



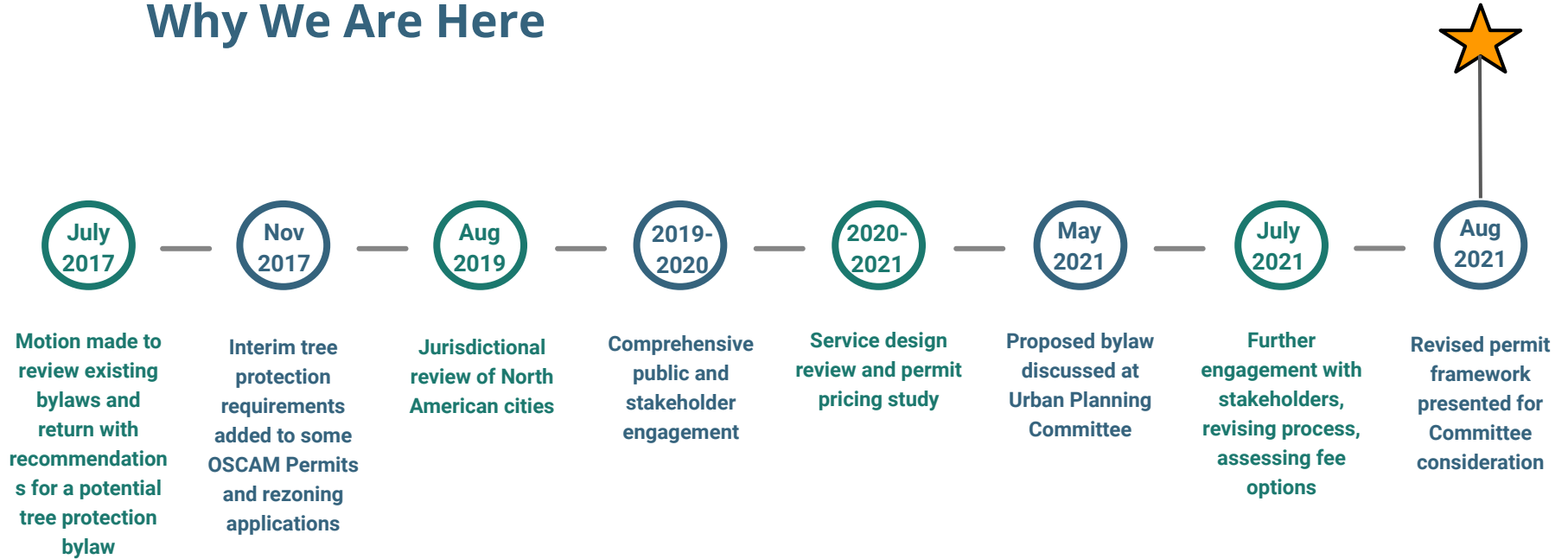
Parks and Road Services

Edmonton

**Proposed Bylaw for Tree
Preservation and Protection**
Further Engagement

August 24, 2021
Urban Planning Committee
CR_6801rev

Why We Are Here





Proposed Public Tree Bylaw



CAUTION

THIS IS A PROTECTED TREE

It is to be retained and protected from construction impacts.

- Any work within the tree protection zone must be approved by an Urban Forester.
- Tree pruning or removal is not allowed.
- No construction work can occur in the tree protection zone. Wall construction or excavation for required protection distances.
- Protect roots by applying matting or mulch wherever soil compaction may occur.

Failure to comply may result in damages.



Tree

Stakeholder Engagement

Urban Development Institute (UDI)
Infill Development in Edmonton Association (IDEA)
Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA)
Landscape Alberta

Alberta Professional Planners Institute
Alberta Association of Landscape Architects

EPCOR

ATCO

Telus

Shaw

River Valley Coalition

Sierra Club of Canada

North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society

Edmonton Nature Club

Edmonton Native Plant Society

Alberta Mycological Society

And others



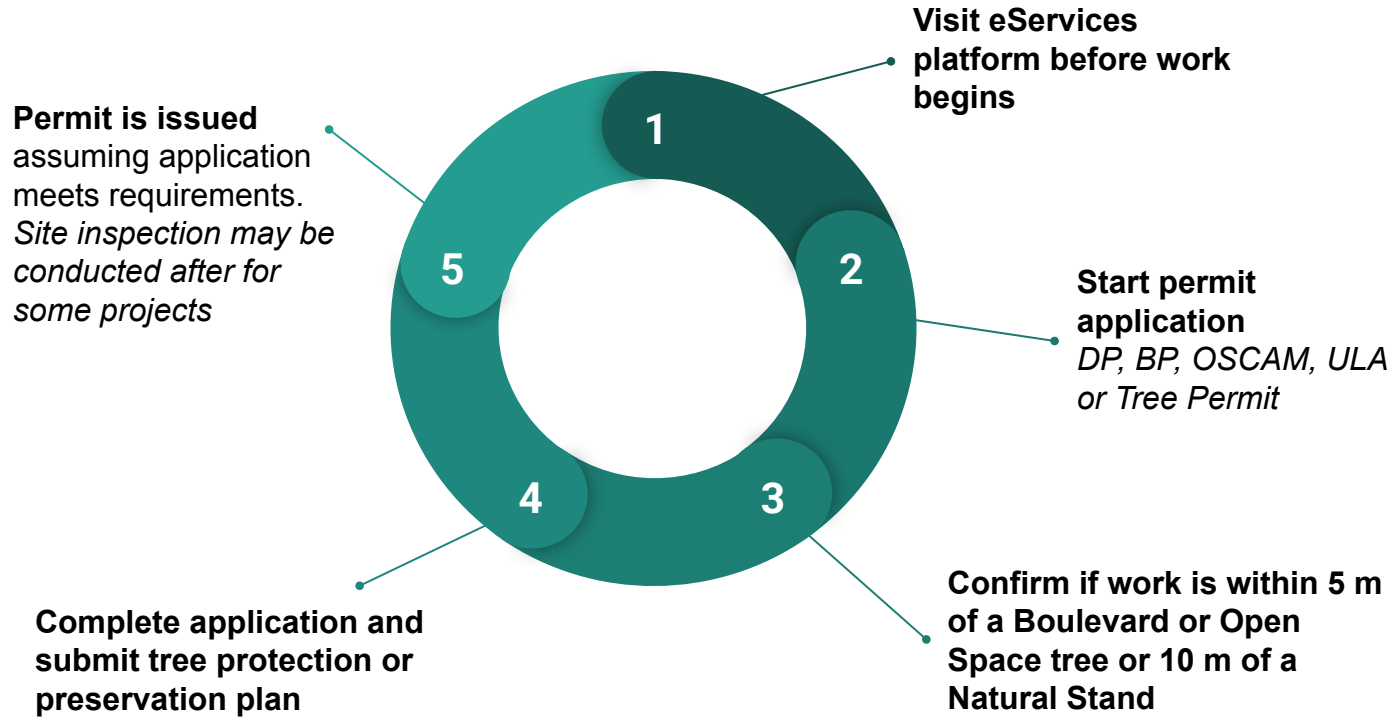


Updates to the Bylaw

- Fine amount has been increased from \$500 to \$1,000.
- Professional Biologist has been added as an acceptable designation to write or sign-off on a tree preservation plan.



Tree Permit Process



Blanket Permits | Utility and Telecom Organizations

Emergency work

Vegetation
clearance/pruning

Directional boring

Above ground
maintenance

Excavation on
roadways

Vehicular access/
temporary crossing

Excavation between 3 to 5 meters of a
boulevard or open space tree and
between 5 to 10 meters of a natural stand

Permit Fee Options

Fee Option % of Forestry Costs	Tree Protection Permit Fee	Tree Preservation Permit Fee
Fee 100% - Funding 0%	\$100	\$300
Fee 50% - Funding 50%	\$50	\$150
Fee 0% - Funding 100%	\$0	\$0

Note: An additional fee of \$0, \$50 or \$100 per hour will be charged (based on the fee option chosen) for 5 to 10% site inspections within a blanket permit.

Stakeholder Feedback

- Concerned about whether the City has enough resources to implement this.
- Positive about the integration of different permit processes.
- Would like to see ongoing monitoring and data sharing as well continued focus on education.
- Utility and telecom companies want more blanket permits but environmental groups questioned accountability around blanket permits.



Next Steps

- Based on cost recovery ratio, Administration may return to Council with a funding request as part of fall SOBA
- Set up the online application process
- Continue working with stakeholders to streamline process
- Create educational material and templates
- Develop marketing and communications strategy for public education





Arbor Day 2018