



# Parks and Recreation

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# Tree Preservation Ordinance Highlights

Full roll out in 2027 construction season, will experiment & apply where possible until then



**Certified independent arborists.** Certified arborists will be hired to consult with project staff throughout the planning, design and construction of City projects.



**Tree survey.** A certified arborist will develop a detailed tree survey that will give project designers more detailed information about the location, size, species and condition of the trees located within the project area.



**Tree Preservation Plans.** Construction plans and specifications will incorporate Tree Preservation Plans that outline how trees will be protected and preserved, and if necessary, replaced.



**Tree protection standards and enforcement.** New standards will specify how trees are to be protected during construction and what happens if they aren't. Contractors will receive training in these standards. Certified arborists will monitor for compliance.



**Tree planting standards.** Standards for planting areas will help ensure the viability of newly planted trees.

## How is this different from the original proposed ordinance?



**Tree-focused  
survey**



**Use of  
consulting arborist**



**Delineation of what  
goes into SOPs**



**Restitution  
terms**

# Goals generated by the staff team

1. **Clear and timely** decision-making at an **appropriate level**
2. **Improved reputation and public trust** for Parks and Public Works
3. Effective **teamwork** and interdepartmental **cooperation**
4. Increase **staff confidence** and pride in work
5. Fewer trees removed; **preservation of urban canopy**



Treat trees as **valuable** part of infrastructure.



Ensure **priorities & decision-makers** are clear.



Be **creative & flexible** when needed.



**Learn & adapt** as we go.



Speak with a **unified** voice.



Set **realistic** expectations.



Adopt an **enterprise** mindset.



Ensure **adequate funding & staffing**.



Show up **productively**.



Build **realistic expectations** with the public.



# Staff Working Group:

## Tree Infrastructure Work to Date

The Staff Working Group is comprised of approximately 12 staff from Public Works and the Parks & Recreation Department Forestry Division.

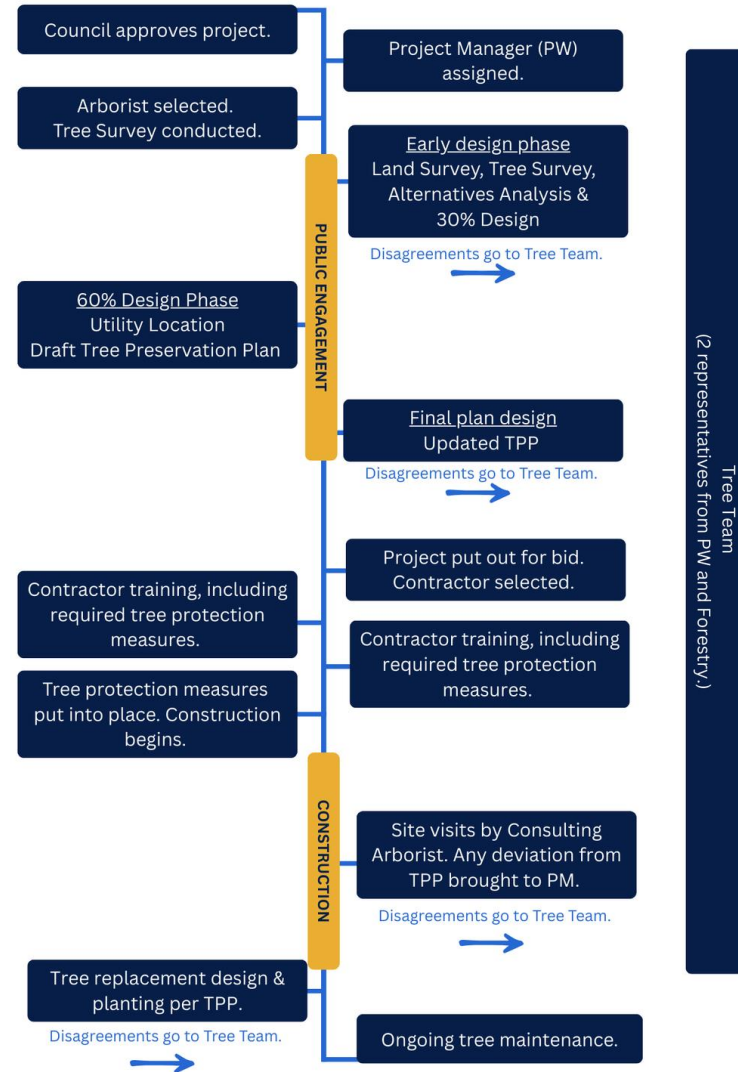


<sup>2</sup> Consultants facilitating the staff working group.

<sup>3</sup> Tree Preservation Ordinance Public Input Group

# Draft Project Design & Construction Process

This represents a broad outline of process; actual sequencing may change based on project scope and conditions.



## The ordinance details the SOPs that are to be developed

Two primary groups of SOPs to be delivered to public by February 1.



**Tree  
protection**



**Tree  
planting**

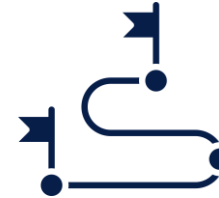
# Implementation Challenges

## Additional Costs



- Consulting arborist
- More contractor requirements
- More staff time needed for design and ongoing monitoring

## Rollout



- Public interface
- New ways of interdepartmental cooperation
- Bidding
- Training (both internal and contractor)
- Decision-making
- Evaluation / monitoring





**Thank You!**