



**Public Meeting of Council
Friday, January 23, 2015 at 12 Noon
Council Chambers – City Hall**

Mayor Clifford Lee Presiding

Present: **Deputy Mayor Mike Duffy** **Councillor Terry Bernard**
 Councillor Melissa Hilton **Councillor Mitchell Tweel**
 Councillor Edward Rice **Councillor Jason Coady**
 Councillor Terry MacLeod **Councillor Greg Rivard**
 Councillor Kevin Ramsay

Also: **Roy Main, CAO** **Donna Waddell, DCS**
 Paul Johnston, PWM **Mandy Feuerstack, HRM**
 Randy MacDonald, FC **Richard MacEwen, UAM**
 Beth Hoar, PC **Jason MacEachern, UFT**
 Jennifer Gavin, CO **Tracey McLean, RMC**

Regrets: **Councillor Robert Doiron**

1. Resolution - Dutch Elm Disease Management Program

Councillor Ramsay provided a brief overview of the effects of Dutch elm disease (DED) on trees within the city. He indicated that if the resolution passes, a request for proposals would be issued as soon as possible to hire a contractor to cut down all diseased or dead elm trees on both public and private property; City of Charlottetown to cover the cost of the project. He further indicated that a public education session will be scheduled before the end of February and a webpage at www.charlottetown.ca will be launched immediately to offer residents more information on DED.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Ramsay
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell Tweel

RESOLVED:

Whereas the proliferation of Dutch elm disease (DED) has now impacted 50% of the elm trees within the City;

And whereas efforts to date with inoculation and limited removal has not abated the problem of the spread of DED on both public and private lands;

And whereas the City believes that the protection of the remaining healthy elm trees is a worthwhile endeavor;

And whereas several other Atlantic municipalities have similar programs in place for the protection of elm trees;

Now therefore...

- That Council adopt a complete elm and DED Management Program on public and private property, estimated to cost in the range of \$500,000, which would include: sanitation (removal of all dead and DED infected elms, stump grinding and proper disposal), trenching on public property, an elm firewood policy and ongoing monitoring and maintenance of Charlottetown's elm trees,
- That staff be authorized to call an RFP to cut down all dead and DED infected trees (public and private property), stump grinding and reinstatement.
- That a tree planting program be implemented where two (2) trees are planted on public property for every elm removed from public property,
- That the project proceeds immediately in advance of the City's Capital program as the intended work program is time sensitive,
- And that staff make all necessary efforts to inform, educate and outline the work program to all private landowners and the general public.

CARRIED 9-0

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM