



## 2020 to 2023 Business Plan

### Service: Urban Forestry

**\$0.06**

Cost per day for the average rate payer (2020 to 2023)

**0.75%**

Percentage of the 2020 to 2023 City of London Net Property Tax Supported Budget

#### Who we are:

- Urban Forestry provides professional and technical services (including tree planting, pruning, trimming and removal services) and develops policies, guidelines, strategies, by-laws and plans related to the protection, maintenance, forest health and planting trees.
- Urban Forestry is also the lead for the City's Tree Protection By-law.

#### What we do:

- London has deemed itself the Forest City, with a stated goal of 34% tree canopy coverage by 2065.
- Urban Forestry contributes towards the provision of tangible societal benefits that preserve and enhance urban living.
- Urban forests help control storm water, lower urban temperatures, clear the air, improve citizen health and psychological well-being and increase property values and commercial investments.

#### Why we do it:

- **Traditional** - The management of trees and urban forests is a typical municipal service.

The following table provides an overview of the budget for this service:

Budget Summary (\$000's)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020 to 2023 TOTAL
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$5,147	\$5,201	\$5,244	\$5,278	<b>\$20,870</b>
Other Revenues	-\$56	-\$56	-\$56	-\$56	<b>-\$224</b>
<b>Net Tax Levy Supported Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$5,091</b>	<b>\$5,145</b>	<b>\$5,188</b>	<b>\$5,222</b>	<b>\$20,646</b>
Total Capital Expenditures	\$1,358	\$2,641	\$2,891	\$2,891	<b>\$9,781</b>
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's)	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	N/A

Reflects 2020 - 2023 Council Approved Budget - January 12, 2021.

The following section provides an overview of the key activities the service plans to undertake from 2020 to 2023 to implement the Corporation's 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan, as well as an overview of the risks and challenges the service is anticipated to experience during this period:

### Service Highlights 2020 to 2023

- This service takes a strategic management approach to ensure that the urban forest is resilient, diversified and healthy.
- We are active partners with organizations that support tree planting and woodland preservation.
- The Tree Protections By-law and Boulevard Tree Protection By-law help preserve our urban forest.

### Risks and Challenges Anticipated in 2020 to 2023

- Trees are at risk due to Asian Long-Horned Beetle, Oak Wilt, Gypsy Moth and Maple decline due to opportunistic fungi. We are monitoring with input from other agency experts and applying treatments that are available.

The service directly supports the following components of the Corporation's 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan:

### **Building a Sustainable City**

Londoners can move around the City safely and easily in a manner that meets their needs.

**Expected Result:** Improve the quality of pedestrian environments to support healthy and active lifestyles.

**Strategy:**

- Plant more trees to increase the City's tree canopy cover. (BSC-37)

Metric	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
90,000 trees planted on streets, open spaces and parks.	14,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000

**Strategy:**

- Increase pedestrian amenities on streets. (BSC-39)

Metric	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
25,000 street trees planted.		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

**Other reference information and links:**

- [Trees](#) – City of London Website
- Urban Forest Strategy – Available by request at [treeprotection@london.ca](mailto:treeprotection@london.ca).

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