

ACTION SHEET: HAMILTON'S DRAFT URBAN FOREST STRATEGY(2021)

Here are some key actions that you can take right now to help us to push for a strong Urban Forest Strategy for Hamilton that lead to an urban forest that is beneficial, equitable, valued and resilient!

1. **[SIGN UP](#)** for the City of Hamilton's upcoming (TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9th – 6:30PM – 8:30PM) Virtual Public Meeting and make your voice heard about what you would like to see in Hamilton's urban forest! You can [Presubmit questions](#) for staff to consider at the February 9th meeting.
 - a. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the DRAFT Urban Forest Strategy
 - b. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the DRAFT Technical Report
2. **[COMPLETE ONLINE POLL](#)** (deadline February 26) about a Private Tree Bylaw
3. **[COMPLETE ONLINE SURVEY](#)** (deadline February 26) about the DRAFT Urban Forest Strategy
4. **PROVIDE FEEDBACK** (deadline February 26) on the DRAFT Urban Forest Strategy and DRAFT Technical Report (by email, mail or phone to Cathy Plosz cplosz@hamilton.ca or 905-546-2424 x1231). Consider sharing your feedback by cc-ing your email to your councillor.
5. **[CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR](#)** by phone or email to share your comments about the DRAFT Urban Forest Strategy. Consider including a personal note that you are a ward resident, a little story about why trees are important to you when sharing your concerns about the draft. AND let us know what their response is.
6. **[STAY IN TOUCH](#)** with the Trees Please program to learn about upcoming tree planting and other activities
7. Spread the word about why trees are important, why we need a thriving urban forest. Tell your family and friends. Think about people you know who live in other wards, would they be willing to reach out to their City councillor?

Summary of our key issues/concerns

- Private tree protection is needed
- Canopy target should be higher, maybe 45%
- Municipal staff training for all departments that work with trees
- Commitment to urban woodland stewardship
- Plant native and ensure canopy coverage becomes equitable across city
- Need timeline, metrics and funding commitments
- INCLUDED FROM LAST NIGHT'S CHAT: How is the City ensuring our Indigenous communities are being included into the making of Urban Forest Strategy? What does that consultation look like?