
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 25, 2003
File No.: 6300-02
To: Ron Born, City Manager
From: Ian Wilson, Urban Forestry Supervisor
Subject: Burned Tree Removal on Roadways

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize the assessment and removal of dead / dangerous trees affected by the Okanagan Mountain Park Fire from City owned right-of-ways.

AND THAT all costs associated with this project, estimated to total up to \$80,000, be charged to chartfield 1092-0-00120 with the 2003 Financial Plan amended with interim funding from the Insurance Deductible Reserve.

BACKGROUND

Hundreds of trees along City-owned right-of-ways were scorched by the Okanagan Mountain Park Fire. Immediately after the fire, crews went into the area to assess and fall trees that were imminently dangerous, under the authority of the emergency operations. Felled trees still require clean-up, and there are a number of scorched or dead trees along roadways that require re-assessment and possible removal.

One of the challenges is the determination of tree ownership, particularly in the south Lakeshore area where property lines are unclear. Therefore an initial survey, assessment and marking of trees is required prior to removal and clean-up.

It is anticipated that this work will be funded in part by the Provincial Emergency Program. Trees that contain merchantable timber will be salvaged, where possible.

Ian Wilson, Urban Forestry Supervisor

c.c. Director of Parks and Leisure Services
Parks Manager