

## Appendix D

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An update with respect to Council Directives identified at the Council Meeting December 16, 2019 with respect to 10.2 subsection m) are as follows:

**Directive #1:**

*Direct staff to prepare a Forestry Management Plan equally as comprehensive as the Oakville Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan Town of Oakville, 2008 - 2027 by Q3 2020*

**Update:** The Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) is a Vision to Focus initiative and is to be started in Q2 2021 with the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP). The UFMP was deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The UFMP is a two (2) year program. The project charter and the RFP have been drafted and are currently under review for issue.

**Directive #2:**

*Direct staff to update the Burlington Private Tree By-Law relative to the Burlington Forestry Management Plan when complete by Q3 2020.*

**Update:** Staff acknowledge the Directive. The UFMP was deferred due to the pandemic. The UFMP is a two (2) year program, and the results of the plan will be reviewed relative to the City's Tree By-laws; both public and private.

**Directive #3:**

*Direct the Director of Roads, Parks and Forestry to establish a Mayor/Council Task Force on improving the tree canopy*

**Update:** The development of a Task Force and its objectives will follow the completion of the UFMP.

**Directive #4:**

*Direct staff to develop and amend the Burlington Private Tree By-Law to include forestry assessment standards in order to allow citizens to clearly understand the basis of all City arborist's assessments, decisions and ruling to ensure transparency and accountability.*



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**Update:** The development of a Forest Inspection Standards document is underway. This document will be a guidance document that would align with the By-law as well the City's Specification for Tree Protection and Preservation. The document is expected to be delivered at the start of Q3 2021.

**Directive #5:**

*Item No. SD-36-19: Direct the Director of Road, Parks and Forestry to create and implement a tree planting initiative for residents.*

**Update:** Staff planned to trial a private tree giveaway in the Spring and Fall of 2021, whereby, residents would have the opportunity to sign up online and receive their tree during a weekend event. Due to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic and closures, the trial has been put on hold to ensure safety of residents and staff. Notwithstanding, Staff continue to investigate the feasibility of developing this initiative on private property. Program specifics are still being finalized. It is anticipated that the permanent program initiative will be launched in 2022. Funds that have been earmarked for this initiative will be committed to public tree plantings for 2021.