



Tree News

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Annual General Meeting: Monday August 30th

SOS Trees Annual General Meeting Under the Trees - This year we will again be holding our annual general meeting (AGM) outdoors on Monday, August 30th at 7:00pm. The agenda includes:

- ◆ Accept the minutes of the previous AGM
- ◆ Accept the financial statements
- ◆ Receive the president's report
- ◆ Receive the nominating committee report
- ◆ Election of directors
- ◆ New business
- ◆ Adjournment

Call for nominations is open for the SOS Trees board of directors. If you are interested in joining the board of directors please submit your email of interest to the Nominating Committee at trees@sostrees.ca by August 20th. The AGM will be held in the Marr Residence garden at 326 11th St E. Please bring your lawn chair and refreshment if you choose.



Dutch Elm Disease

The City of Saskatoon removed a tree in Leif Erickson Park in the Westmount neighborhood that was infected with Dutch Elm Disease. This is the second case in two years and is strongly suspected that the cause came from elm firewood. Elms make up 25% of Saskatoon's public trees and are the trademark vase shaped trees that are so recognizable on many of our streets, parks and in the cemetery.

You can help by learning how to [recognize the signs of Dutch Elm Disease](#). Report any possible cases you observe or elm wood being stored to [urban forestry](#).



A Winnipeg Street - before and after Dutch elm disease came through.

Water your Trees

With this extreme heat & drought there is a great need to provide water to your city boulevard trees. They will thank you with a cooler yard. For the large trees make sure to place a hose around the drip line of the tree and let it run on a slow trickle for hours. This way it won't run off onto the street and sidewalk but rather soak into the soil.



Meewasin Trail Enhancements Underway

Construction is now underway on Meewasin Trail Enhancements in south-west Saskatoon from the Sanatorium site to the Gordie Howe Bridge, and in Meewasin Park adjacent to the River Heights neighbourhood. Both of these projects are part of an ongoing plan to enhance Meewasin's Trail network in the Saskatoon region. Please be alert to construction areas.

Tree Issues we are working on

- ◆ Dutch Elm Disease awareness & public education
- ◆ The increase in fees for disposal of Elm wood at the City landfill
- ◆ Proposed Festival site in Friendship Park
- ◆ Proposed tree removal for the Victoria Ave. bike lane
- ◆ And finally the proposed tree removal for the bike lane at Ave. C & 24th St W. is currently under review by the City thanks to citizen advocacy.

Calendar

For the most comprehensive listing of environmental events in the province check out: [EcoFriendly Sask](#)

In The News

[Tree advocate asks city to axe landfill fees for elm wood](#) Thanks to Councillor Gough, John Penner, Quill Shiell (from Porcupine Tree Services), and everyone else who reached out to their councillor this issue is now being reviewed.

[Man arrested, charged after trees on Winnipeg median cut down during house move.](#)

Join SOS Trees Coalition Today

SOS Trees Coalition is on the move and we have increased our efforts by working with the City of Saskatoon to protect our trees. Arbor Week was our largest public education event in recent history. We are already advocating for a major public tree planting initiative in 2022 and every member and donor is crucial as we build our coalition. Please take a moment and sign up for your [Membership](#) today. Thank you!

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SOS Trees Coalition is pleased to offer this electronic newsletter to our members and supporters who have an interest in trees in Saskatoon. Through sharing information we can all be more consistently informed and therefore become better advocates for our urban forest and the individual trees that make life so much more enjoyable. If you do not want to receive this newsletter or to share your comments with us regarding our publication please email us at trees@sostrees.ca

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Membership and contributions to SOS Trees Coalition support the protection and fostering of stewardship of Saskatoon's urban forest. To become a member or supporter go to: [membership](#) or you can mail directly to: 1618 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K3A1. SOS Trees Coalition is a registered charity.