



# COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject Environmental Task Group October 21, 2021  
Meeting Report

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From: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Chair

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## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council give consideration for up to \$10,000 in the 2022 capital budget for a sign and identification of trees at Portage Park with funding from the developer's community amenity charge fund, and
2. THAT Council direct staff to investigate the cost of installing planters with evergreen trees along the Fraser Hwy One-way.

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## SUMMARY:

The following are excerpts from the October 21, 2021, Environmental Task Group Meeting regarding the request for Portage Park tree identification signage and planting evergreens in planters on the Fraser Hwy one-way one.

### ***Portage Park Tree Grove***

*It was previously discussed that Portage Park has a wide variety of, and well established, tree species and that it would be nice to identify the trees and to place name tags on the trees for people's education and enjoyment. The City's arborist provided a map and list of the tree species (attached). Councillor Wallace provided an example of the type of signs that could be placed on the trees (attached).*

- *Nichole will ask Lisa D. to review and confirm the tree species list as requested by the arborist.*
- *More research would be needed to find out the indigenous names of the trees for a tree plaque.*

- *It was also suggested that a large sign be placed at the entrance of the park with this information.*

*It was discussed that identifying the trees in Portage Park would be as an educational piece which could serve as an example and be applied throughout other city parks if desired. It would raise awareness and appreciation for the types of trees we have in our community. The naming of the trees is an educational component consistent with the goals and strategy of the Nicomekl River District Plan.*

**ACTION:** *It was MOVED and SECONDED*

*THAT Council give consideration for up to \$10,000 in the 2022 capital budget for a sign and identifying of trees at Portage Park with funding from the developer's community amenity charge fund*

**CARRIED**

Sample signage to be placed on the trees are shown below:

Photos from Redwoods Park in Surrey showing how they identify trees.



### **Lack of greenery along the one-way section of downtown**

There was a discussion about how nice the one-way section looks in the summertime when staff place plants in the planter boxes but in the wintertime, it looks void of greenery. Since the timing of the one-way reconstruction remains unknown it was suggested the city look at placing additional planters to place evergreens to enhance the downtown area in wintertime. The planters and trees could be relocated to other areas once the reconstruction proceeds.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

**ACTION:** THAT Council direct staff to investigate the cost of installing planters with evergreen trees along the Fraser Hwy One-way

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that the Fraser Hwy One Way stretch of road has lacked trees for a few years now and this would be a temporary measure until the Fraser Hwy One Way Upgrade Project commences.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Portage Park Tree Signage:

A capital budget request of \$10,000 to be funded from the Community Amenity Fund.

Fraser Hwy One-Way Planters

None currently.

Implementation cost would depend on scope of work to be completed, i.e. if new larger planters needed or if plants could be incorporated into existing planters.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Councillor Rosemary Wallace  
Chair

Staff Comment:

The 2023 capital plan includes the Fraser Hwy One-Way rehabilitation which will see the replacement of underground utilities, burying of Hydro lines and complete road and sidewalk replacement. While the desire to add winter greenery on the one-way is understandable the timing and value is questioned. It is suggested that this work not proceed since the following year everything will be removed.