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A Triple Tree Day

June 24th was a big day for old and new trees in The Blue Mountains.

Let's start with some of our most

beautiful and senior legacy trees: Treetrust TBM performed life-extending tree care on two senior trees in Hillcrest Park. These paired sugar maple trees are estimated to each be in the range of 150 years old and were very much in need of some restorative pruning. Arborists from Arboreal Tree Care removed dead and weak branches and performed canopy reductions – an advanced technique that involves reducing the length of selected limbs relative to the main trunk while factoring in the strength of the branch union. This reduces the chance of future limb loss and encourages more balanced and sustainable and hopefully, some renewed tree growth.

Because sugar maples can decline over many years, assessment and restorative pruning by knowledgeable arborist can help preserve and extend the life of these trees significantly. Extending the life of these senior trees does more than maintain the beauty of one of our valued parks. One mature tree captures as much carbon as an estimated 269

saplings. These trees are “carbon heroes”, playing a vital role in mitigating climate change. Thank you to Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary and community donors for sponsoring the care of these beautiful sugar maple trees.

As beautiful and important as these senior trees are, they don't live forever. Four “understudy” sugar maple trees were also planted in Hillcrest Park. Treetrust plants two understudy saplings for every older legacy tree that we care for, anticipating that these younger trees will eventually take over. Thank you to Sutherland Insurance for their sponsorship of the Treetrust Understudy tree program.

Another 50 new sugar maple trees found homes when local TBM residents took advantage of a special fund-raising opportunity organized by Treetrust TBM. Residents purchased 5-6-foot tall, potted sugar maple trees. They picked up their trees at Hillcrest Park, and had an opportunity to watch our skilled arborists at work in the tall canopies of the mature maples. Detailed tree-planting advice was made available, and residents were encouraged to carefully assess the suitability of their chosen site, considering size and soil/sun conditions. Pretty much everyone who purchased a tree had a specific, *continued over*



Official Plan 5 Year Review (Phase 1)

Public Open House

July 27, 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Town Hall, Council Chambers, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury

Public Hybrid Meeting August 8, at 1:00pm

In Person at: Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury
Virtual Meeting Microsoft Teams

What is being proposed?

The Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains will be considering revisions to the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan as part of a 5 year review.

The Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan describes Town Council's policies on how land in the community should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community.

An Official Plan deals with issues such as where housing, employment, agricultural, industrial and commercial uses should be located; what services such as roads, sewers and parks will be needed to support growth; and the way in which parts of the community will grow or be protected.

The Official Plan 5 year review is being completed over two Phases.

Phase 1 revisions will be considered at this Public Open House and Public Meeting.

Phase 1 proposes updates to the Official Plan related to the Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives, Community Structure, Growth Management, Density, Height, Housing and Minor Housekeeping items.

Phase 2 revisions are anticipated to be considered next year. Future public notice will be provided when the Phase 2 revisions are available.

Further details on page 8.

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