

STAFF REPORT: ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: **Engineering and Public Works Committee**
MEETING DATE: **June 12, 2007**
REPORT NO.: **EPW.07.58**
SUBJECT: **Town of The Blue Mountains Arborist**
PREPARED BY: **Don Hutchinson, Roads & Drainage
 Superintendent**

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Report EPW.07.58 entitled “Town of The Blue Mountains Arborist”, for their information.

B. Background

Report EPW.05.25 entitled, “Arborist Services” was received by the Committee at its November 29, 2005 meeting. Council approved a plan to develop inhouse Arborist services by licensing a Town employee to test and map out trees within the Town right-of-ways and on Town property and to schedule their maintenance and/or removal (see attachment).

Mr. Bill Madden, employed as a Roads Crew Operator/Labourer in the Engineering & Public Works Department, enrolled in the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) training program to achieve Arborist Certification.

Mr. Madden successfully completed the Certified Arborist examination administered through the ISA and the local Chapter of the ISA. Attached is a copy of his Certification.

The Engineering & Public Works Department wishes to congratulate Mr. Madden in becoming a Certified Arborist for the Town of The Blue Mountains.

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

The development of inhouse Arborist capabilities addresses the Town’s Strategic Goal #6, “Providing a strong well managed municipal government”, and particularly Strategic Action 6.1, “Attract, develop and retain skilled and well trained Town employees.”

D. Budget Impact

None.

E. Attached

1. EPW.05.25, Arborist Services, dated November 29, 2005
2. Certificate of Achievement as a Certified Arborist for Bill Madden, dated May 12, 2007
3. Press Release prepared by The International Society of Arboriculture

Respectfully submitted,

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