



Tree News

September 8, 2021

In this edition:

Tree Planting Opportunity
2021-2022 Board of Directors
Issues we are following
Calendar

Come Plant a Tree with SOS Trees this September!

SOS Trees Coalition is partnering with Trees Canada to plant 100 trees to celebrate the 10th anniversary of National Tree Day. We will be planting at Diefenbaker Park on September 22nd from 2-5 PM. To register to plant go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/tree-canadas-10th-anniversary-national-tree-day-celebration-saskatoon-tickets-167662391727>

If you have never planted a tree, no problem. We will have people available to assist you and you can go to [How to plant a tree](#) and be prepared for your planting day.

We look forward to seeing you there. Register today as space is limited.



Dutch Elm Disease

SOS Trees Coalition in partnership with the City of Saskatoon will be posting billboards this fall to inform residents that storing elm wood is illegal and can harbor Dutch Elm Disease carrying beetles through the winter. 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](#).



It's not too late to water your Trees

With this extreme heat and 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.



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 Avenue C & 24th St West is currently under review by the City thanks to citizen advocacy.

Calendar

- ◆ September 13 - There will be an online federal election forum on climate, energy, and environment with Saskatoon candidates at 7 pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1057338388411665>
- ◆ September 22 - National Tree Day & tree planting
- ◆ Two of our Board have attended Climate Reality training and are actively involved in climate issues. To learn more or to register for the next training session October 16 – 24 go to [Climate Reality Training](#) and get involved.

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

Sustainability Speakers Series Webinar Dates for Fall 2021

The Sustainability Speakers Series is a monthly event hosted by the Saskatoon Public Library in partnership with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES). These environmentally themed presentations are free for all to attend. During the fall of 2021, these will be online events that start at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

- ❖ September 21 – Electricity in Saskatchewan: Current status, future prospects
- ❖ October 19 – Uranium: Premises, Promiser & Predicaments
- ❖ November 16 – The future of Climate action in Saskatchewan following the Supreme Court of Canada’s Carbon Pricing Decision

Zoom links to the live webinars are in the Library’s Program Calendar at:
<https://saskatoonlibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar> and the SES website
<https://environmentalsociety.ca>.

In The News

At SOS Trees Coalition’s Annual General Meeting on August 30th
the following Board of Directors were elected for 2021-2022:

Linda Moskalyk - President
Cliff Speer - Treasurer
Richard Kerbes - Secretary
Tom Gode - Communications
Caroline Dinter - Marketing
Rae Hearn
Doug Mitchell
John Penner
Laelia Shiell
Matthew Fenton

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!

Thank You to Our Sponsors



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 [SOS Trees](#). You can also follow us on Facebook at SOS Trees Coalition <https://www.facebook.com/SOSTreesCoalition>.

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.