


MOTION / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DATE: April 05, 2011 **MOTION NO. 2011 - 077-COW**

MOVED BY: 

SECONDED BY: 

WHEREAS over 80% of Canadians now live in urban areas and have come to rely on the environmental, ecological and economic benefits of urban forests;

AND WHEREAS the health of Canadians is sustained by their urban forests which, for example, provide services valued at \$2.1 Million per year to the residents of the Town of Oakville and \$22.7 Million to the residents in Peel Region through improving air quality, cooling city streets and buildings, acting as a windbreak, shading from harmful UV rays, and filtering storm water, as well as beautifying our cities;

AND WHEREAS neither the federal nor provincial governments currently include urban forestry in their mandates except in a limited role with respect to exotic, invasive pests;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has not been able to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer throughout Ontario and Quebec

AND WHEREAS the Emerald Ash Borer is expected to cost Canadians over \$2 Billion dollars in treatment and replanting;

AND WHEREAS Canadian forestry programs and research are solely focused on industrial forests and do not at present include urban tree planting, appropriate species research, and insect control and management; and

AND WHEREAS other jurisdictions such as the United States Forest Service and the European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre include urban forestry as a program and research area;

AND WHEREAS Canada engages municipalities in a number of substantial infrastructure programs;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Gananoque hereby support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Ontario Association of Municipalities urging the federal and Provincial governments to take leadership roles in recognizing the need to support urban forestry, by establishing urban forestry mandates and programs which includes funding assistance to municipalities for the control and management of the Emerald Ash Borer- and any future significant imported diseases and insects -as well as the creation and funding of programs designed to support the on-going sustainable management of urban forests.

Carried:
Defeated:
Tabled/Deferred:


 Mayor, Erika Demchuk

MA s. 246 - When a recorded vote is requested, the Clerk will call for each Councillors vote (Yea or Nay), mark the recorded vote as indicated by the member, and announce whether the motion is carried or defeated. The Mayor will then sign the motion.

RECORDED VOTE:	Yea	Nay
Abbott, R		
Demchuk, E		
Girling, J		
Hayes, J		
Jansen, J		
Sheppard, B		
Warren, A		
TOTALS		