EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT: Community Services



CS includes: Parks, Recreation Facilities Operations & Programming, Fire Services, Fergus Grand Theatre, Tourism & Culture, Volunteer Coordination,

Park Planning & Urban Forestry

NUMBER OF STAFF -1 Urban Forestry Project Manager



WHAT
DO WE
DO?

Enhance the condition of public trees and the quantity of public tree canopy cover in the Township of Centre Wellington. Manage capital park projects. Review site plan application arborist reports, tree preservation plans, and landscape plans.

KEY FACTS ABOUT FORESTRY

With the help of staff, Neighbourwoods volunteers, and consultants, approximately 18,000 public trees have been inventoried to date and are recorded in the Townships GIS database.



CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Current (fall):

- 1. Fall 2018 Street Tree Planting
- 2. Ash Removal at the Sportsplex Woodlot
- 3. Ash Removal at the Willkie Park Woodlot
- 4. Ash Removal along Eramosa-Garafraxa Townline
- 5. Ash Removal on Urban Streets 2018
- 6. Hazard Tree Removal
- 7. Ash Tree Removal by Public Works staff
- 8. Stump grinding

Upcoming (Winter/Spring):

- 1. Spring 2019 Street Tree Planting
- 2. Elora Meadows Park Community Planting
- 3. Harper Crescent Park Community Planting
- 4. Ash Removal along Guelph Street
- 5. Ash Removal at Sportsplex Greenspace
- 6. Ash Removal at Webster Park
- 7. Hazard Tree Removal
- 8. Community Maintenance Pruning Pilot Project
- 9. Stump Grinding

TOP 5 QUESTIONS ASKED



1. Are there any opportunities for residents to get involved with community tree planting projects?

Yes. We have community planting events in the spring and fall. Anyone is welcome and the help is appreciated.

2. Who is responsible for maintaining public trees?

Township staff.

3. Does the Township have a Private Tree Bylaw?

No there is no private tree bylaw, however the County has a Forest Conservation Bylaw (Bylaw #5115-09) which applies to any woodlands of one hectare (2.47 acres) or more.

4. How are heritage trees protected?

Trees with significant cultural or ecological value are informally identified.

5. How are Township forests & woodlots protected from development?

Developers are required to meet the minimum tree protection and compensation guidelines set out in the Public Forest Policy as part of the site plan approval process. They are also required to obtain a permit from the County if applicable.