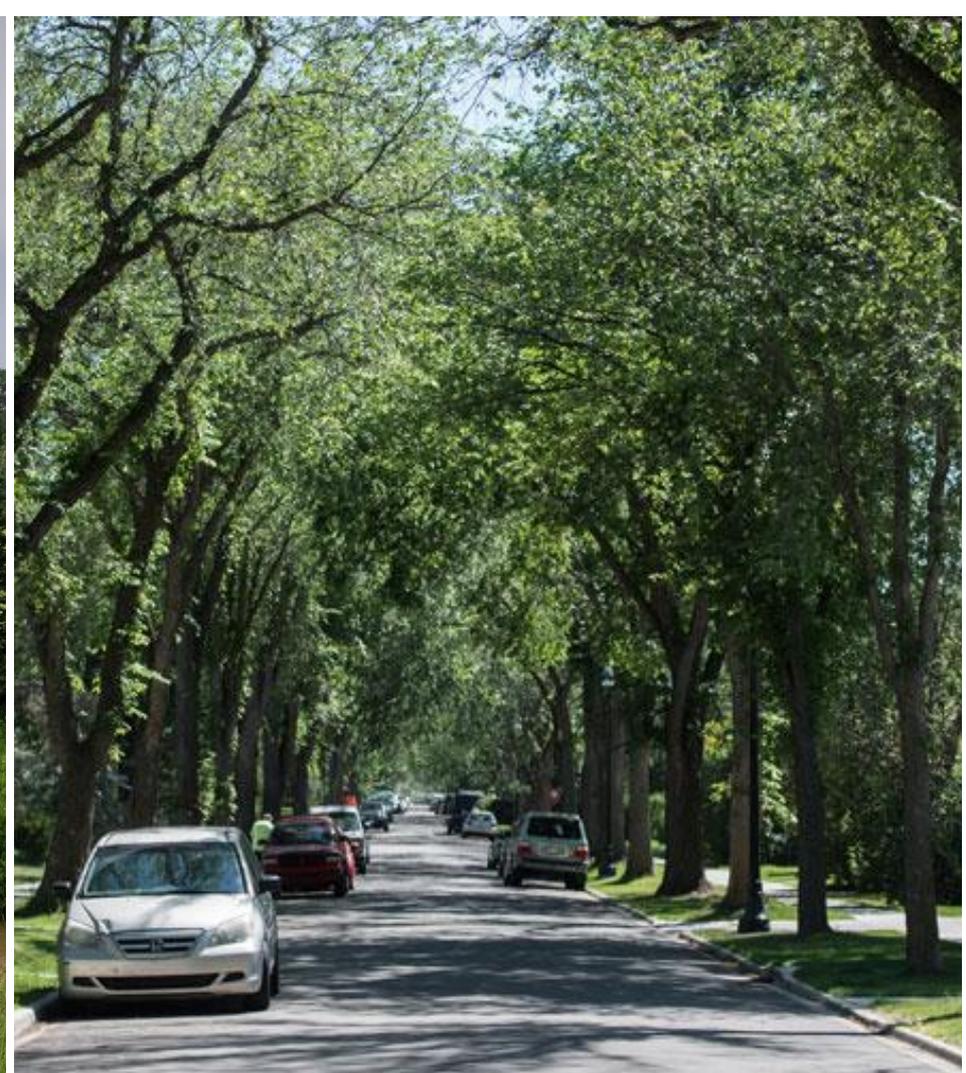


Parks and Roads Services

**CR_7220 Corporate Tree
Management Policy**

Additional Public Consultation

September 29, 2020
Urban Planning Committee



Why We Are Here



Public Engagement - What We Heard



Plant more trees, increase species diversity, and monitor the protection of trees



Provide more opportunities for community involvement and education



Monitor the health of natural areas for protection from disease or pests



Prioritize river valley, ravines, natural areas and naturalized sites for management, preservation and protection

Stakeholder Engagement - What We Heard

- *The policy should be more about stewardship than management*
- *Ensure the ecological integrity of natural areas*
- *Focus on having native species in naturalized and natural areas*
- *Improve internal communication between City departments*
- *More educational opportunities for Edmonton's diverse population*



Stakeholders Engaged

Sierra Club of Canada
North Saskatchewan River Valley Conservation Society
Edmonton Nature Club
Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition
Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL)
Business Improvement Areas
Urban Developers Institute (UDI)
Landscape Alberta
Edmonton Native Plant Society
Alberta Mycological Society

Proposed Changes to Policy and Procedure

Policy Changes

Adding “Stewardship”

Adding “public education and engagement opportunities”

Replacing “Ornamental Trees” with “Boulevard and Open Space Trees”

Procedure Changes

Added definitions of Corporate Tree Management, Growth, Sustainability, Stewardship

Updated definitions of Acquisition, City Trees, Boulevard and Open Space Trees, Tree Preservation

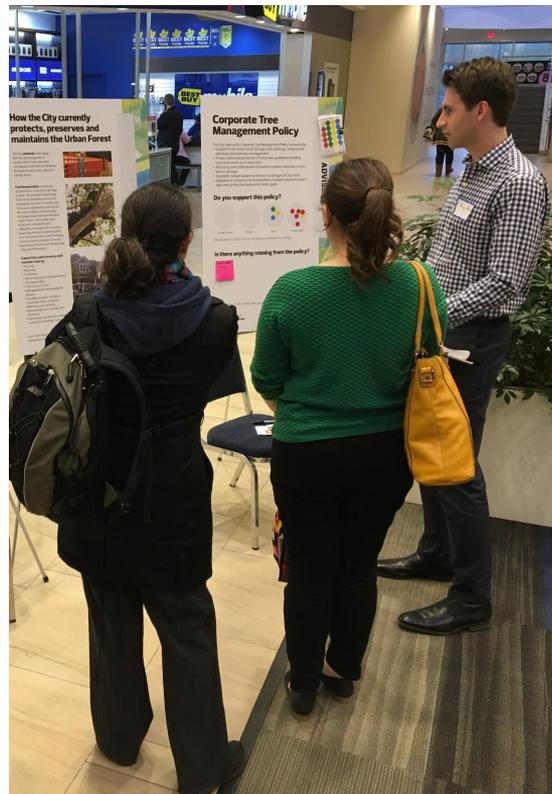
2019 Accomplishments

- *Tree replacement: 2,967 boulevard and open space trees*
- *Root for Trees plantings: 38,392 trees, shrubs and wildflowers*
- *Partners in Parks: stewarded 10 natural areas*



Next Steps

- Update work plans and operations to reflect changes
 - Educational workshops for communities
 - Request to Plant, Tree Donation and Root for Trees programs
 - Natural areas stewardship opportunities - Partners in Parks
- Report to Council - proposed Public Tree Bylaw (2020)
- Report to Council - Urban Forest Asset Management Plan (2021)



Thank You

