# **Emerald Ash Borer 2017 Strategy**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

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#### 2017 Action Priorities

- City staff to assess street & park ash trees for treatment eligibility
- Street & park ash removals 3,296 trees
- Boulevard stump removals 700 stumps
- Tree replanting program 715 trees
- Expanded strong communications program

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## **EAB Plan Summary**

	To date	2017	2018	2019	2020- 2024	Total Program
Removals (# trees)	2.080	3,296	1,086	1.479	1,293	9,234
Replanting (# trees)	859	715	1,286	1,286	5,088	9,234
Total Costs	\$4.184M	\$1.40M	\$1.389M	\$1.48M	\$3.796M	\$12.25M *Including contingency (total program cost is \$13.46M

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#### **Communications Strategy**

- Portal (public education; progress update)
- Social Media (promote "Burlington Talks Trees" and (information on Facebook & Twitter)
- Print (posters for "Burlington Talks Trees")
- Council updates
- Burlington Talks Trees Schedule

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## **Major Program Changes**

- Tighter criteria to determine which trees to be treated
- Treatment of trees greater than 50cm dbh, plus streets that are primarily ash where trees greater than 40cm dbh will be treated
- Annual treatment of trees vs. bi-annual
- Proactive rather than reactive program
- Prioritization of street and park trees; focus on public safety
- Systematic, planned removals
- Comprehensive communications program

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