background

There are three groupings of willow trees located in Bayview Park that are in poor condition. In June of this year there was a large section of one of the trees that broke off landing on a nearby picnic table. At the time this happened there were approximately 30 children playing in the park and on the play equipment. We were very fortunate that no one was injured at that time.

I have included photos of the section of tree that broke off and also of the condition of decay on the trunk of one of the willows. Staff met on site with tree specialist Bill Madden from Engineering and Public works and he agrees that the trees should be removed.

Once the trees have been removed we will bring a stump grinder to remove the stumps then we will replant with a different variety of trees.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

D. Environmental Impacts

The removal of existing problem trees in public spaces such as willows with more appropriate and safe species of trees will maintain the inventory of trees and maintain urban canopy and carbon foot print

E. Budget Impact

This work can be accomplished in house with the assistance from Engineering and Public works within the 2010 proposed budget.

The stump grinding in the amount of \$4,000.00 will be funded through the 2010 operational budge.

F. Attachments

Attachment #1 – Photo of the decay in the trunk of willow tree

Attachment #2 - Photos of the June damage from broken limb from willow tree

Attachment #3 - Photos of the June damage from broken limb from willow tree

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment #1



Attachment #2



Attachment #3

