



**Tree Guardian Network**  
*Excerpted from Minutes 2017-05-15*

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MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Climate change is already affecting weather patterns in Vancouver including causing prolonged summer droughts such as occurred during 2015;
2. Periods of prolonged drought can severely damage and even kill certain trees, particularly those that are shallow-rooted or young;
3. Resources beyond those available to the City and Park Board are needed to respond to prolonged drought conditions threatening the survival of these trees;
4. Many residents have demonstrated a concern for the health of the urban forest and would be willing to assist in the care of trees in times of urgent need;
5. Information sent to residents to advise them of best practices for watering trees during a drought could greatly reduce tree loss; and
6. Contributing to a collective effort that enhances the public realm builds connections between people and contributes to a sense of shared responsibility for the civic environment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Park Board staff, using appropriate social media channels, invite residents of Vancouver to join an on-line network of “tree guardians” willing to water City-owned trees facing drought conditions in their neighbourhoods and that this network be launched during the summer of 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY