

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, February 21, 2019				Report Date	Tuesday, February 12, 2019			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy - Report #21/02/19/1101

SUBJECT: Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council pass By-Law 2019-04 to adopt the Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation policy in order to ensure legislative compliance.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act, 2017 (Bill 68) became law on May 30, 2017. One of the key changes resulting from Bill 68 requires municipalities to adopt a policy with respect to the manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality. This policy does not affect managed forest activities in the municipality.

The deadline for this policy is March 1, 2019. Expertise for Municipalities has provided a draft by-law for council’s consideration which meets the legislative requirements and has been reviewed by Wishart Law Firm.

A report to council (Report# 16/10/18/1001) was created in October 2018 and has been included for information.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

No significant financial considerations at this time.

Others Consulted:

<https://www.amcto.com/AMCTO/media/AmctoLibrary/Workshops/MOMLA-Overview-Deck-Bill-68---The-Modernizing-Ontario's-Municipal-Legislation-Act-2017.pdf>

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Crystal Fischer,
Interim Clerk