

# Survey Responses

09 June 2021 - 08 July 2021

## Tree Policy Survey

# Engaging Pelham

Project: Proposed Tree Management Policy



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Respondent No: 1

Login:

Email:

Responded At: Jun 16, 2021 11:52:08 am

Last Seen: Jun 16, 2021 17:50:46 pm

IP Address:

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Yes

Q4. Please provide comments on the proposed policy and identify additions , deletions, and further requirements.

The Town has a questionable track record of protecting our trees. I hope this is a step on the right direction towards becoming better stewards of our land.



Respondent No: 2

Login: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Responded At: Jun 16, 2021 11:58:01 am

Last Seen: Jun 16, 2021 17:38:32 pm

IP Address: [REDACTED]

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There needs to be a sound tree policy for the Town of Pelham and many of the existing strategies I do support. Planting carolinian species, proper care and maintenance and thinking about climate change impacts are all very strong aspects of the policy. However, more mature trees have been removed than replaced in the past 10 years since we lived here especially on boulevards and woodlots..maybe it is due to future development on those roads but I'd like to see more efforts. Many healthy, mature trees have been cut for development/housing purposes both on public and private lands and it impacts quality of life in Pelham. I think a yearly budget of only \$25,000 for tree planting is very low. With respect to the alternative suggestions: #2 where municipal trees are cared and maintained by abutting property owners is just ridiculous on so many levels.



Respondent No: 3

Login: f

Email:

Responded At: Jun 16, 2021 13:07:26 pm

Last Seen: Jun 16, 2021 19:06:59 pm

IP Address:

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- not answered



Respondent No: 4

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Email:

Responded At: Jun 16, 2021 15:50:40 pm

Last Seen: Jun 16, 2021 21:45:54 pm

IP Address:

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Insufficient policy and/or care for the deforestation for all trees attacked by the gypsy moth infestation.



Respondent No: 5

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Email: {

Responded At: Jun 16, 2021 19:09:08 pm

Last Seen: Jun 17, 2021 01:08:38 am

IP Address:

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not answered



Respondent No: 6

Login:

Email:

Responded At: Jun 17, 2021 06:49:26 am

Last Seen: Jun 17, 2021 12:46:25 pm

IP Address:

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I think residents should be able to have some input as to what trees are being planted especially on residential boulevards.



Respondent No: 7

Login:

Email

Responded At: Jun 21, 2021 07:05:41 am

Last Seen: Jun 21, 2021 13:04:37 pm

IP Address:

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Yes

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Enough of the destruction!



Respondent No: 8

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Email:

Responded At: Jun 23, 2021 13:12:32 pm

Last Seen: Jun 23, 2021 19:08:52 pm

IP Address:

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A private tree by-law would be a good way to ensure that trees are taken down safely and responsibly if residents have to obtain a permit. Additionally it might deter people from erroneously removing a tree that is otherwise healthy.



Respondent No: 9

Login:

Email:

Responded At: Jun 23, 2021 14:36:07 pm

Last Seen: Jun 23, 2021 20:33:08 pm

IP Address:

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We have lost too many trees in our neighbourhood recently. We chose to move to an older neighbourhood in Fonthill specifically for the trees, and it is upsetting to see so many taken down.



Respondent No: 10

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Email:

Responded At: Jun 23, 2021 19:00:27 pm

Last Seen: Jun 24, 2021 01:03:04 am

IP Address:

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I think the gypsy moths are a real problem, our property lost all its ash trees to the beetle a few years ago, now the oaks are disappearing as well



Respondent No: 11

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Email: {

Responded At: Jul 01, 2021 04:50:58 am

Last Seen: Jul 01, 2021 10:35:18 am

IP Address:

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I believe that any property over with over 2000 square feet of open yard in one location ( front or back yards) should have a prescribed number of trees per acre. providing it is not a field used for crops, Fields used for grazing animals should have a prescribed number of trees per acre as well. I believe in the carrot over the whip strategy, those who have and maintain trees on their property should receive a financial advantage over those who do not. Parking lots like in large plazas and malls should be mandated to plant trees surrounding and within their parking lots once they are over a certain size to reduce "the urban heat wave". and this should be retroactive, example the plaza with giant tiger on hwy 20 should remove at least 12 parking spots in groups of 2 side by side and plant a tree in central locations through the lot



Respondent No: 12

Login: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Responded At: Jul 01, 2021 05:46:29 am

Last Seen: Jul 01, 2021 11:45:40 am

IP Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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not answered



Respondent No: 13

Login:

Email:

Responded At: Jul 02, 2021 18:25:41 pm

Last Seen: Jul 03, 2021 00:22:24 am

IP Address:

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It is important that land DEVELOPERS especially be committed to and held accountable for planting native species to maintain the aesthetic and well being of Pelhams citizens.

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Respondent No: 14

Login:

Email:

Responded At: Jul 07, 2021 10:25:01 am

Last Seen: Jul 07, 2021 16:22:56 pm

IP Address:

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13 July 2021

Mr. Ryan Cook,  
Manager of Public Works  
Town of Pelham.

Subject: Tree Management Policy, No. 5802-01 (Proposal)

Respectfully I submit the following comments. This policy statement proposal would, in my view, benefit from an increased expression of the following ideas.

#### FUNDING

To be effective, elected councils must commit long term funding to hire and train competent, committed and engaged staff. All staff, permanent, casual, contract must be fully aware that their obligation is to support healthy tree cover and not to contribute to their incremental demise with power mowers and trimmers.

#### HUMAN BEHAVIOUR/TREE PROTECTION

Policy No. 5802-01 proposal must, in my view, be supported by expectations of human behaviour that protects trees, especially new plantings done to the highest possible standards.

The new Tulip Trees northeast of Town Hall are a welcome site. Perhaps doing an excellent job of planting fewer trees may be worth considering.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

This is referenced in the new policy proposal but how is it enforced?

How are private land "care" contractors screened for hiring and held accountable for damage if any?

Is there a site inspection before and after the "care" season?

Does the lowest bidder get the contract?

Is the town getting good value from the services delivered?

I have to wonder about the results.

## PUBLIC AWARENESS VS. APATHY

Citizens of Pelham would, in my opinion, benefit from increased awareness of the importance of a healthy tree canopy. It is my experience that most people do not have the faintest idea of how trees actually "work". Lack of awareness contributes to apathy, neglect and potential demise.

Proposed policy No. 5-802-1 could be taken as an opportunity for an information strategy component of Town operations - i.e. a report to the taxpayers.

One such report (to the Voice) could be a disclosure of the total actual cost of placing and maintaining (2 yrs) of a minimum 50 mm. caliper nursery stock tree in its new home.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully

