

OUR ASH TREES

On June 17th Aspen Trees evaluated the condition of our ash trees. You will recall that a few years ago an infestation in the surrounding areas was identified. This community has been proactive in drenching the trees each year to push out this problem, however the June evaluation identified 155 of our trees that are presently infected.

G&I committee is obtaining a second report for another botanist, and will overlay the results and that should give us a better idea of the first group of trees that must be removed.

Some of the trees identified in the original Aspen report are rated for immediate removal; another group was rated for removal later this year

Many of our streets will be impacted. The following is a listing of the number of Ash trees on certain streets.

Baker's Place 12 trees; Blacksmith row 21 trees; Heathrow Lane 43 trees; Island Heathrow Lane 9 trees; Collier 7 trees; Collier on Bakers side 2 trees; Collier on Currier side 2 trees; Collier on Cornerside 2 trees; Currier's Place 25 trees; Primrose Place 3 trees; Silo Court 9 trees; Lantern Light 7 trees; Sparrowbush 3 trees; Tanner 2 trees; Morningstar/Silo side 2 trees; Clubhouse areas 6 trees.

G&I will be providing the BOT with proposals as to how many trees would have to be immediately removed, and those to be removed in a multi-year plan. G&I is also looking at the best and most efficient and cost effective way to handle this undertaking.

The undertaking would involve removing the tree, grinding and removing the stump, reconciliation of the soil. Whether or not a tree-for-tree replacement program would be undertaken will be a recommendation from G&I to BOT.

As a note the information we have received is that the Ash borer will not attack other than Ash trees, so any replacement trees would not be compromised.