

January 3, 2013

Dear Resident,

To ensure the safety of residents and their property, the City of Kingston will be cutting down a number of infected, dying or dead ash trees on municipal property in the Trillium Ridge naturalized area in the coming weeks. Please see the map on the back of this letter for the area in which work will be occurring.

WHY ARE WE CUTTING DOWN ASH TREES?

You may have heard that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation was identified in Kingston this year. Unfortunately, this infestation is unavoidable and will affect all ash trees in Kingston over the next few years. The burrowing action of the EAB larvae quickly makes affected ash trees unsafe and kills them within a couple of years.

The affected ash trees present a significant risk to safety and property in the area and as such the City is taking a proactive approach to deal with the current high risk situation in this area by opting to cut them down. Although ash trees can be treated, forestry staff has determined that the ash trees in this area are not candidates for treatment due to the location and advanced EAB condition of these ash trees. Ash trees that do not represent any risk to residents and their property will remain.

Have an ash tree on your own property? It's your responsibility. See www.CityofKingston.ca/EAB for guidance and/or consult an arborist.

WHERE ARE THE TREES BEING CUT DOWN? WILL THEY BE REPLACED?

The municipality owns and is responsible for much of the green space in this area which is heavily populated with mature ash trees and estimates 15% to 20% of the trees in this area are in a condition or location which presents a significant risk making removal the best option.

The removal of a number of the larger ash trees will also allow for existing saplings to grow in this green space area.

HOW WILL THE WORK BE DONE?

The cutting will be conducted by contractors under the direction of the City Forestry Supervisor beginning during the month of January. Work will begin after 7 a.m. daily. Some brush and wood may remain on-site.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions or concerns about this scheduled work, please contact me at 613-546-4291, ext. 2183 or tstubinski@cityofkingston.ca

Yours,

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The area bordered in black is where the tree cutting will be taking place.

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