



**REPORT OF LIVABLE COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE**

For City Council – December 13, 2021

From: Office of the City Clerk

Date: Monday, December 06, 2021

Title: City of Fredericton Commemorative Park Bench and Tree Program

Description:

The Livable Community Committee, at its meeting held on December 2, 2021, considered an Administrative Report from the Recreation Officer, seeking approval to implement a Commemorative Park Bench and Tree Program in partnership with the Parks and Trees Division.

Every year the Parks and Trees Division receives multiple requests from the public to either plant a tree or donate a park bench to honour an individual within a public park or trail setting. However, currently there are no guidelines to support this request. The Recreation, Culture and Community Development Division along with the Parks and Trees Division would like to implement a program that will fulfill this community need.

Each park bench donated to the City of Fredericton will be installed and maintained in an approved municipal park, in consultation with the Manager of the Parks and Trees Division. The bench will become the property of the municipality and will be maintained by the City. Each donation will be recognized by a plaque installed on the bench.

Each tree donated and planted will be a caliper tree of a suitable species in an approved City of Fredericton owned park in consultation with the Parks and Trees division municipal Arborist. The tree will become the property of the City of Fredericton, will be protected by the appropriate by-laws, and will be maintained for its natural life by tree care professionals. A plaque recognizing the tree donation will be installed near the tree planting site.

To allow time to order infrastructure, for the first year of program implementation, anyone wishing to donate a bench or tree will be asked to submit an application form prior to the first of February 2022. The application will be available on the City of Fredericton website starting Jan 1, 2022.

Accordingly, the Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton approve the City of Fredericton Commemorative Park Bench and Tree Program.

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