

Report to Council

Report Title:	Tree Canopy Management Policy		
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Department:	Parks and Recreation		
Date:	February 12, 2019		
Report Number:	REC2019-03	File Number:	C11REC
Attachments:	Draft Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2019-03 – Tree Canopy Management Policy, prepared by Eric McDougall, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor and in doing authorizes a By-Law coming forward to adopt the Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy.

Report:

Background:

The *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016*, received royal assent on May 30, 2016, which amended the *Municipal Act, 2001* in a number of ways. In particular, section 270(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, has the effect of requiring all municipalities to adopt and maintain policies with respect to the manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality. Municipalities are required to adopt this policy prior to March 1, 2019.

Analysis:

Brockton staff researched other municipal policies for enhancing the tree canopy and vegetation management and formed the attached policy for approval to comply with section 270(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |

- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity?

N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

No current budget implications

Reviewed By:



Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Eric McDougall, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor

Reviewed By:



Chief Administrative Officer