

	CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE URBAN FOREST STRATEGY (as compiled from inputs to date)	PRINCIPLES	POLICY & PLANNING	REGULATIONS & BYLAWS	PRACTICE & PROCEDURES
			Suggested Strategies	Suggested Strategies	Suggested Strategies
15			Partner with local and regional agencies, foundations and business in UF projects.  Consider a DCC category for UF management in the District.		
16	Inter-departmental communication regarding tree protection, management and operations can be improved.	There are strong linkages between Urban Forest management and the Sustainability Goals of the Municipality.  Jurisdictional boundaries can be difficult to draw for the Urban Forest and is a management responsibility of all Departments	All Departments should strive to enhance Urban Forest benefits when planning projects & works.  Continue communications with the Fire Department in Emergency Response planning within the Forest Interface zone.  Establish a liaison between Parks and the Advisory Design Panel for consideration of the Urban Forest.  An inventory of the urban forest needs to be comprehensive, dynamic and available to resource managers within all departments.  Consider oversight of the Strategy to an Advisory Committee of Council.		Provide annual Progress Report: "State of the Urban Forest in Saanich".  Establish an inter-Departmental group with responsibility to oversee implementation and phasing of the Urban Forest Strategy.  Finalize MoU guidelines and provide training to all municipal works staff in best practices around trees and forest environments.  Ensure circulation of UF annual work plan program to other Departments.
17	Survival of the Urban Forest depends on many things, including healthy growing sites and adequate maintenance.	Trees maintained on a regular cycle are healthier, live long and reduce the Municipality's liability from hazards.	Formulate a District-wide tree /forest maintenance work plan for all public trees.		Municipal Maintenance practices should be consistent with ISA standards and BMPs.  Implement guidelines for tree-compatible public works that enhance the Urban Forest.  Provide technical information to Planners and Developers regarding tree selection, site preparation, establishment periods and on-going maintenance.  Maintain trees on a regular, more frequent cycle to prevent hazards and improve tree health.  Continue to plant the appropriate tree in the appropriate site.  Ensure "Urban Forest" work order #'s exist for all operations.
18	Tree risk monitoring programs need to be vigilant, including hazard tree assessment and abatement practices within Urban forest settings.		Ensure that policies do not promote hazard conditions e.g. leave strips that are susceptible to wind-throw.  Work with the municipal solicitor to create policy pertaining to hazardous tree response within various settings. (e.g.. along roads, along trails, in parks)		Ensure continued compliance with WorkSafe BC conditions regarding hazardous trees.  Provide on-going tree risk assessment and hazard tree abatement training to operations staff.
19	The role of community stewardship in the Urban Forest is not thoroughly understood or applied consistently across the District.	Residents who participate in events such as Tree Appreciation Day and other local planting programs become more aware of Urban Forest benefit to their community.  Sustaining the quality and quantity of Urban Forests in Saanich requires on-going Community involvement.  In addition to District resources, other sources for funding of Urban Forestry programs exist (e.g. Infrastructure Grants, Forests for Tomorrow, Climate Action).	Encourage other partners to remain engaged in Urban Forest programs and community awareness programs – District schools, GORP, SCAN, Friends of Mount Douglas and others.  Continue to fund and build Community programs (e.g. NatureScape or similar) to increase community awareness and perpetuate the urban tree inventory.		Expand Urban Forest project funding opportunities from the business community and other donors.  Use the Memorial Tree program as one means of engaging local Service Clubs in reforestation and green infrastructure projects.  Engage the community to identify opportunities for private tree planting and to encourage public involvement in forest inventory programs.  Include information about the Saanich Urban Forest in community /municipal media.