SOS TREES COALITION

Tree News

November 8, 2026

2026 Dutch Elm Disease Report goes to Council

DED cases in Saskatoon have increased significantly in recent years. The City recorded 4 confirmed cases in 2023, 11 in 2024, and 41 in 2025. In 2026, a total of 25 confirmed DED cases were identified. Resulting in a total of 47 elm trees being removed, comprised of the 25 DED-positive cases and adjacent high-risk trees. Adjacent high-risk trees include trees that showed symptoms or were assessed as having a high likelihood of disease transmission. While 2026 seems to be an anomaly with the decrease in cases, it is a testament to the City's removal of landfill fees on Elm wood, Urban Forestry inspection sweeps and increased public awareness and enforcement we have seen. To read the complete report: https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=755ec114-d9b3-46e3-8305-4cf22886db8f&lang=English&Agenda=Merged&Item=28&Tab=attachments and search for 6.3.3 **Admin Report - Dutch Elm Disease 2026 Update.**

Canker worms

SOS Trees has been receiving an increased number of questions regarding wrapping your trees to reduce canker worm infestation risk. We recommend you check the City's **Pest Management Web Page** at https://www.saskatoon.ca/tree-pests/cankerworm

Open Space Tree Planting Engagement Survey

Again, you can make a difference. If you have not taken the survey you still have a little time to do so. So today would be great. We know trees are important to you. Please take a moment and let the City know. The survey only takes about 3 minutes. The Mount Royal space could be termed wasted space. No houses front onto it. It will create a great treed space in a neighbourhood that is lower in tree canopy and provide space for increased biodiversity. The engage page is here with links to the survey: https://engage.saskatoon.ca/en/projects/open-space-tree-planting

The direct link to the survey is here: https://engage.saskatoon.ca/en/projects/open-space-tree-planting/surveys/new?phase_id=61c303ac-3c23-46b2-8dff-c731b7d4e223

Tree Protection Bylaws in the Prairies

A key takeaway from the Canadian Urban Forest Conference in Quebec was clear: urban forestry succeeds when community groups actively shape decisions.

Currently, no prairie municipality has private tree bylaws, meaning most of the urban trees can be removed without a permit and without contributing to planting a replacement tree. Inspiringly, two prairie groups, the **Edmonton River Valley Conservation Coalition** (https://www.ervcc.com) and **Trees Please Winnipeg** (https://treespleasewinnipeg.com/) are working to change this.

By partnering with local experts and researchers (https://www.ervcc.com/tree-equity?mc_cid=ac4fefae5a&mc_eid=0ebf7aade7), securing mayoral and council support (https://treespleasewinnipeg.com/election-action-2026/?mc_cid=ac4fefae5a&mc_eid=0ebf7aade7#pledged) through election pledges and delegations, and mobilizing broader community networks, they are building momentum for policy reform. Let's root them on as they set a new precedent for urban canopy protection across the prairies!

SOS Trees Fundraising

A reminder it is that time of year when we ask for your financial support. 2027 is shaping up to be a very busy year with our increased push for awareness about Dutch Elm Disease through increased public events, an expanded Arbor Week program and planting. 2027 will also be a renewed effort of engaging with City elected officials bringing you and your neighbours together to share your thoughts about our City trees. Your membership and/or donation is critical in our efforts to protect and expand our urban tree canopy. Many of our grand old trees were planted within the same decade and will begin to fail at a similar time so it is upon us to continue to be the voice of a healthy Saskatoon tree canopy.

You can renew your membership and/or make a donation by going to: https://sostrees.ca/membership.html

- Membership and Donations can be made through e-transfer to trees@sostrees.ca or through canadahelps.org. Payment can also be by cheque mailed to: **1618 - 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K 3A1.**
- Join SOS Trees Coalition for $20.00 per year. Student memberships are free.

With your help we will continue to protect and expand Saskatoon's urban forest.

Other Information You Can Use From our friends at EcoFriendly West and others

Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas board meeting and AGM Thursday November 12 at 7:00 pm. Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/friends-of-the-saskatoon-afforestation-areas-inc-annual-general-meeting-agm-tickets-2002923315554 Join us online for the **Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc AGM**! It's the perfect chance to catch up on all things

afforestation, connect with fellow nature enthusiasts, ask questions and get involved in exciting plans for the future.

The Forest in the Trees explores a scientist's decades-long tree study and the wisdom it can provide for a society out of sync with the natural world. [15-minute video, YouTube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtrt0Are4YI

The City of Hamilton, in partnership with the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, has initiated a Backyard Tree Planting Pilot Program. Eligible residents receive a free professionally planted native tree to help expand Hamilton's urban canopy, strengthen biodiversity, and support healthier, more resilient neighbourhoods. **Hamilton Naturalists' Club**: https://hamiltonnature.org/backyard-tree-planting/

ROOTED International Symposium

Resilience, Outreach and One-Health, Trees, Ecology & Diversity. What Do We Value? Philosophy, Sustainability & Our Future. Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM CST. Dr. Roger Petry World Philosophy Day. https://www.friendsareas.ca/events/ROOTED.html

Register here: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/what-do-we-value-philosophy-sustainability-our-future-tickets-2001093911758?aff=oddtdtcreator

Conservation Applications of Data Science

Friday, December 4, 2026 at 1:00 PM EST. Dr. Viorel Popescu World Wildlife Conservation Day https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/conservation-applications-of-data-science-tickets-2002913555361



We Need You. Get involved!
Stand up for our trees & join SOS Trees Coalition Today

SOS Trees Coalition is on the move and we have increased our efforts working with the City of Saskatoon to protect our trees. In addition to Arbor Week, our largest public education event, we are advocating for tree protection and increased City tree planting and monitoring of Saskatoon's Urban Forestry Management Plan. Every member and donor is crucial as we build our coalition. Please take a moment today and sign up for your Membership and/or donation today. Thank you!

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Memberships can also be purchased by printing out & sending our membership form: https://sostrees.ca/pdf/SOS-Trees-MembershipForm-2022.pdf. Payment can be mailed or sent to us via **e-transfer.**

Create Your Tree Legacy



A planned gift may be one of the most impactful ways that you can support the trees in Saskatoon. A planned gift, life insurance, annuity, etc. to SOS Trees Coalition will make a difference. A great example is the gift left by Joan Browne. The Joan Browne fund has been a supporter of Arbor Week tree planting activities and other educational programs. We are very thankful for the forethought that Joan Browne had and her vision of Saskatoon with a healthy urban forest. For more information on how you can include SOS Trees Coalition in your estate planning email us at trees@sostrees.ca.

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 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.

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