



## **Byron Linear Park Tree Relocation Campaign - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q1: Why are trees being relocated?**

A1: Extensive planning is underway to extend light rail further south, east and west as part of the Stage 2 Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project. Along the western extension, light rail will run below grade in Byron Linear Park between Cleary Avenue and Lincoln Fields.

In previous Stage 2 LRT public consultations regarding Byron Linear Park, there was community interest and a commitment to relocate trees impacted by construction. In coordination with local City Councillors, the Stage 2 office will be relocating transplantable trees.

### **Q2: How do I request a tree?**

A2: If you are interested in receiving a tree from Byron Linear Park, please send an email to [Stage2@ottawa.ca](mailto:Stage2@ottawa.ca) and provide the following information:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Address

Once your request has been received, the Stage 2 team will send you a confirmation email indicating the next steps. The deadline to request a tree is end of day, Sunday, April 22, 2018.

### **Q3: Am I eligible to receive a tree?**

A3: The City of Ottawa will be screening interested properties for the following criteria to assess potential planting sites:

1. Is there enough space to allow the equipment to come onto the property and the tree to be planted in the front yard (see below)?
2. Has the request been made by the homeowner? (i.e. the person who pays taxes on the property)
3. Are there overhead or underground utilities that may conflict with a tree?
4. Does the soil quality and volume appear to be acceptable for tree growth?
5. Are there any conflicting uses on the planting site?
6. Is there an obvious conflict with traffic safety requirements or City maintenance? (i.e. sightlines or snow removal operations)



**Q4: Is there a target area for tree relocation?**

A4: The preferred relocation areas are parks and in the front yards of eligible private properties situated nearby Byron Linear Park. Interested property owners within this area will be prioritized to simplify transplant activities.

**Q5: When will tree relocation take place?**

A5: To ensure the greatest chance of survival, tree transplantation will take place in May and June.

**Q6: How will trees be relocated?**

A6: The City will be working with local tree relocation experts to assist with the Byron Linear Park tree relocation campaign. They have a full complement of mechanical tree moving equipment, and depending upon the location and size of the tree, have a few different sizes of equipment to complete the works. As pictured below, tree spades able to pick up a large amount of soil and keep the tree's roots intact during transplant. This will require a hole much larger than the tree to be dug on the receiving property. If your property is eligible, City staff will provide additional details on the relocation process.



**Q7: Can I pick which type of tree I receive?**

A7: Trees are available on a first come, first eligible, first served basis. Species will be selected based on the site conditions and the trees available. For this reason, the City of Ottawa will be coordinating what location and tree is the most ideal for the site. However, the owner will have the right to refuse the tree at which point in time they will be able to submit an application for the Trees in Trust program.



**Q8: Who will water and maintain the transplanted tree?**

A8: For the first two years, the City of Ottawa will water and maintain the transplanted trees to ensure the greatest chance of survival. However, there is an expectation that the owner will continue the maintenance responsibilities following the two-year date. If planted in the City's Right-of-Way, the City would be responsible for any future pruning or higher-level maintenance and the resident would be responsible for watering.

**Q9: What happens if there are not enough trees?**

A9: Should the demand for trees on residential properties be greater than what is available, the Stage 2 office will be partnering with the City of Ottawa's Trees in Trust program to provide eligible properties with new trees.

**Q10: Where else will trees be relocated to?**

A10: The Stage 2 office is working with the City's Parks, Forestry, and Stormwater branch to identify nearby parks that would be suitable locations to relocate trees to.

**Q11: What is the Trees in Trust program?**

A11: The City's Trees in Trust program offers street trees to homes across the city. These trees are available by request on a first come, first served basis. The program conditions are as follows:

- There will be no charge to the homeowner (supply and planting will be provided by the City).
- The program applies only to homes with street frontage (the space between your property line and the roadway).
- The property owner must pledge to assist with the proper tree care (watering) for the first three years of the tree's life. Instructions will be provided.
- Trees will be a minimum size of 50 mm diameter, or 2 to 3 meters in height.
- Limit of one tree per single fronting household or two trees per corner lot.
- The proposed location must meet the Trees in Trust program criteria.

If your City-owned street frontage lacks a tree and you have the time and commitment to help care for one, please contact 3-1-1. For more information on the Trees in Trust program, please visit: [ottawa.ca/en/residents/water-and-environment/trees-and-community-forests/planting/trees-trust-0](http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/water-and-environment/trees-and-community-forests/planting/trees-trust-0).

**Q12: Who can I contact for more information?**

A12: If you have any questions about the Byron Linear Park Tree relocation process, do not hesitate to contact [Stage2@ottawa.ca](mailto:Stage2@ottawa.ca).