



Tree News

March 2, 2022

Saskatoon is developing a Tree Protection Bylaw and wants to hear from **YOU.**

What Are We Asking?

As Saskatoon grows and changes, greater pressures are placed on our urban forest due to construction, infill, and other forms of development. Currently, the existing City policies and processes have not been sufficient in preventing damage to and the loss of public trees, primarily due to the lack of an effective form of recourse or enforcement. Therefore, the City is developing a Tree Protection Bylaw to provide improved clarity on the protection, growth and preservation of public trees, as well as improve the City's ability to protect our urban forest.

From January – March 2022, the City will be engaging the community in the development of the Tree Protection Bylaw. Based on your feedback, research on what other cities have done, and internal considerations, City Administration will seek approval from City Council to draft a bylaw that reflects the engagement results and best practices.

How Can You Get Involved?

The community and identified stakeholders are invited to provide their feedback through numerous engagement activities, including a community survey and stakeholder meetings.

Community Survey

Have your say in the development of the Tree Protection Bylaw through the Community Survey from February 23 to March 13, 2022. Residents, businesses, and community groups can provide their feedback on what is needed, what works, and what is possible for protecting our public trees in Saskatoon. [You can access the Community Survey by clicking here.](#)

Industry Survey

If you are involved in an industry that conducts work close to trees on public property they would like to hear your feedback through the Industry Survey from February 23 to March 13, 2022. [You can access the Industry Survey by clicking here.](#)

SOS TREES PRESENTS

Arbor Week 2022



MAY 21-29, 2022



Greetings from SOS Trees Coalition and the 2022 Arbor Week committee.

We are very pleased the Provincial Government has formally proclaimed Arbor Week as an annual provincial celebration of trees the last week of May each year. 2022 Arbor Week runs from May 21st through May 29th.

After a very successful 2021 Arbor Week in Saskatoon our committee is excited to be gearing up for ***Arbor Week 2022, Trees Breath Life***, and hope you will join us.

Last year the *treemendous* support we received provided opportunity for 22 virtual and onsite events and built new alliances to celebrate Arbor week. Over 1000 citizens participated in the events and we are working to further citizen education and involvement each year. 2021 Arbor Week events can be found at <https://www.sostrees.ca/arborweek-2021.html>

The trees of Saskatoon and the province are continually threatened by climate change, insects and development, putting our urban forest, hiking & biking trails, shelterbelts, and native tree stands at risk. SOS Trees Coalition and Arbor Week are needed more than ever before. With the support and encouragement of community members like yourself we have been working to protect, foster stewardship, education and growth of our urban forest.

You can help in many ways. One idea is to pot up those pesky tree seedlings that keep coming up in your flower beds and yard and donate them to our Arbor Week tree giveaway. No Siberian Elms please. Contact us if you have seedlings available for the giveaway at <mailto:trees@sostrees.ca>

Gardenscape

SOS Trees Coalition and Arbor Week 2022 will be at Gardenscape again this year. Sharon Leach from the Arbor Week Committee will be presenting March 25 & 26 from 3-4 PM - "The Importance of Tree Canopy." We are also looking for volunteers to assist with manning our booth, if you can help please email us at trees@sostrees.ca and we will be in touch with you.

Yard Sale

SOS Trees Coalition is planning a yard sale in June. All funds raised go to support our tree education efforts here in Saskatoon. We will have more details in the near future, but it is never too early to start assessing the surplus you have around your house & garage that you can donate to further our educational efforts to protect and expand our urban forest.



In the News

Planet S did a great article about Saskatoon & Regina trees "City Trees Need Love". Check it out: [City Trees Need Love | Planet S](#)



Calendar

March 13th - City Tree Protection Bylaw Survey Deadline

March 25-27 - Gardenscape

March 25 3-4:00 Sharon Leach will be presenting "Importance of Tree Canopy"

March 26 3-4:00 Sharon Leach will be presenting "Importance of Tree Canopy"

May 21-29 - Arbor Week

For a complete listing of events go to [Arbor Week 2022](#)

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 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.