



## Item No. 6e Town of Atherton

### **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – REGULAR AGENDA**

**TO:            PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**FROM:        STEVE TYLER – PARK SUPERINTENDENT**

**DATE:        DECEMBER 2, 2015**

**SUBJECT:    TREE SELECTION ON PARK MASTERPLAN PROJECTS**

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the November 4, 2015 Park and Recreation meeting, it was noted that some of the trees scheduled for placement of park project #006 were inappropriate. Staff was asked to meet with Park & Recreation Committee members Roeser and Kupperman to discuss the park projects in their entirety and make any suggested changes of tree plantings to bring them in line with the 2005 Park Landscape Masterplan.

#### **ANALYSIS**

On November 23, Committee Chair Roeser set a meeting with Steve Tyler and Denise Kupperman. Committee member Kupperman was not available for the meeting. During the meeting, all of the park projects with tree's identified for replacement were discussed/

The only project with trees identified as part of the project (specifically) was project #006. All of the other projects only identified tree replacement as part of the project if there was need to do so to “fill in” a gap of existing trees.

Steve Tyler recommended to Committee member Roeser that the best was to go about handling the need for “fill in” trees was to hold off on the planting of such until these locations were discussed with the P&R committee prior to their placement. This would guarantee compliance that the tree's planted met all of the criteria from the 2005 Landscape Masterplan for conformance.

All were in agreement this should be brought forward to the Park and Recreation Committee at the December 2, 2015 meeting. It was also hoped that discussion of the placement of the 9 Cercis Canadensis “forest pansy” be discussed.

Staff also requested that the trees from park project #006 be changed to Platanus acerifolia “Bloodgood”. This Sycamore is a variety resistant to both Anthracnose and Verticillium wilt.



