



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Urban Forest Implementation
Working Group
Notes – 19 July 2021



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1 Opening

Meeting opened at 7.30am

Acknowledgement of country

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

UFS Implementation Group Members

Heather Johnstone
Rowena Skinner
Emma Monk
Nadia D'Hart

Councillors

Cr Luana Lisandro

ToVP Representatives

Natalie Martin-Goode (Chief Community Planner)
David Doy (Manager Place Planning)
Pierre Quesnel (Senior Place Leader, Urban Forest)
Penny Fletcher (Parks Technical Officer)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant, Chief Community Planner)

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Aisle Wong (Place Planner)

Apologies

Ben Whitehouse
Ngaire Howard
Cr Ronhhda Potter
Cr Vicki Potter
Aleisha Hunter
Gregor Wilson

3 Presentations

3.1 Urban Forest Strategy implementation update

Time	<i>10 minutes</i>
Presenter	<i>Pierre Quesnel</i>
Attachments	Urban Forest Strategy implementation update

Purpose of the item

To provide the UFS IWG with an update on the current planting season progress.

Outcome

Group member awareness of planting season activities.

Next Steps

Nil

Outcome/Action

Pierre went through the Urban Forest Program Planting season physical projects spreadsheet or tracking sheet.

Leafy Streets is underway, working through the stock from City of South Perth which started last weekend and started in Kent St.

Pierre and Penny reviewing the objections from the letters regarding verge trees.

Aim to plant 1500 street trees this planting season. This represents the absolute maximum of the organisations street tree planting capacity.

3.2 UFS Tree Planting Cost

Time	15 minutes
Presenter	<i>Pierre Quesnel</i>
Attachments	1. 2021 Street Tree Planting and Establishment Cost [3.2.1 - 1 page]

Purpose of the item

To provide an update on focused effort to improve street tree planting specifications and processes. The result has been a significant reduction in planting and establishment costs.

Outcome

Awareness from members of current cost and techniques of street tree planting. Discussion of the current challenges of tree supply

Outcome/Actions

Pierre ran through the tree planting costs. In 2020 the cost was estimated at \$1500 and was even thought it may be even more. With focused research and changes in the tree planting specification (size of stock, soil conditioning techniques and tree wells etc) this price has dropped significantly.

A large factor in the price reduction has been the creation of new contracts for tree planting and for ongoing tree watering and care to establishment.

Total cost of trees being planted is about \$194 and Tree watering and care to establishment fee is \$309 therefore a total of \$503 per tree. This is 1/3 of the previous cost.

There are delays with Ellenby supplying the trees, excepted September/October. Planting may be stretched into October however the watering will follow straight after planting so this should be ok. If the stock is still not ready by September/October, they will have to be postponed until next planting season rather than plant stock that is not ready and have low survival rate.

Q: Funding - Do we know how much was spent last financial year. Is there was any money left has it been rolled over?

A: There was no carry forwards and the various Urban Forest programs came in on budget.

Q: Have we approval another budget for 21/22 financial year for \$1 million?

A: Budget has not been adopted.

PQ to create an educational piece around tree stock and planting for elected members

PQ is to investigate that something goes into the newsletter - VIBE

4 Items for discussion

4.1.1 Urban forest project proposal - 3 Merton Street Greening

Reporting officer	Pierre Quesnel
Attachments	1. Urban forest project proposal 3 Merton Street [4.1.1.1 - 6 pages]

Purpose of the item

UFS Implementation project proposals are received from the community and Town staff via online form. The proposals are collated and presented to the UFS Implementation Working Group who will provide advice and recommendations to inform prioritisation and implementation of UFS implementation projects.

Outcome

Following open discussion about the proposal amongst the group and Town subject matter experts' recommendations, advice and additional opportunities and recorded in the meeting notes. This will assist Town staff in the prioritisation of projects. It will also assist in understanding the likely community impacts and sentiment which will influence the manner of project delivery

Discussion Points

The UFS IWG discuss the 3 Merton Street project

- Project costs
- Community support
 - This project is likely to be well supported by the community
- Place impact
- UFS Target
- Environmental service
- Heath outcomes

Outcome/Actions

To discuss and decide on Urban Forest Project proposal.

It was suggested by the group that this would be a suitable project to include in the Urban Forest's Green Basin's program for 2022 planting season.

The group recommended starting with the verge space between the front fence and the kerb line and then the basin which could be staged for later seasons. Suggestion to work with the project applicant, neighbor and street to encourage ongoing ownership and care for the space.

The rules about planting around Western Power infrastructure was raised and it was mentioned that small shrubs are ok provided maintenance access is maintained to the Western Power infrastructure. No trees or built structures would be able to be with approximately 5m. Exact requirements to be determined in the detailed planning of the project.

5 General business

Question: Flooding - Given all the flooding can we look at some interventions to mitigate flooding around problem areas.

Answer: The known hotspots from the last heavy rainfall event are current being looked at by the ops teams. 30 hotspots were identified and a workshop was had to agree on the issues and solution to each of them.

Question: Patrick's Postcards were again promoted on social media, the postcards have not been delivered to all area, maybe people with JUNK MAIL Stickers are not getting them. Does the Town have a big supply of the postcards. Would like addition postcard to go to Millen Primary School as staff resources, there are 22 classrooms.

Answer: The Town has a small number and Heather Johnstone also has some extras. Emma to collect from heather or Pierre for the Millen Primary school planting day. It is ok to print more if required in the future.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status / Comments	Closed Date
Finalise communication contract for 21/22 which formalises the maintenance of the current approach and direction of the communications campaign.	PQ	RFQ closed award by 23.7.2021	Open
Urban forest project proposal process to be promoted to the community	PQ	To be planned with new FY Communications contractor.	Open
Communicate that street trees cannot be pruned by residents at the same time communications occur around green waste collections	PQ	Green waste timing and communication to be confirmed.	

Incorporation of ArborCarbon mapping into public Intramaps system	PQ	In progress - one issue with thermal mapping - will go into the tree layer on Intramaps and will be available to the public and on internal systems	Open
Next stage of Rutland Avenue presented at UFS IWG meeting	PQ	Open – still in development by ops team	Open
PQ to investigate volunteer grove as recognition of service and volunteering associated with the UFS.	PQ	Proposed delay until after planting season 2021.	Open

7 Close

Meeting closed at 8.30am