
Township of Langley

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Tree Protection Bylaw Public Feedback Opportunity

Langley, BC – Township of Langley Council is considering proposed changes to the Tree Protection Bylaw 2019, No. 5478. Recommended by the Tree Protection Advisory Committee (TPAC), the proposed changes strive to balance needs for streamlined bylaw implementation, while maximizing tree protection and preservation.

Some of the key proposed changes include revising definitions to increase clarity and improve implementation of the Bylaw. Restrictions and requirements for arborist reports would also be enhanced, while smaller size requirements for a protected tree would be introduced under the new proposals. They also call for increased replacement tree requirements, and would require a \$500 security deposit for each replacement tree. An existing provision allowing the removal of one tree every 24 months would be deleted.

Tree and canopy protection is one of the strategic priorities of Council and is an integral part of the Climate Action Strategy. TPAC was appointed by Council in 2020 to conduct a review of the Tree Protection Bylaw and help prepare a Community Forest Management Strategy. It is Co-chaired by Catherine Grey and Councillor Blair Whitmarsh (with Councillor Petrina Arnason as alternate). Other TPAC members include Christine Bishop, John Evanochko, Matt Muller, Hanae Sakurai, Trevor Smith, Amber Stewart, John Turner and Al Neufeld.

More details on the proposed changes, including a link to the draft bylaw are available at tol.ca/treeprotection.

The public can provide written comments on the proposed changes for Council's consideration. Feedback must be received by 12:00pm on Thursday, July 22, 2021. The comments will be distributed to Council prior to their next meeting.

Feedback can be submitted by the following methods:

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