

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 29, 2004**

### **TREE PROTECTION**

#### **Recommendation**

Councillor Carella recommends:

1. That Staff bring forward a report that provides for the necessary mechanism to control the removal of mature trees on public property and that such report be provided to Council, along with a potential by-law, no later than Earth Day 2005, as part of the City's celebration of that event; and
2. That Staff bring forward a further report, which provides for the protection and control of removal of mature trees on private property by October 2005.

#### **Purpose**

To protect better the natural environment within the City of Vaughan

#### **Background Analysis and Options**

Concern for trees on public and private property is one of the signal outcomes of the environmental revolution of the 1960's. The Region of York's by-law in this regard is one example of this development, as is the City of Vaughan's woodlot protection policy. However, there is at present no authority by which the City can protect mature trees on private/public property, a power which other municipalities have established by by-law.

This recommendation requests staff to prepare a draft by-law to control the removal of mature trees on private property. A variety of options should be a feature of such a draft by-law, to allow Council to gauge the most appropriate level of control.

#### **Relation to Vaughan Vision**

Section 4.4 of Vaughan Vision 2007 reads: *Ensure City-wide protection of the environment.*

#### **Conclusion**

The protection of mature trees on private property is properly the concern of Council, and for that reason it is appropriate that Council consider the method and extent to which such protection should be provided

#### **Attachments**

None

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