

# STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



<b>Report to:</b>	Mayor and Council Members	<b>Priority:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	October 25, 2021		
<b>Report No.:</b>	Community Services-069-21		
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**Subject/Title:** Fall 2021 Tree Planting

## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the bid of \$79,360.00 plus non-refundable HST submitted by Cressman Tree Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd.; and

FURTHER THAT this amount will be funded from the tree planting and special projects accounts from the Forestry budget.

## 1. STRATEGIC PLAN

Pillars/Objective - Places: DIRECTION - The Town of Cobourg protects, preserves, and promotes its natural assets, heritage, arts, culture and tourism.

## 2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

N/A

## 3. PURPOSE

As outlined in the Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) passed in August 2018.

“Tree planting is an essential program within an urban forestry plan. The main reasons for planting of trees include replacement of trees that become too old or unhealthy to survive without presenting risk to people and property, the enhancement and expansion of the forest canopy, and the maintenance of the

diversity of native tree species within the community comprise the main reasons for tree planting.”

#### 4. ORIGIN AND LEGISLATION

The Town of Cobourg’s tree planting program looks at installing tree(s) in public spaces to maintain and advance the overall tree cover within the Town of Cobourg as outlined in the Urban Forestry Master Plan 2018. As part of that plan and tree planting strategy, we look at replacement plantings, infill plantings, donation tree(s) and new development plantings. The scope of this work will be encompassing all these types of planting.

As part of the UFMP ongoing goals is to coordinate annual tree-planting of a minimum of 150 new trees. The current quotation is for 189 new trees.

#### 5. BACKGROUND

The Forestry Section of the Parks Department sent out a request for quotation on supply and planting for trees in various locations in right of ways around Cobourg. There will be a total of 189 trees installed.

The following is a list of the tree species and the number of trees that will be planted.

Shademaster Honeylocust (Gleditsia triacanthos var inermis ‘Shademaster’)	50 mm (11)
European Beech (Fagus sylvatica)	50 mm (35)
Ohio Buckeye (Aesculus glabra)	50 mm (2)
Paperbark Maple (Acer griseum)	50 mm (15)
Autumn Blaze Maple (Acer x freemanii ‘Autumn Blaze’)	50 mm (25)
Little Leaf Linden (Tilia cordata)	50 mm (5)
Ginkgo (male) (Ginkgo biloba)	50 mm (2)
Common Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis)	50 mm (16)
Tulip Tree (Liriodendron tulipifera)	50 mm (12)
American Sycamore (Platanus occidentalis)	50 mm (17)
Eastern Red Bud Tree (Cercis canadensis)	50 mm (20)
Kentucky Coffee Tree (Gymnocladus dioica)	50 mm (24)
Ivory Silk Lilac Tree (Syringa reticulata ‘Ivory Silk’)	50 mm (5)

#### 6. ANALYSIS

Two quotes were received: both were checked and found to be mathematically correct. The quotes are as follows (pre-tax):

Ironwood Tree & Landscaping	\$86,920.00
Cressman Tree Maintenance & Landscaping	\$79,360.00

A copy of insurance and WSIB has been received, and they are in good standing.

#### 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

The amount of \$79,360.00 is within the 2021 budget allocation. The amount for this tree planting work will be allocated from two tree planting accounts.

- Tree Planting account: \$54,360
- Special Projects – PRAC account: \$25,000

The average price of a tree for installation is \$420

As part of the price, Cressman Tree Maintenance and Landscaping is to maintain and water for one year. Any dead trees are to be replaced at their cost.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

That the lower quote of Cressman Tree Maintenance & Landscaping in the amount of \$79,360.00 be approved.