Verbatim comments

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Online feedback

Have you participated in the Branching Out Program before? If no, why?

Didn't know about it!

I heard about it this year but we have been too busy to act on it.

Not aware of it.

I live in a condominium, though I am all game for urban forestry in Calgary

I had no idea the program existed

Didn't know it existed.

We have a lot of trees on our property, though thinking of getting some on the boulevard. Is this also done by Branching Out?

Never knew about it

I live in a housing cooperative and the board members may not have been aware of your program.

We tried and there were no trees left within 15 mins of it opening !

I didn't know abouti it then it was tooo late.

There were no trees left when I attempted to sign up.

I had no information about this program

didn't know about it.

Didn't like the trees that were available so far.

I didn't think there was one available in my community

Wasn't aware of this program. And I do not have space for more trees on my property.

New to Calgary

I keep forgetting and missing the deadline.

Found out about it this year after the NW availability had closed

Haven't needed to plant a new tree.

havent heard of it

Before this year, no hadn't heard of it. This year, yes

I had never heard of it until today.

I have enough trees on my property

I didn't know about it.

Was unaware of the program

Never heard of it

This year the timing worked out and we have s spot for a tree.

had planted trees on my own property previously

I had heard of the program, but never was able to register.

Trees were gone.

Have not heard of it

I did not know about it.

I didn't know about it.

never heard of it

Never heard of it

Missed deadlines.

We didn’t have a home.

I didn't know about it

I have not heard of this program until recently.

Didn’t have room for a tree. It is replacing one of my birch trees I had before that died.

Wasn't aware of it

I have not heard of it before.

Didn't know about it

Unaware program exists

Not exactly true. I have today for the first time.

Unaware

Everyone in my family is disabled. We need help to plant trees on our property. We are also all low income (2 of my family members are on CPP & OAS. I am on Aish.) We cant afford to pay for help to plant a tree.

The trees were all taken before I was able to log on.

My property has mature trees

Haven't heard about it.

I was not aware of it before

Wasn’t aware of it.

I'm unsure where I would or could put a tree.

Not aware

I tried but I kept missing the dates.

I didn't know about it until this Spring.

Wasn’t aware of it

I can't fit any more trees on my property.

Did not know it existed.

Unaware

i have alot of trees in my yard already

I have enough trees in my yard. I got some from neighbourwoods years ago.

I already planted trees in my yard and have no space for more.

It's run by the City.

Didn't know about it

I have never hear that

We are at capacity for trees. On our side of the infill duplex we have 3 trees and 2 hedges in the front plus 5 trees and a hedge in the back for a total of 9 species of tree and shrub.

Didn’t know about it.

Not offered

Didn't hear of it! Even if I did though, my house has a mature tree and a large stump in front of it already, with no space for another tree, as far as I can tell.

Because I have not.

I live in a townhouse condo, and the city bylaws say that we can't plant tress because of the spacing to infrastructure.

I'm new to Calgary

Haven't bothered too - just buy the trees ourselves.

?

Never heard of it

Good Companions 50 Plus Club had not previously been aware of the Branching Out Program. As a long-standing non-profit organization serving older adults, and a long-term tenant in a City-owned facility with surrounding City green space nearby, we believe organizations like ours could be valuable partners in future outreach, tree planting, and environmental stewardship initiatives.

Don't really understand what the programme entails

Lived in a condo

I already have a city elm in my front yard and my back yard is a mature garden with no room for new trees.

I live in a condo so don't have yard space of my own.

this is the firs time i have seen the sign to participate

Don’t know where to put the tree

Missed deadline - busy and forgot to register

Because I had already planted some trees in my yard

Not aware

I wanted to but always missed the sign up. It would be nice if sign up wasn’t so limited.

Have not needed to

I don’t have enough space to plant a tree.

We already have a several trees, and I missed the date when I did want one

I live in a condo

By the time I learned about it the deadline had passed

Couldn't find a spot for a tree yet

The program is already full

I haven’t had luck with growing trees on my property but I would love to see more in my community. Especially along the “naturalization” area of 34th ave SE. there is not enough shade. And the road they converted into a bike/walking path is very hot with the concrete, would be nice to have more shaded areas especially for the children who hang out there from the neighbouring daycares and schools.

Not aware

Never heard of it

Hadn't heard of it.

We rent

Missed the registration date

Unaware of it.

Never heard of it until now.

I didn't hear about it until I saw a AD on facebook.

Not sure but I want to now!

Was difficult to actually get trees, so left it for others

Didn't know about it.

Haven't heard of it

I don't own any green space to plant on

I already have trees in my property

I am not familiar with it.

Small lot with limited green to plant in

Never heard about it

No way to get tree home

Didn't know about it

Just moved here

Did not know it existed.

Had not heard of it until i saw a post in facebook.

I was Not aware of this great program.

Cause by the time I get to request everything is gone. Either need more trees to offer or limit households to 1. Or do it by Copmmunity.

always too late to get a tree, not for lack of trying

Never heard of it.

Not enough space at home.

Never heard of it before

I have never heard of it

I have lots of trees on my property, the conern is all the trees being removed for new development, including for pathway widening.

Now aware

I don't know what it is

Miss the deadlines

No space currently

Planted my own trees I bought

Already have mature trees on property no room for new ones

I have trees on my property already.

Lack of awareness mostly. I'm filling this out for my parents and they had no idea what I was talking about when I asked.

i have a large tree in the back yard. There was a tree in the front but it was removed before we bought the property. The neighbours on that side are very against us planting another tree (they often comment that they don't like the one in the back) so I've compromised with shrubs.

I've got a nice collection of trees on my property and felt they would be better served elsewhere

Live in a condo

I hadn't heard about it

Didn't know about it

It closed so quick on the same day it opened.

yes

Tree planting was supposed to be the City's responsibility, until it bent over backwards for developers.

I did not know about it

Didn’t know about it

A general distrust for City Hall.

This is the first time that I have heard of the program

Unable to secure spot, allotment gone too fast.

I didn't know about it.

Didnt know of it

Was not aware of one before

I don't know

No place to plant tree on my property

Never heard of it!

Many reasons
I didn't learn of it in time to pick up trees
I didn't always have a car
I already have trees and bushes to take care of

I live in a rental.

I didn't know about it.

Never heard of it.

wasn't aware of it.

I have wanted to and then life gets busy and again this year the day flew by and we forgot til later that evening.

Not interested in the tree species being offered

Didn't know about it.

never heard of it, as I only read community news letter

Haven’t had time

Didn’t know about it.

Did not know about it.

Just moved to the area.

Didn't know it existed

first time learning about, seem interested in the program

Didn’t know about it

I have lots of trees I live in the river valley

Was not aware

By the time I checked for a tree for my yard, the website said they were all gone. That is within 40 minutes.

No space to plant

Unable to pick up and no more space for trees on our property.

It didn’t come to my attention

Didn’t know about it

never heard of it

My small lot (with its small house) has as many trees as it can handle right now

By the time I hear about it each year, all the trees have been allocated.

Trees were claimed before I could get one, and the days for getting a tree didn't work for me at the time

I never heard of it

Just learned about it this year.

We were not aware of this program.

Not aware about this program

Applied the last couple of years but was unsuccessful in getting a tree.

I have heard about the program secondhand from different neighbors but did not know the scope or what it was called. Now I do.

We have had to take down a few of our trees in the last few years , so it was a great time to plant some different kinds off trees that suited our style .

I've never heard of the program.

Never heard of it

didnt know about it

Not heard of it. And I am otherwise quite knowledgeable as a past City employee.

Did not know of it.

Didn't know about the program

Wasn't ready to plant new trees then this year, I was a few minutes too late to register

I do not own my house, I can never plan my own trees unfortunately.

wasn't aware of it

I didn’t know about it

Wasn’t ready

I was unaware of the program.

I never saw the opportunity

Just learned about it

Haven't bothered.

Too much money is spent on trees.

Don't care for overpriced government intervention.

We already have five trees and a small infill lot. No additional space, otherwise I 100% would.

I did not heard before about the program

was not aware of the program

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I wasn’t aware of the program before.

I was unaware of its existence

I've only just heard of it now.

Never heard of it

I've never heard of this program.

Not fast enough to be able to get a tree

I have never heard of it before.

We already have many large trees on our property.

Not aware of it

My yard is filled with a forest of trees and native plants

Property already has quite a few trees

Live in Riverstone Cranston which connects to fish creek and would like to be a part of preserving and maintaining natural trees.

I haven't ever heard of it.

We weren't interested in having more trees on our property at the time.

It’s too chaotic, like the hunger games for trees.

Didn't know about it until now.

I have participated in LAP, advised the Community Centre and the City of Calgary about the tree canopy on an ongoing basis since about 1990. I found that: The definition and application of the term “private property” is not clear, nor concise and not equally applied in policies nor by bylaw.

Haven’t had the time to plant new trees. Would have to rent a vehicle to pick up new trees.

No space for a new tree

We hadn't heard about it.

Only heard about it this year. Have already planted as many trees as our tiny yard can handle.

Yard controlled by HOA,Condo Board

Didn't know about it

Didn't know about it

First time ever hearing about it

We purchased our own trees and planted them many years ago.

We already have 4 trees within our property, in addition to the 4 city trees in front of our property. If we had to replace a tree (or trees), I would check into the program.

Didn't know about it.

Keep missing dates for applying

Had never heard of it before now.

I didn’t know about it

Our property has too many trees on it already

I've heard trees are gone very quickly

I did not know about it until after the deadline passed.

This is my first time hearing about the program.

never heard of it. Participated in Neighbour woods

Didn't know about it

Will consider in the future as our city birch had to be cut down a couple of years ago (by the city). Not quite ready for it yet as we want to relandscape first.

I don't have room for more trees in my property.

I have a chronic illness and I'm on AISH (that the province is currently destroying)

Hadn't heard of it before now

I don't have anymore room for trees in my yard.

I didn't know about it

Have never been successful

I keep forgetting to discuss with my husband and decide what type of tree and where we would put it before the deadline every year.

No knowledge

Never heard of it!

I previously lived at home and only moved out recently. I currently live in an apartment and do not have any yard space to plant a tree. I may have participated in a similar program when I was younger, but I don't remember much other than the tree dying."

Didn't know anything about it.

I rent

was not aware of it

There were no fruit or nut bearing trees available this year. I am hoping to have trees that produce food!

Didn't know about it and my lot isnt big enough and hate these zero lots. Gives no space for more trees.

Never heard of it

Not aware of it

Applied but did not succeed in getting a tree

Was to late to register

I have applied previously, but was unsuccessful in being selected.

I live in a townhouse complex, maintained by property manager

Never heard of it.

We already have mature trees.

Too hard to get a tree, not enough support or information about where To plant, how to care for the trees

I plant native grassland plants as they will survive, trees won't without help.

Not aware of the program.

I tried to secure a tree and they were all spoken for immediately.

Never heard if it

Did not know about it. I knew that you could apply for a city tree (front yard near sidewalk) but did not know there was a program for trees that could be planted elsewhere in your yard

First, I was not aware of the program. Now I've already have 3 new fruit trees in my year. I thought it was better to have a tree with fruits to attract birds.

My yards have trees already.

Tree type not compatible with my yard's conditions.

Didn’t know about it

Didn’t know about this

Never heard of it

I have never heard of one

We were not informed.

I did not know about it.

I am concerned about damaging utilities or the tree getting damaged during utility work

I had not heard of it.

I am a renter and did not know about the program

The type pf tree availabe is not wht we wanted

Didn't know about it

Don't know where else in the property I can plant an additional tree.

What are the things that make planting or caring for a tree on your property difficult for you? (Check all that apply). 'Other' responses.

The risk the city will restrict the ability to remove the tree if needed.

I live in an condominium and can't take care of the trees

Costs associated with trimming larger and older trees, even fast growing aspens that are only 12 years old

Picking the best location for the tree to succeed

I like openness and trees hamper that feeling.

We are disabled and poor

powerlines/pipes/etc. in the way

How the tree will affect other plants and features in my yard.

Too busy; challenges with beighbors

Why bother when the City destroys so many trees.

I have ample trees on my property. Having written that, it would be ideal if the City of Calgary would take care of their trees that are diseased instead of letting them die.

Not having proper equipment to dig hole big enough for tree

Accessibility, mobility, and maintenance barriers for older adults and senior-serving community organizations.

Existing tree canopy

Feels like a very permanent decision since it will be hard to remove if I don't like the tree after it was planted for years

Root damage and wind/lightning toppling.

Rules and restrictions from the city also. Set backs etc.

May be selecting the correct tree type for my property location and soil.

my tree is dead

Vehicle required for tree pickup/delivery i.e. don't own a truck or SUV

Neighbours hate trees

City Hall expropriating and destroying homes.

Unsure where to plant due to water, electricity, gas lines on our property.

I live in a rental. Additionally, I do not have grass on my property.

Lack of trust in city hall.

Didn’t get a tree.

We are interested in trees on public land. We are disappointed at how long it takes the City to plant a new tree after one has been removed.

Limited life (25 to 30 years) of the popular columnar options leaves us having to remove most of these now dying trees.

I’ve plant new trees and the deer eat them or break them in half rubbing up against them

Cleaning the leaves, acorns etc,

utility locates

high volume ofnburried utilities

Enjoying an open back yard with no trees

Not knowing where to plant, don’t want to create a nightmare 20 years from now

Presence of deep and shallow utilities "deadening" the land.

Homeowners of adjacent properties.

We already have many trees on our property.

Water restrictions make it difficult to care for the tree during hot summers

We are currently having some fire blight issues with other trees on property (discovered today by a horniculturist) :(

I live in an apartment and am interested in this program for when I move into a property with a yard later this summer.

I lived in River Run, which the city demolished to make Harvard Development's project waterfront. The City destroyed more than 100 mature trees beside and on our property. Having a corrupt leadership in City Administration is the biggest problem at the City, whether it's the state of trees in our City or most anything else.

See above. (N/A)

Plant grassland native plants, they will survive here.

Constant issues with water feeder line

concern about interfering with city utilities/roads

Overhead power and cable lines.

The mess they make. Some trees drop more than just leaves. I think people don’t want to have to care for the mess.

Tell us if there is anything else we should know about the barriers you are facing to plant and maintain trees on your property (optional):

I am filling this out as a owner/resident of the Vista Heights Condominium complex. We'd love to see more trees on site but need to build a systematic site plan to identify the most appropriate species and locations with respect to utilities, sightlines, overhead powerlines, and maintenance concerns.

Sadly, we have had to remove 3 trees on our property, two elms were originally planted too close to the fences and became weakened/diseased. We lost a mountain ash after several years and $$$ of trying to save it. We don't have a lot of room left due to our other mature trees and hedges. We have also had to pay a lot of money to deal with diseases in trees/shrubs that have infested our area.

A lack of trust in this municipal government.

Yard is a hill

I don't have room on my property but I asked the city about planting trees in public spaces (at my own cost) two years ago and have yet to hear a response from 311. There are loads of places in my neighbourhood where we can plant more trees as a community and folks can help care for them...even if they are not on their property. Other cities are taking innovative approaches to this. We could do it too: https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/what-happened-when-australian-city-gave-trees-email-addresses-180955851/

Restrictions to plant trees, if I had a house I would increase the amount of tree cover by planting trees suitable for Calgary climates

The following 2 points aren't barriers, but they are the downsides: Cost of pruning the tall trees (we do the smaller trees ourselves). And as of this year, concern with the watering schedule, as it is hard to balance our commitments away-from-home, with the restricted watering days. Esp. when there are days I can't water due to high winds. And days I don't want to water, because there is rain in the forecast (but, then need to play catch-up when the rain failed to materialize)

If the tree is drought tolerant or not

It would be great if the program coordinators would contact Alberta 75 Housing Cooperative in Midnapore and inform them of this program.

I worry about the set back on the property

We are afraid of the rules or restrictions of our condo to plant trees

I wouldn't know where to put it

smaller size but I recently planted an American Mountain Ash, and Columnar Flowering Crab in my front yard

Understanding how to keep trees healthy. How much fertilizer? Why are the leaves turning light green? too much water, too little water?

I think that stewardship of trees is the significant issue. People need information and support around on going care of trees.

I back onto a green space (City Park) which could accommodate additional trees and I could care for them (not enough space in my yard for more trees) - it would be great to develop some form of a "adopt a tree" type program allowing residents to plant trees within close proximity to their property assuming it can be supported by the City.

removal of birch tree that died recently

We have planted over 28 trees in our yard. Including up to seven from branching out program. We face issues of branches and dead sections coming down now that the trees age due to the increase in unpredictable weather like massive hail and snowstorms and wind gusts in all seasons causing damage to trees and neighboring properties. We have stopped planting bcse we fear the aging trees.

Not necessarily my issue but neighbourhoods that do not have strong community networks might not know about this program. The online sign up is a barrier to seniors, new Canadians/Calgarians who either aren't internet savvy or English is a second language. Not having access to a vehicle is also a barrier. I would love to be able to volunteer to help deliver and plant trees (which I did in the past in my own).

Although I support the intent of the City's new lawn watering restrictions, on our property we cannot properly water the mature trees without also watering the lawn. I suspect many properties are in a similar situation, and I fear that an unintended consequence of the watering restrictions will be to reduce the health of private mature trees throughout the City.

I live in an infield and the developer butchared the roots of a large pine in my property. There is new growth every year but we don't know how long it will live. We would like to plant another tree to replace it. Developers should be monintored to ensure the do everything they can to protect existing trees.

The natural state of the environment in Calgary is one of very few trees as indicated by old photos of the area. Thus I struggle with the idea of planting so many trees when they struggle to survive in our dry, stormy and chinook filled winters. Is the cost of watering, maintenance and a short life span worth it.

The clay soil makes trees and shrubs planting difficult. The backyard is southwest oriented, there is plenty of sun and light, but sometimes the heat kills everything that I plant. Also, there are shady and not so well drained areas.

Oftentimes, biodiverse trees are not recommended by HOAs because they don't "fit" the aesthetic. Also, due to lack of resources, they are too expensive and hard to grow.

My concern is planting trees in a Community Garden which is on property leased from the city.

Power lines

I have a very small space for trees and there are other restrictions like utilities in the way, restrictive covenants. And the drought we face every summer, lack of rain in our city.

Space but....I can find more space...

If cost wasn't a factor, I would make my yard a mini forest.

How to keep the plan growing well

Another barrier I face is the type of tree to plant in my home yard.

We have little apace and already have a tree. If we planted another tree, there is a good chance one or the other would have little nutrients due to increased competition. Especially as the new tree would most likely be a sapling, its roots won’t be deep enough to get its nutrients as compared to the much older tree.

We just picked up our tree on June 21. There were no signs about where to stop and pick up the tree so we went towards the tree area. There was a very rude lady with really curly hair and sunglasses who yelled "why do you think there's a barrier?" We told her there was no barrier and she looked and said "I'm going to put it back up!". First there should be signage. Second, courtesy is a basic part of society. We'd hope everyone, especially someone representing the city of Calgary, would understand that.

No barriers

Our trees are well established and we have very little room left for another. Our original choice from 30+ years ago, a Mayday, in our front yard was a poor one. Fungal rot was present and the tree eventually had to be removed.

Would love more green space but there is no respect for the green spaces we have. My neighbor's just litter all the time saying it's no big deal. It's like I am the only one who cares. Even if we had a public garden, garbage would go everywhere.

We are physically disabled.

We have several large trees on our property. It is expensive to have someone come and care for them but we worry about their health. We don't want to take them out but it is a constant expense.

I want to plant fruit trees but the free tree program never has any and it's too expensive in stores/nurseries

Water use, paying for pruning,

No idea if I planted my tree properly. What to look for to monitor my tree health. When to water if it’s rainy or a drought.

As a frail seniorThe physical work required in planting an initial maintenance would be challenging

Not particular barrier regarding our property, however, we’d have a lot more threes if the developers in our area didn’t cut every du how one down!!!

While planting and caring for existing trees has been good, I do have concerns about the long term maintenance cost and challenges on my property with aging mature trees.

I care about planting native or beneficial species, but because of my SE facing law I worry about the exact specifics needed for it to thrive. We have a lot of trees repeated in the area and I try to avoid repeating them in close proximity in case a disease spreads. I also have a pollinator friendly lawn and try not to water it at all which then may not work entirely with a tree planted there.

Cleaning gutters to clear clogs, damage on roof due to branches contact, and fear of having roots damaging the house foundation/aging drainage pipe

I have trees, healthy trees on my property . I am at a loss in the constant fight to have the city support me with the wellness of my 50 year old ash tree. A little would go along way. Ie response to maintenance, some sort of relaxation for those of us who put money into them (water, fertilizer) allowing us to hire arborists (even your contractors) to manage pests and overgrowth. A true partnership

Implications of tree roots on our property.

The developers in the 90's put a skim of 6-8 inches of soil down- just enough for grass to struggle in, the "earth" underneath is the dug out remains of the foundation- clay and rocks the size of your fist. remediating it will be costly.

The big trees are so expensive to get trimmed. I can do it myself until they get over 20 ft tall.

Distrust of City Hall.

New building next door cutting into the roots and branches of a 50 year old birch without consideration for optimal pruning time or possible death of tree.

Safety

I worry about the tree dying and the cost To remove and replace.

These days I worry about shade from rowhouses getting built next door.

Competition from 5lombardy poplars planted next to my property t ; the roots robbing my spruce for water & nutrients .The roots also produce a table of trees coming through the soil with trees growing on their ends! Also the Ash trees (city owned &planted) that put out thousands of seeds which all germinate causing competition for water&nutrients.We have a water shortage not helped by these trees!

I have no barriers.

Are there options for tree-like plants (thinking about lilacs, etc.) if the spacing doesn't permit trees?

The branching out program should do more to help people choose an appropriate tree. The program website should include data on each tree species, such as how far they should be planted from houses, sidewalks, utilities, other trees, etc. It took a substantial amount of research for me to determine which trees would fit in the available space on my lot.

Cost of trees, availability of desired species, risk of failure.

None

Poverty due to racism

Not sure how much is spent on the branching out program, but I feel that a lot of trees go to waste do to poor planting and as well as ppl just getting trees to sell them is not helpful to residents that actually want one.

I live on an older property in Woodlands with mature landscaping already in place. While I value trees and green spaces, the long-term cost of maintaining trees, trimming, pruning, and general yard upkeep can become expensive. For many homeowners, especially families balancing busy schedules and household costs, planting new trees can feel like a long-term commitment that is difficult to take on without support.

Good Companions 50 Plus Club serves hundreds of older adults annually and operates from a City-owned facility under long-term lease. The club is located near City-owned green space, including park and dog park areas, and we see strong interest among older adults in gardening, shade, outdoor programming, and environmental stewardship. However, barriers often include physical accessibility, mobility limitations, fixed incomes, uncertainty around tree selection and care, and the long-term maintenance required. Senior-serving organizations should be considered when designing community-based environmental initiatives.

not knowing what tree to plant and also looking for the future that the roots will damage concrete

Existing tree canopy. We have a large pine the covers the entire front yard. This limits what we could plant

Cost of trees.

I wish the conversation would be about overall vegetation. I have two properties, one with a good forest fed by our rainwater in and underground swale system and one with mostly non-tree vegetation and an irrigation system. Bushes and shrubs should be part of the conversation.

The actual sizes of the lots is not big enough to properly plant trees. They are either too close to the house foundation, the garage foundation, the neighbours who don't want to a rake leaves. I love my neighborhood has tree lined street, but the trees are not properly trimmed and grow from the bottom, while the tops die. They are damaged by big trucks, break in the wind, all because they are not maintained properly.

large trees can be expensive to maintain (pruning) cleaning eaves etc.

I live in a condo, but work throughout the city as a professional gardener. Most of my clients don't know what to plant, or how to plant it. Many new communities have bad soil that can't be planted in without significant ammendments

I am limited where I could plant the trees on my property due to land use restrictions. If I planted within a certain parcel of my front yard it would be designated a city tree and I would not be allowed to trim it without written consent.

I dont know how to maintain tree, and what would be the legal obligations coming from maintaining the trees and safety to the house structure

Can I plant on boulevard or edge of my property?

The city taking a long time to come plant a tree after removing one.

Cost is always the biggest factor. Provide more free trees in the branching out program!

The biggest one for me is how big is the tree going to get. I love big trees until part of it dies and I have to pay big money to have it chopped down.

Cost of trees.

Delivery of the trees would be awesome.

the water restrictions- only water certain days and times. It does not work with everyones schedule.

Three trees were taken down by the City on the boulevard in front of our building @ [address redacted]. The trees provided shade to units on our south side. They have not been replaced even after calls to City. If trees are supplied we would be more than willing to plant them.

I live in a condo (I am on the board) and we spend a lot of money on maintenance on our existing trees already. Funding from the city would assist in convincing others that we should plant more.

Should we really be planting more trees and greenery when long term water sustainably and pricing is a serious concern?

Renters don't have a seat at any City table

I have trees but am new to caring for them and don't know what I don't know

We have several older trees that need pruning & as seniors, that is not always easy.

It's disheartening that the only city option for trees is small sized trees. Also to plant trees that are so small or trees of short living species adds to the issue. A 5' Schubert cherry tree than won't provide shade or beauty for 15 years is a hard sell for anyone. If the city provided slightly more mature trees, or species that could theoretically be there in 100+ years, that would be great!

Understanding where the tree should be planted to NOT interfere with main line piping and residential piping.

Cannot get the tree home

None

The type of trees that can handle direct sunlight. In my yard, there is a may day tree and a choke cherry tree. The bark facing south is splitting the tree bark badly during hot summer months. Would the city particular trees that can handle high temperatures overtime?

I have tried for the past 8 years to plant and grow Swedish Aspen at my back with taking care of them, but they have died. I believe I should Not be picked on this type of type for my back yard. I would prefer to go with The City known tree types that can tolerate Calgary's weather, in a scene to continue living and grow

None other then I am never able to get in before everything is gone.

we got tree from you guys and we planted and its dead dont what to do shld we remove it or wait

Older trees that may be dying or have disease - not sure how best to care for them, if/when to remove. Pruning is daunting - I'm afraid to harm or make the trees vulnerable to pests/disease.

The problme is developers clear cutting lots. An the city removing trees essential for shade and wildlife habitat and not repalcing them. Elbow Drive between 4th Street and 34 Ave SW used to have a beautuful leafy canopy. So many trees have been removed its become bleak, sterile and exposed, as well as a dangerous raceway for electric bikes & scooters. A beauiiful waling path has been destroyed.

I'd love to plant more trees but I don't have the room - I already have 7 trees on my property.

General knowledge on what trees are allowed and to what extent.

The free tree program didn't have enough of the tree my wife wanted even though she was online right when it started.

Pruning larger trees

I am a tree lover (moved to Vancouver to study Urban Forestry), so my parents are not facing lack of knowledge or physical capacity to find and plant a tree. They also face very few financial barriers to getting a robust tree-care setup. In fact, I did convince them to get a dwarf cherry for the garden a few years ago, which is still alive. About a decade ago there was talk of getting a big-ish tree to plant on the lawn where the swing-set used to be. This idea was abandoned because my father hates mowing the lawn and the thought of mowing around a tree was driving him crazy. Our yard is not very big all things considered, and most of the viable options are fastigiate trees.

I'm going to assume the giant spruce on our property was planted by the city, since many of the properties in our neighbourhood have them. I really love these big trees and they provide a lot of shade to our home, which I think keeps cooling costs down. The only issue is the root system. I'm concerned the roots might affect our pipes one day if they get too big. A few properties have cut their spruces down, which is sad because they often don't remove the stumps and also impact the look of the neighbourhood. I'd love the city to assess our neighbourhood, tree health and plant some new ones. Consistent watering and maintenance by the city is also key in the park spaces.

We have a steep slope on our front lawn, also our neighbours have large trees so I'm not sure what kind of tree would be able to thrive.

The city has allowed the developer to build a street without a sidewalk in front of my house.

A big concern is whether a mature tree will have roots that can affect the house landscape in the future.

I moved to a new house 2 years ago and there were a number of trees planted already. I'd love to add more but I don't think the new trees I'd want would have the appropriate growing space. I have added some more shrubs though..

City Hall throwing homes in the landfill and destroying trees.

I have 2 trees that produce a lot of suckers. I don’t know how to stop these and this makes the trees very annoying

Condo, limited by guidelines

Unsure which trees are safe to plant. Some existing trees on our property (planted by previous owner) and our neighbour's property have extensive root systems which seem to spread and damage foundation.

A bit of a difficult topic but one of the two trees I look after is a Box Elder and it is swarming and infested with bugs every year. It is a rare occasion where I would rather wish death upon the tree than be its caretaker. Alas.

I don't own my own property. The owner lets me plant if I want but this could be an obstacle to renters.

I live in a relatively new (2021), low density (6 units), purpose-built rental. The developer chose to prioritize potential income by maximizing the number of units on the lot, rather than leaving room for additional green space. If I had access to any green space I could ask the landlord for permission to plant, however, there is only concrete.

I want fruit trees, but often they are not offered in tree programs.

The way the city expropriates homes for private projects is concerning.

Most residential lots are too small to support trees.

what trees do well in the airid drt Calgary zone - evergreen trees in my area green space and along Nose Creek had to be replaced within 45 years and were replaced with an Oak tree leaf type, and they look fine in early spring and hoarendous the rest of the year and are slowing dieing year by year, and we don't need any more root issues with the Cottonwood and Aspens

Labour (we are seniors), and information regarding best trees for Calgary

I already have a horrible trees that pops up in my yard and sends out suckers. The other 7 trees on are so large they are costly to prune properly. They encroach on power lines. At some point the trees get very large and then we aren’t allowed to remove them or we get fined.

Mature poplar planted on the city boulivard limits what can be planted due to shading and root competition. Above ground old power/cable lines in the backyard to the house limit where and how many trees I can have in the backyard.

live in a condo - land use restrictions

Parking minimums prioritize enforcement of cars over trees.

I personally have less barriers on my own property. However, the new housing approved by the City leaves less permeable land for trees. This is affecting the community and leading to poorer air quality and less shade on very hot days.

Knowledge of where I can plant a tree. I know that I have to call before I dig and that takes time

People in Willow Park and Maple Ridge are passionate about trees and tell us that it is one of the important reasons why they moved to this neighbourhood. We are disappointed when we see houses change hands for renovations and infills and that good healthy trees are cut down in favour of open grass or tiny shrubs that are aesthetically pleasing. The City needs much stronger regulations on preventing strong healthy trees from being cut down on private property. We understand that trees have a lifetime and eventually must be removed. But trees cut down solely to facilitate increasing the footprint of a renovation should be minimized.

I want to have more tools/ equipment to collect rain water but the barrels are expensive.I would plant many more trees on my property that are approriate in size for the space. I live in a 1958 bungalow and have 2 huge spruce trees that are way too big for the property and 2 crabapples that were planted too close too the property line between me and my neighbors and are now growing out over their yards. I would like to replace all of these tress with trees of a more appropriate size for the yard however, the cost is really prohibitive as I am a senior on a fixed income. In fact I would be happy to relandscape my property with more trees, shrubs, etc and not have such a large lawn which is labor and water intensive.

No any

No issues as the internet is a wonderful thing and my wife is always researching for any info she needs .

I have no specific issues with my trees. Pruning, however, is expensive.

WATER NEW PLANTS NEED WATER. MY PLANTA ARE DRYING AND DYING. I AM SCARED FOR WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY NEWLY PLANTED TREE IN THE HARSH SUMMER CLIMATE OF CALGARY. DO SOMETHING

None

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Lot sizes over the last 20 years have been declining. From an average of 6000 sq ft to 1/2 to 2/3 of that for single-detached. R-CG row housing reduces plantable area from 55% to 35%, further pressurizing the ability to increase urban canopy on private parcels. The bigger issue, then, is what the city is doing to address maintaining its own tree inventory. And as an arid prairie environment, I don’t support any city policy that suggests natural degradation is an option.

Disease on neighbourhood trees

Not knowing what kind of tree it is, and how to care for it. It would be amazing to have an Arborist that we could reach out to that works for the city!

mostly water restrictions

Physical

The seeds from the Green Ash trees are a constant problem,

Not enough room for more trees, as well as significant wind making growing conditions difficult. Also, 2 older spruce trees that cast a lot of shade and compete for water, the cost to remove them so more appropriate trees can be planted is prohibitive.

This should be homeowners responsibility, City should not be funding!

The city should do more for it's own parks. Maybe control the weeds. Stay out of peoples private business.

Please support us with trees

I think people don't know how to plant or maintain trees and they get scared of the unknown. Also, in the boulevards or sidewalks we should encourage mature tree planting. If people are reluctant on their properties we should encourage it at least in the boulevards. I think a lot of old or single people would feel anxious planting by themselves

my front yard is FULL and I mean it the entire space with under ground burned utilities... I love trees and would love to plant trees. my front yard is NW facing, so planting tree especially on the north side would help shield northern winds as well as provide strong under water retention and green canopy. but I can't due to the sheer volume of burried utilities.

The whole line of aproximately 16 houses needs a natural barrier to block the noise cause by the ring road, and we do not know if we are allow to plant evergreens that whole year round can be planted beside the fence

This is the corner at [location redacted] — a key gateway into Marda Loop that remains noticeably underdeveloped compared to the surrounding Main Street improvements. It currently presents as a grassed slope with minimal landscaping, which does not reflect the quality of the corridor upgrades. As a condo property, introducing trees is a long-term, effectively permanent decision, with ongoing watering and maintenance costs that must be shared by owners and can be a concern. We have already transformed part of this underused space into a well-maintained community garden that is actively used and appreciated. We see strong potential to further beautify this highly visible corner, but clarity on long-term expectations for upkeep, water use, and responsibility is important given condo constraints and shared decision-making.

Water restrictions prevent watering timely and enough Diseases coming from other trees, such as that cat poop coming out of Fish Creek Park, and spreading across the community, how do I get rid of that? Expense of tree trimming Where do I plant my trees to best benefit shaving properly and not putting the tree in the wrong place making it a problem. Arborists are very hard to get a hold of for any type of support. Tree pruning is not a skill I have and the trees are too tall to reach as well.

I like natural light coming into the house and don't want a big tree to affect the lighting inside my house. Want a yard for my kids to play in, don't want it covered in too many trees. We do have an apple tree and a couple smaller trees already.

Proper trimming is expensive. It would be great to have a 311 or city service for trimming trees on private property to help us maintain larger trees sustainably.

Concern about tree roots in plumbing

Water needs- where to plant- spacing

The barriers are mainly listed above. I don’t personally have a physical or mental barrier that hinders me being able to maintenance trees or plant trees. But renting and having a condo board is a problem for wanting to plant fruit trees and more female than male trees.

No barriers

When planting within raised planter beds, I'm uncertain about whether or not pressure treated lumber chemicals could leach into fruit from fruit bearing trees and shrubs. It makes me hesitant to plant edible plants in these areas.

The biggest barriers are the homeowners of adjacent properties. I have lost well over 40 trees; shrubs; or junipers since 1982. In addition, 3 trees -planted well inside my property died due to URW work and one died following redevelopment of the adjacent property- most of the roots were cut. Trespassing has occurred and the use of products that kill trees. The annual cost of cleanup and maintenance due to neighbours' trees is $3 to $5,000.00 per year

The only space available is in the front on city owned property

How do we find out the best place to plant?

Rules of condo board state no planting in backyard of townhome.

Na

City council not caring about over development taking away green space available to plant trees.

The barriers I have faced with a condo board that they do not communicate with me or the owner to make suggestions restrict our microphones at the condo boards meeting so we have no voice. The trees are half dead widow makers and they cause a great deal of pollen which I am allergic too.

Hiring an arborist is expensive. We have cut back large branches ourselves, but we have no place to put all of the stems and branches. There is no drop-off area (similar to the fall leaf drop offs) anywhere near the community and we don't own a truck to take a large load to the dump. It would be great if there could be a collection area, for example in the parking lot at Confederation Park.

I'd like one closer to the sidewalk but that is city property.

If any extremely aggressive water restrictions were put in place that prevented the necessary watering of our trees on a regular basis to keep them healthy & alive, that would be a problem.

Not sure how to deal with pests. And cost of arborists - example one tree is not doing well and we don’t know how to care for it. Was attacked my aphids.

It’s difficult to find smaller trees to plant when space is limited. It”s also confusing to figure out which trees are hardy, drought tolerant and able to survive Calgary’s Winter freeze/thaw cycles.

Builders being allowed to cut down every tree on a property - including city trees and mature trees. It is shameful that the city allows this.

I wish the residential lot sizes were larger so we had room for more trees. Also, many of the trees offered on the 2026 program were quite large, and there wouldn't be enough space for the root system they would develop.

Disappointment in redevelopment on three properties contiguous bringing down more than 6 trees and hedges including city trees.

Knowing and accessing trees that don’t take up too much space and spread out too much; that don’t send roots into sewers, and cause heaving pavement and sidewalks; that don’t need a lot of water; that survive late, heavy snowfalls and fierce wind events; that don’t deposit lots of leaves or seeds that are troublesome weeds; that are last to leaf out and early to shed leaves in Aug and Sept; that are short-lived; that are toxic to other plants; that are not hardy for Calgary; that are too costly to purchase; that are susceptible to insect and disease pests; that don’t provide shade or homes for urban animals and birds…. In other words, a perfect tree is hard to come by and we need a variety of such trees for future climate sustainability. Also the cost of pruning and removal of dead and diseased trees & branches is prohibitive.

Fire blight.

Its hard to transport the trees back home with a lot of standard cars. Id be happy to participate in a branching put program that delivered the tree directly to you vs needing to take time off and showing up on one specific date.

The time to register is too short, and quickly to fill up

I don’t own any soil and live on 9th Ave

Pruning - and arborist is expensive

Running out of space. Knowing what trees can share space/canopy and not detrimentally compete with each other would help me densify my tree coverage. Ie. trees/shrub species that can grow under keystone mature species like oak maple and poplar. Additionally what ground level shrubs can grow under those would be helpful too (or hostas and similar)

Overhead power lines limiting where trees can go

The city planted an evergreen in my yard and it is huge and costly to remove. Maybe support for removing and planting new trees

I'm renting

I have discussed the concerns people have with any tree on their property causing damage when there is bad weather, the affect a tree has on their water usage and the associated costs. Additionally, I have heard concerns that the tree may cause issues with existing plants, such as gardens. For myself the biggest barrier is that my current apartment has a balcony and no yard to plant anything, but thinking of the future, I have plans to rent a house with a yard, however I know many landlords would not allow me to plant a tree.

I only rent, I would love to own and plant more trees but that is the biggest barrier for myself currently

Area I live is upland, and historically did not have trees growing so they tend not to do very well without a lot of watering/investment

Dont wanna deal with my tree going into my neighbors property especially fruit trees

Free trees available? Fruitbraring may be apples

Property sizes are tiny in new communities making it extremely difficult to plant trees

Strategic planting of trees requires long-term consideration of other yard design elements, as well as context constraints/needs, and thinking holistically about space, shading, soils, root/structure mitigation, and integration with other plant materials is complicating the decision and increases the investment (time/money/space) required.

I think it would be good to engage some of the larger property management companies in the city to promote the program. I would be interested in having more trees in my complex, but it would be their decision. My property manager is [name redacted].

The City's War on Trees is a barrier. Whether it's Eau Claire, Olympic Plaza, Cowboys, Stephan Avenue or elsewhere, there is no group or organization that has caused more harm to our urban canopy than our embarrassing City Administration.

They don't belong here and will require endless water support. I can justify the cost of water support for a tree that produces fruit, but otherwise no.

"Stop the dense development that destroys mature green canopy and replaces with a few little shrubs.

When 20 mature trees are removed - why do we have a tree planting program. Defeats the purpose."

Worries about multiplex developement blocking all light and available ground water to my property. Trees need light and water, cement is rather bad at helping trees. There is also very poor enforcement of protecting mature trees on city and private property by developers/contractors.

Watering is a concern, along with keeping trees healthy and free from pests and/or disease. I have 3 apple trees that were afflicted with oyster shell scale.

Our developers [name redacted] is worst i would say the community parks ponds walkways always the grass keeps growing giant trees on one side only what about the other side.

I do not know the rules about planting trees in the city's right of way or near utility right of ways. I also do not want to be financially responsible if a tree that I planted interfered with utilities or roads.

More choice of native trees and shrubs. More trees available for areas already well established

Concerns about disease in certain trees. Maydays are prone to black knot which requires care to eliminate. I like them, but developers have planted many maydays in the new south areas and then don't care for them. Such a waste.

Which of the following City Tree care and education programs or supports have you heard of or used? (Check all that apply) 'Other' responses:

Tree Party (in the spring, was at the Central Library this year)
Community workshop and posters
I have never heard of any of these programs
The Tree Party
Nine
I have not heard of any of these courses, you need to do betttr at advertising these to the public.
Wasn't aware of these good to know
I am a horticulturist and understand general maintenance

I have heard of none of these
I have never heard of any of the the above

How helpful would each of the following supports be for you?

Tell us why these supports would help (optional):

I think they would all be very helpful because people have a view that trees are expensive to buy, so getting one at a discount or for free would it make more accessible especially for people coming from a lower income background. Also, there is a general lack of knowledge and education regarding how to take care of trees- including instructions of how to take care of them educates people on how to look after their trees, but is also an opportunity to show how simple and easy it can be to take care of one since there seems to be a misconception that's they're difficult to maintain. Plant helping, especially delivering, would be super helpful since it would be difficult to grab a tree and bring it home in a small car. Planting it may be difficult especially for the elderly and for disabled people so it is more inclusive of the people in the city who may struggle otherwise.

The condominium association recognizes the need to replace trees that have been lost through a water service replacement project, as well as end-of-life of many of the spruce trees on site, however other more pressing issues have taken the priority of our available funds.

I always search for info online but it would be nice to have accurate information that is appropriate for Calgary's conditions in one place. We know there are differences even within our city that can make things challenging.

I City Hall does any of these things the cost to taxpayers will far exceed the cost. This government is not functioning very well.

Low barrier to getting the tree in

I'm a gardener. I am happy to help plant trees and care for them in my neighbourhood. If the city is willing to provide them and consider expanding the idea to involve the community associations (and not just private property), we could plant WAY more trees in the city. There are already organizations in Canada generating loads of ideas on this topic: https://treecanada.ca/urban-forestry-guide/awareness-and-community-stewardship/

Not for me, but it would help the average Calgarian keep and maintain a healthy tree canopy in their yard

People can't do things they don't know about, information is key.

Planting a tree correctly plays a large role in its health. If the City hires tree professionals (or very-well-trained summer students), to ensure the tree is planted to the correct depth, the tree roots have been spread out, the hole is big enough, etc., the tree has a better chance at a healthy life. On-site advice on the

right type of tree and where to plant it (watering for short and long term could also be discussed at this time), would also increase odds of tree success.

Well I work out of town. I need to know how to care for the tree and how to plant it. It needs to be very hardy

I chose a Bur Oak to put in my back yard, but i didn't do enough research and had to give the tree away, because i didn't realize how big it could get until after i got it.

It’s encouraging and feels communal.

Help with the cost. And take out some guess work for caring for the tree.

I live alone and don't have anyone to help me plant, so some assistance with the planting would be great. Also, cost is a barrier. I don't know if I could afford to buy a good sized tree.

Help new homeowners in new communities

My spouse and I are both able-bodied and financially comfortable. Our main issue is lack of expertise.

I do not have green thumbs. I do not have any landscaping ideas, talents or skills. All I know is ""I like trees."" Where do I put them? How many? How big will they get? Will they fruit, flower, attract birds, or drop those mysterious 'staining berries' on the sidewalk. Can I eat those berries? Are they poisonous? Are there rules or bylaws about where I can plant a tree (like on the boulevard out front of my house, near power lines, my neighbour's fence?). I can dig a hole. I can stick a tree in it. But what tree goes where? Not a clue.

choosing the right tree is important, along with how to best care for it. Fertilizer? How much water how often?

For me trees can be cist prohibitive, but I know a great deal about their care. That being said I believe all of these would help the larger community.

always good to grow knowledge (of trees and associated care)

As mentioned above, having support from the City of community to deliver and plant trees to those households that need them would be great. Looking for cultural connections to trees should be explored to get more trees into the N.E. and new communities.

The more education people receive, the more likely they are to want to plant more.

I need specific trees for certain areas. I have 2 larger trees already but would like smaller trees in front yard. Shrubs and smaller trees would work better. When they get too big it becomes an issue too close to the house.

The soil conditions are poor. Developers provide a thin layer of soil, but not enough to ensure the survival of a tree. Water restrictions are also a concern.

Trees in Calgary have a tough life. My yard is small. Thus, getting the right kind of tree is challenging.

The free trees help reduce household landscaping costs, while providing the right tree selection and care instructions increases the likelihood of successful planting and long-term tree health.

it's pretty obvious by my answers

Free trees would help the economical burden and telling which trees to choose would help people realize some trees are better than others.

We have a fair amount of knowledge and practice.

Trees are very expensive, so a free tree is a gift!

I love trees!!!

It's helpful to know how much space specific trees will take, which will do well in Calgary and how much care they need. With the variability in our climate now, cost becomes a bigger factor if you select the wrong tree it may not survive. The cost of the tree and the cost of water are also key factors.

These would help because I am not very knowledgeable with trees and the specific care they need. I like the idea of being more educated on the subject.

It’s been a long time since I started a tree from just small. I’m just concerned about missing any steps.

If people were encourage daily (getting free stuff is quite encouraging) then they are most likely to remember to do the actions out of routine or out of pure interest.

Big box store trees are expensive and often come from warmer climates (eg BC.) offering local trees should reduce costs and have better success at survival here.

Educating the home owners on proper care and planting is an excellent way to grow great trees in the right spaces

I have very little knowledge in trees, have very little funds, and have very little to no space but would love to take care of trees if given the opportunity. But can understand why it's not quite possible right now.

Just understanding pests and diseases specific varieties are susceptible to

We cant bend down to plant tree

To help offset the costs associated with planting and maintaining trees.

I cannot bring mulch in my car. It would have to be delivered. Costly to water it if necessary, to buy a tree, take care of pests, trim the tree.

After signing up for a free, opting into tree care tips for the variety you received would be helpful. The course is good but it’s broad. It would be nice to receive more targeted or specific information.

I don’t have the physical strength to do some of the original work involved with planting and maintaininga tree until it is well established

Not much experience in planting trees as our property had trees when we purchased it 24 years ago

I literally know nothing about planting trees, any and all help from a reputable source is SO valuable. Also, trees can be expensive and I probably wouldn't plant one if I had to buy it on my own given all my other reservations.

Just knowing what and bow

Getting seasonal reminders with the most important information that I might need would be great.

Free or Discounted trees for sure. We've had to consider whether to plant perennials over the short term to see if they'll thrive instead of one tree we weren't sure it would. Choosing the right tree and understanding the disease risk and which area may need a different tree more would be great. Planting help would be nice but that's less of a priority but good for people with equity needs. Easy to sure care instructions are always useful. I get swamped with too many reminders and rarely check, which is also why I end up being late for the branching out program.

Ease initial investment in trees and improve our knowledge on trees that helps us grow the right trees and better care for them.

Tree planting or delivery - can’t take a tree on the bus like you want all of us to do

I’m always open to learning new things. I have worked in greenhouses for many years, grew up on a farm, etc. but there is always more to learn.

I just need help with my older big trees. They're easy when they're small.

City Hall is a disaster.

Pest identification and best practices in Calgary would allow for better control and maintenance.

I do not have a green thumb but would love to have more trees. I fear doing the wrong thing and they don’t make it so the more help I have the better. I also have limited funds so free advice and discounts on trees is huge.

Calgary’s weather&elevation are unique& general info doesn’t pertain to the conditions

Question 6d, is hilarious taking onto consideration that the city of Calgary is allowing city owned trees to die.

These supports won't help because I live in a condo and I have no places to plant trees.

Saving money is very helpful. Delivery is great because we only have a car to transport trees. Recommendations on species, helps reduce the risk of failure.

NA

Coordinating and sharing expertise of someone familiar with the changing climate in Calgary is beneficial for long term survival and success of the canopy program. Otherwise people are using multiple sources that may or may not apply to Calgary's growing conditions.

Cost

Planting help and help choosing would guarantee that the tree is the right one for the location and as well it's planted correctly.

Planting a tree is a long-term investment, so confidence matters. Knowing which species are suitable for Calgary’s climate, understanding long-term care requirements, and reducing upfront costs would make it much easier for homeowners to make the decision. Better information and practical guidance would encourage more participation.

These supports would help because many older adults and community organizations value greener, shaded, and more welcoming outdoor spaces, but may not have the physical capacity, budget, or technical knowledge to plant and maintain trees independently. Combining affordability, guidance, and practical planting support would make participation much more realistic and accessible.

Expert advice on what grows best in our climate, soil etc

I already care for my trees.

it will be a lot easier for us that has limited idea to choose the right tree and to care for it

I would really enjoy more native trees being planted. But don’t know where to begin

Make the whole thing easier and I’d feel more confident in choosing the right tree and knowing it would stay alive and thrive

Trees are far too expensive for people to buy, so it’s not at the top of the list to spend money on. Free trees are helpful but the sign up process has become too competitive.

Help with, Cost,time and capabilities is always good

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As a professional horticulturalist I've noticed most people (including city workers) don't know how to properly plant or care for trees. Most new tree failures I encounter on client properties are due to improper planting or maintenance.

As much as providing trees at low cost is helpful, some people are unfamiliar with care and maintenance of trees

Please have the new build developers follow the tree planting bylaws for new builds. They should be required to plant appropriate shade trees before being allowed to sell. Repeatly they will take down shade trees and either plant nothing, a tree one foot tall that immediately dies, or a columnar aspen that will never provide the same shade of the trees they took down.

I am a tree lover, only fear of not knowing how to maintain trees, is stopping me. If adequate knowledge and support is provided. I would like to have trees in my back yard

Tree selection is the hard part. Each yard is different with lots of growing variables. Some guidance on choosing a tree for the long term value of my home would be great. I worry in places like midnapore where we had trees with really shallow roots and it did a number on infrastructure. lol

The inflation of everything, especially the cost of food these days, has become a significant concern.

tree are expensive and all you do is raise my property taxes - havenot eaten meat in two years- senior. Are yo up proud

See 5 above

I love trees but am worried the city isn't taking our future water availability into account. We should be pushing for more zeroscaping instead of more trees

Education is what I need

We're seniors & although we likely do not need a tree now, the trees in our yard are aging & ailing & will need replacing. We also have 2 trees that were planted inappropriately & will probably need to come out to avoid damage to our house.

Information & education are valuable. Having access to know things makes me more capable

For citizens that might have less mobility, or are living alone, any help planting trees would be great. The cost barrier is also a problem in lower income areas of the city.

Anything to help with the cost would be great, as everything costs more these days and budgets are tight. Also, knowing which tree to choose to have the best chance of survival and shade would be great! Delivery would also be helpful as I don't have a truck.

A person could Google the information.

I'm a senior and would need help in this endeavour.

Based on my experience with Swedish Aspen trees.

I want to make sure I get the right tree for the environment in Calgary

Trees are expensive. I have trees but some are old or too big. I need expert advice on what to remove if any, and what to add new. I love trees and want to do what makes sense

I have a 20 yo tree that is dying and all the googling doesn't help and arborists are expensive

Different questions arise over life of a tree so it would be helpful to get current info. E.g. if there's water restrictions, if it's an early spring, or snowmageddon, receiving tips on what to do or watch for.

If someone delivered a tree it would help ensure I actually plant the tree. If they also helped plant the tree then I can care for the tree

To protect us from avoidable disputes with neighbors, HOA, and city.

Easier to proceed

Easy central place to obtain necessary knowledge

My parents benefit from my tree knowledge and regular tree checkups, and I think other people would benefit from similar supports for backyard tree planting.

I think if the city would market the benefits of trees harder it would be easier for calgarians to accept/understand

The reminders are a goodnidea

Increase my awareness and knowledge for maintaining the trees we do have or could potentially have. Making it low effort, high reward and accessible are important to me.

Trees are expensive, we don't really need a free tree but a discount would make it more likely for us to plant a couple more trees on our property

Have sum trees that could use more care, I don't have the experience in this field

Quality trees cost a lot of money.

I do not know enough about trees so the information on type and ongoing care of the tree would help. Support in planting the tree would significantly help reduce the cost of hiring someone or digging into the ground ourselves and having to ensure it is safe to do so in the first place.

I am a senior

Calgary's population has increased dramatically in the last couple of years and I think that the general population likely is not aware of the unique growing challenges we have here in Calgary, including not knowing what our hardiness zones are, how Chinooks impact trees, and increasing challenges related to climate change such as changing seasons, increased droughts, etc. This means that people may be planting species that are not appropriate for our growing conditions. If they plant something that then dies because it wasn't meant for this area, (like a cedar; they're for sale at garden centres but they don't like it here!) people may get discouraged and be reluctant to try again.

Biased question. AI can do a better job than city staff on all of the above and at no cost to taxpayers.

I'm not originally from Calgary, so the trees I grew up with are not really in Calgary due to different climate. Knowing what to plant is most helpful. Assistance planting would also be very helpful.

I rent a condo unit but if I could plant a tree on my property, this is my impression of how helpful this would be.

Our urban canopy is so important! I think we could all use more education on trees in our neighborhoods and how to care for them.

What I most need support in would be the long term care for a tree. The initial planting is the easy part.

Less expense and support if you are unsure.

In my particular case, I don't find most of the supports helpful for tree planting specifically. However, I recognize that these options may be helpful for others or for myself if I ever own property.

Information is key, especially at the beginning. Newsletters tend to feel like spam after a while as there is very little specific content, or just to often and they get skimmed over and not read.

'Free trees' just means taxpayers pay more because the city is not run efficiently or transparently. All the other option AI and Google are more useful than the city.

Trees are expensive and getting one for free through branching out is very helpful. It would be great if more trees were available or if additional trees were available at a discount

Free or discounted trees. As a senior and costs keep going up this would help. Planting help (delivery or planting assistance) With my age this would help.

I am an amateur

reminders to keep up with the tree maintenance is important

Simply because support and direction leads to practical action - otherwise it's just another "nice" idea

These would at least give me the information I need regarding care and pruning but I would still need to hire someone with equipment to prune my massive spruce trees in the back.

I worked in a garden center for several years and have a great interest in gardening so I already know most of what you are offering. However, if I were new to gardening, all of those services would be greatly beneficial to overcoming any hesitation to starting. Starting is always the hardest part.

Having fauna of all types supported not just trees would do a lot of good for Calgary.

Any help is always appreciated.

Bringing home a tree is difficult as our car is small. After 4 years in Calgary I am familiar with many plants that do well here but still have a lot to learn so help with selection would be good.

I am am older person who cannot handle a new tree and plant it…

Altering development by-laws to increase set backs and more permeable land on private lots. Perhaps also considering a requirement for trees.

Planting assistance would be awesome, that way I can choose the right spot without endangering utilities

I have no money

Depending on tree size, help planting would be great. Watering, control and pruning is helpful info.

These supports are not policy improvements. They are simple band-aids that most homeowners already take care of themselves.
Fix the policies around tree removal, and increase support for homeowners wanting to increase the health and life of their established trees. For instance, an arborist who can make visits when a tree is scheduled for removal.

save moneys

I would be happy to have the advice of experts in choosing the right kind of tree for the location, knowing also what is necessary to optimize the health of the trees in our rather extreme climate. But it is really the cost of new planting that is the major factor holding me back.

Having the trees available at no cost is a huge incentive. It's also far more inclusive and equitable for folks that maybe wouldn't have the means to go out and spend the money on a tree at a garden centre or elsewhere.

As a single older female I don't have anyone to help with heavy work.

I am not an arborist so it would take a lot of time to figure out where to start in knowing what my trees need in our area. Understanding the growing season, soil health, treatments & schedule would also be helpful.

Doesn't get any better than free or discounted . The rest of the questions are very helpful if needed as we were able to get a lot of info off the internet .

They aren't applicable to me as I have a fully developed garden and go forward plan.

Pest control information would be helpful.

I'd love to support a larger tree canopy in Calgary but I dont much about trees so would need help to make sure any I planted survived

Evidence should suggest that private owners look after their trees. There is self-interest at play. The larger issue is the city's lack of maintenance for their own trees or for developer trees following the initial 2 summer season maintenance period.

I'm just new to having a yard and trees. The learning curve is steep without guidance on what we already have.

specific climate requires specific trees

Our vehicle does not hold a tree. I would gladly pay for delivery

As someone witha limited income and busy schedule, often tree planting/care has to take a backseat to other lifecosts/priorities, despite being something I would love to invest my time/energy into.

We have planted trees that require a lot of spring clean up. As we age the clean up has become a major problem

Make it easy in every way.

Homeowner responsibility, City should concentrate on trees that are one City property only.

It's one thing to give away free trees, but it is equally important to properly plant the tree. This is difficult for many people - the city should look into conducting the planting.

They won't! They'll just add to my already outrageous tax bill.

We can't afford the costs .

It's beneficial to know what type of trees will be not only best suited to the type of property you have, but what trees are disease resistant, how and where best to plant them, what needs they have.

All these are helpful because people need to know there are options. Perhaps if there was a volunteer group who could help plant trees for people that would be great. I'm sure people would volunteer to help. I love all the communications and the communications team - I only knew about this through social media

again especially with yards full of buried utilities, it is important to get help know what trees can be planted and how.

To have a peaceful neigbourhood and be able to enjoy our patios

Help us make right choice for the tree that can survive in our neighborhood

Because i am not a tree expert at all

Cost is a key barrier, as our condo does not have a budget for trees. We previously had trees installed by the developer for privacy, but they did not survive due to poor sunlight conditions, so there is hesitation about reinvesting without proper guidance. Support in choosing suitable trees, along with planting assistance and clear care instructions, would help ensure success. We are committed to improving how our property integrates with the surrounding streetscape and would greatly value support in making it both sustainable and visually cohesive.

It makes the knowledge and expertise to successfully care for a tree more accessible to everyone.

I really don’t need a dangerous tree in my yard.
I don’t need a tree being blown over by the wind.
I don’t need to be told that now my tree is too tall because I didn’t prune it properly and now I have to pay extra expenses to get it trimmed.
My trees are growing 6 to 10 feet taller every year and I have to trim those back so that they stay healthy.
The cost of getting treatment for sick trees is expensive.
Trying to find someone to tell you what’s wrong with your trees is time-consuming and expensive

I think planting a tree on your property is a big decision because you are trying to predict how it will grow and what it will look like in 30 years. So knowing what species and where to plant it is a big decision personally. I don’t want something high maintenance (seed, pollen, root disaster) so it’s about finding the right fit.

Choosing the right type of tree is really important and I would guess most people don't know what options are out there for different trees and how they could help or hinder their yard. Pruning instructions would also be helpful to maintain the health of the tree.

It is helpful to have timely reminders baswd on seasons when we should do what with our big trees.

Maybe my property could support more trees but I don’t know it?

Proper information would avoid replacing and moving trees.

It is community building and local economy supporting. The less we rely on buildings or roads and more trees we have available the less overheating those areas will be, the less wildlife would require removal from homes, and the more general enjoyment of the outdoors without risking health or comfort.

Ongoing reminders would be an asset.

we have had to contact arborists to help with trees... we had to pay

There's a lot of conflicting and confusing advice online, so having an authoritative local source of knowledge would be great.

I need help in policies and bylaws that keep homeowners responsible for their property and not causing damage; harm and additional expenses to adjacent properties. I need the city to take into consideration the wind direction when advising of trees and where the debris from a tree lands. Is that "tree" appropriate for that property. I need the City to be responsible and accountable and not defer your poor decisions to "neighbours" or "insurance".These supports would not be helpful to me personally but are helpful to citizens of Calgary. Citizens lack knowledge on the importance of trees, why they should consider planting more trees, and how to take care of these trees.

trees are imporatnt and expensive so helps from experts would be ideal

Cost of living is high so economic help to be able to buy larger more mature trees would be helpful. Choosing trees is neutral since personal preference will probably win out.

Calgary's climate can be challenging and it's hard to know which trees are best for long-term success. When we bought our house, we planted several trees and bushes which only lasted a few years, then died back. Only then did we realize that the pop-up garden centres often stock trees or shrubs which are only hard to Zone 4 or even 5, whereas we need Zone 3a or b.
It would also be helpful to have examples of how to prune a tree, plus the correct time of year, etc. Most of us have learned through trial and error, but it would be better NOT to have to dig up a dead tree!

All helpful but you'd need to involve condo management/Board's as we cannot plant on our property without going through them first and it's often hard to get them to approve or a lack of interest/involvement from them.

Free trees are great for reducing the cost of gardening. Care instructions and ongoing tips are great reminders.

I'm a senior on a fixed income. Being able to buy trees at a discount would take a huge load off. I downsized two years ago and still need two more trees. But, knowing which trees are well-adapted to Calgary's unique climate is confusing. Having an extensive resource for choosing compact, Calgary friendly trees would be helpful. And, getting help with plan ting and having after care pointers would be a godsend.

Just getting the basic idea on how different trees work to learn how to care for them moving forward

I could use help carrying for what we already have. Actually looking at some tree removal from our property because there are so many.

More affordable pruning services. It would be helpful if the City would spend more on pruning boulevard trees, although I have seen City workers do this. It would also help if the public routinely reported dangerous tree limbs and obstructed views.

It's hard to know what to plant with the changing climate but when I've looked on the city site a couple of years ago, I think I had it narrowed down (ish)

If the city wants more trees, you need to continue exploring new ways to get people trees.

More trees in communities, make Calgary is green city.

I enjoy the garden tours the city hosts. Last year, they discussed how the City is now only planting female trees because male trees create too much pollen; I'm concerned in seven years the lack of balance is going to cause unforeseen problems. That's why I wanted to fill out this survey.

Our primary focus is caring for our existing trees. We have several.

Keep me on the right track to help a tree through to maturity.

I'm a senior and need to physical help in planting

I would love some fruit bearing trees in my yard to support an edible forest!

For me personally, education is the main barrier rather than cost or physical ability; however, I think that the Branching Out free tree program is extremely valuable and removes an important barrier for many Calgarians.
I checked ""planting help"" as somewhat helpful not because I require the physical help but because I do not have the knowledge or experience to be confident that I am planting the tree properly, but that barrier could be solved more cost-effectively by providing clear planting instructions.

The reminders are useful. The Calgary parks Facebook page is great and when posts come across your feed that serve as a little reminder. I learned about making some simple slow drip watering reservoirs from 5 gallon pails there. Pest tips and dealing with disease are things that you might not necessarily look up in the early stages when it's not yet a full blow problem, but if the information reaches you if might spur early action

Low cost trees from big box stores don't provide accurate full grown sizes. To buy trees of known species with accurate size predictions the trees need to be bought at a garden centre, which is more expensive. The trees from the branching out programme are of the same stock as from those garden centres, making it easy and cost effective to plant the right tree in the right location.

Trees are expensive! Also knowing tups for different types of trees I think would help a lot of people

The financial obligation is difficult and especially when the prices for everything is so high, adding an additional one like a tree just does not feel responsible. Additionally, I do remember when I was young (00's

to 10's) bringing home a tree for this program or a similar one, and the tree dying because we did not know what we were doing and were not equipped to care for it.

Tree's can be see as an asset to the homeowner, it is something that does require maintenance and some thought. Adding to people's plates when we already lead such busy and expensive lives means the burden needs to be lessoned some how.

I'm not convinced that planting trees in my location would be a good idea, but I'm open to learning more. Budget is also a major concern

Not everyone has IQ like us

Dont hv correct knowledge

Trees are very expensive, and not everyone knows what or where to plant

So the trees aren't planted in the wrong spot and need to be removed in the future, to keep the tree healthy

They won't, take a drive down Canyon Meadows Drive SE and note all the dead and dying trees.

The right tree for the right location would be planted and hopefully looked after.

The cost of a tree is expensive . Choosing one that would grow based on the sunlight in my yard is important , I want it to thrive

People can have the right support, amount and care for trees in their yards.

The cost of a nice tree is significant

I've bought trees and they can be expensive, specially more mature trees.
Planting a tree is also not easy, again, specially mature trees.
Care instructions are very important to keep the trees alive, and sometimes we can over or under water a tree. Also, having knowledge of pet friendly weed poison products would be amazing.
On going tips/reminders would also help people to remember to care for the trees, since todays routines are so fast and stressful. Remember people to take a break and take care of nature is always a good way to relax.

The city needs to choose to select small scale trees, if you want urban density without root infiltration into utilities you can't be irresponsible and hand out laurel leaf Willow trees for example. Helping plant would be huge. Advertising and educating to rental property owners would be huge, all the rentals in Brentwood are easy to spot because the "investors" remove the trees. The city could really impact tree canopy by filling in the boulevards where trees are missing, or planting other native woody shrubs where trees are too large.

Getting expert tree work would be very helpful the tree I don't know how to plant the physical labor would be very helpful.

It’s good to know what trees go well with the Calgary climate zone and what tree provide the best benefits

Cost is always a concern, and planting help (for me as a senior) would be essential. Knowing the best tree for the right spot would be helpful.

We purchased a tree privately and planted. We would prefer if we can get free tree from branch out and get it planted for us i would be happy sharing where to plant.

I am obviously more willing to plant a tree for free vs paying a lot for one.

While being a renter, I believe that many property owners aren’t aware of these resources. Individuals that live in buildings are restricted in their ability to plant trees. Engagement with building managers or developers would be helpful.

Any information for the successful planting and growth of the trees is worthwhile. Most of this should be accomplished online so a lot of printed material is not used.

I think the case needs to be made to new home owners the benefits of having trees on their property to help shade their house and reduce cooling costs. People do need to be encouraged and those would help make the decision easier.

How would you describe your experience with the City's tree care and education programs? (Optional)

Pretty helpful from what I’ve accessed but I don’t think I know enough or have used them enough to form an actual opinion.

As I scan the website i'm very impressed with the programs available! This is just what we need!

No experience. I just City the destroying so many trees. Hundreds have been destroyed at Eau Claire mostly for a developer, at Cowboys, for Cowboys and at Olympic Plaza. And when the City kills so many trees what gets replaced, if anything, is pathetic. Have a look at the ridiculously small trees planted at Prince's Island Park. A competent government would have a tree farm and be able to plant something a lot larger than a pathetic 5' weed of a tree.

When a storm blew through our community a while back, it took a LONG time for anyone from the city to come and care for the trees that desperately needed pruning.

Sadly little to none

Loved the tree walk, would love to go on more. Haven't watched the online videos. Appreciate the printed materials, but would love to see a link to a detailed FAQ, e.g. on tree watering (that can grow, based on questions that Urban Forestry receives)

Non existent

The city has been planting new trees in Midnapore. Sometimes, they wilt and I don't know how frequent they get watered. In a completely different area, I work downtown and the situation is even more dire as trees are planted along 7th avenue SW don't seem to be watered at all. They are dead and remain there.

Glad it is being done. more trees in the city is a very good thing and good use of taxpayer dollars.

Very limited. Only started paying attention in the last year or so as we had to remove a tree for a fence line, and we really miss the shad that tree gave us and have been trying to figure out how to replace ever since.

Basically nonexistent
I would love to see

Not had any experience with it yet

great

Haven't used any

I was unaware there were tree care and education programs! How did I miss that?

Seem to be well planned out for a range of users.

Im new to it but it seems like an excellent program so far.

Excellent. The city has done a very good job organizing and providing direction to make this program simple to benefit from for all households.

helpful

Once completed once it is common sense and appreciate brochures if needed and watering rings etc.

Excellent. Love it. From NeighbourWoods to Branching Out, planted many trees on at least four properties. Eight trees on my property (corner lot, trees planted over 15 years). It’s the best. Big fan. Woooooo!

Overall its very positive. I appreciate all the work that is done.

Positive.

I think you do your best to help educate the public with respect to the branching out program, however I think you could do a better job of advertising it, and explaining the importance and benefits to having trees on your property.

Very positive. I appreciate the initiative and believe it is an excellent program for increasing tree canopy on both private and public properties. It contributes to a healthier environment by improving air quality, reducing urban heat, and enhancing the overall quality of life in the community. In addition, providing free or

low-cost trees helps make urban greening accessible to lower-income families who may not otherwise be able to afford them.

I have not heard of any of the tree programs

I would appreciate receiving e-newsletters about the education programs listed above, such as time, location, learning materials, etc.

Very little exposure other than being required to have one of our people take a pruning course. I have called in Urban Forest for pruning city trees and to look at potential projects.

It was informative but mostly a repeat of what I know.

I am an experienced gardener and know where to find information when I need it.

Very helpful and easy .

the one I took was good

This is a very good program

I have not participated in a city tree care program.

It was very well thought out and easy to do

Please see above about the very rude agent.

Very good no issues would of been ice to get two gladiator crabapple trees but demand was hits than supply continued access to tree care tips

Very good. Disease resistance seems less emphasized however.

Unaware, except for witnessing tree planting along the Bow.

Read stuff online

Just the frustration of having no trees left available after login on.

it's kinda hidden, I don't see enough advertising/PSAs about it

The city has done a poor job of the placement of trees. They need to contact a gardening or landscaping business to pick the proper environment for trees/placement of them.

It’s been good so far! Hopefully my tree will survive.

I have not had any experience with it till today when I found this link in an email from my ward 4 city counsellor

Not much

Good!

It's fine. Because it's been primarily online it's good. But it's because I was already invested in creating a low-water, pollinator friendly garden/lawn. I'm not sure how easy it would be if I wasn't already the type to search for this information. However, that's my own research, it hasn't been because of the programs being promoted or out there. I didn't even know there were any in-person sessions.

I was not aware of those programs at all, despite living here for decades.

I have used the city's tree care program. They were competent and helpful.

Fair

I used neighbourwoods a long time ago and they were very helpful. Came out and helped choose a spot (on the blvd), and a species and then dug the holes. We had to plant the tree and water it. That tree is doing great.

I didn't know these programs existed until now.

N/A

Unaware

Only read a bit from city website.

I didn't know they existed until doing this survey.

The city does not take care of its own trees.
Why would anyone want to learn about how to ignore and slowly kill a tree is beyond me. With the city's do as I say and not as I do mentality.

Good. When I suggest where to plant a tree, the city always responds vua email.

NA

General awareness with limited interaction.

Need more trees

Basic even if you get the education program it does not help not having the proper equipment to plant the tree.

I was not previously aware of many of these programs. There may be opportunities for The City to improve awareness and make more homeowners aware of the supports already available.

We were not previously aware of these programs. There may be opportunities for stronger outreach to non-profit organizations, senior-serving agencies, and long-term City facility partners who manage community spaces and could help connect more residents with urban forestry and tree care initiatives.

No experience.

Haven’t had any

I have never felt the need to access these programs. I am an experienced gardener and can afford to water and pay for arborists to fertilize and prune my trees.

never attend one

Low

Seemed fine

Tree care on blvds is reactive ve preventative. Some trees are a major risk because they are over grown.

Did not know about till now

Online info is helpful! I think in person workshops would be helpful. More info on native (or regional trees) would be great. Education on why to avoid disease prone trees likes may-day, and columnar aspen

I have checked out the available species offered. The programs are great but often all off the trees are already alloted by the time I found out that the program was open for the season so I ended up buying my own cause the one the developer put in died. It was extremely diseased and when we brought in tree experts they determined it couldn't be saved.

I dont know about the program

Zero experience

Minimal. I was mostly unaware of the program. I love the idea though. The canopy on streets in crescent heights is amazing and creates shade and a much cooler space. We need more of that.

None

No experience, admired from afar.

It was alright and informative

See 5 above

Good

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Minimal

I was Not aware.

It is awesome.

I was away travelling and the on-line learning module was glitchy and took too long. By the time I got through it, I was too late to get a tree. Next time, make sure the site is working, and let me do it well in advance. Send me a reminder email

very good

Very good

Many newly planted trees on city property fail to thrive due to improper planting, lack of sunlight and failure to water. At the same time, it is not ususual to see city employees watering trees in the. middle of the day in hot weather - the city needs to be demonstrating the behavoiur they want residents to follow.

Amazing! I love the branching out program!

Pretty basic, definitely ment for people with no experience

None

In my neighbourhood:
- city owned elms are drooping to extreme lows of five feet from the ground.
-city poplars with 10-20ft dead branch ends
-standing dead spruce on private and city property
-city Manitoba maple stumps left to rot for years
-thorn laden Russian olive planted as a boulevard trees ??
Unsatisfied with City tree care

I honestly didn't even know there were programs.

Very minimal experience

OK

No experience. This is the first time I've heard about it.

I'm a nerd so I've taken part in a number of the City's tree care programs as well as other things like tree tours, etc..

I just see the city destroying trees at Eau Claire, Olympic Plaza, Cowboys etc. it seems the City is focused on destroying trees to profit the wealthy.

I didn’t know it existed. I have seen the smart yard document for lawn and garden support though

Excellent

n/a

N/A

No experience. Generally not aware.

None

Good, informative

I didn't know about any of them. I guess I don't consume enough media?

Entirely unnecessary.

The intro video to the branching out program was helpful

Never used.

I took the online course which was great but I was unable to get one of the free trees. I was online registering at 10:00 am and submitted at 10:01 and then was emailed that all the trees were gone.

Very good, staff are knowledgeable

self - un informed

They should start by asking where do trees want to grow? Trees grow in river valleys and on the shady side of mountains. Trees don't grow in the middle of the prairie on their own. If we want more trees we need to build our city like a forest with buildings that offer relief from extreme sun and shelter from the wind.

Sorry it’s pretty much new to me. I had heard of the discounted trees that were available to plant, that’s all

homeowners do a much better job of caring for trees than the City does on City property.

It is good to see the city planting trees on the boulevards and in the parks… but sad to see so many trees and large shrubs being destroyed to build monster homes and towering 3 storey row houses in the ‘hood… they will remove every living things and dig a huge hole … and there’s no space to grow much of anything… its greed!

I haven't found it

Well, I hate how there's hardly any flowers, but I also hate how tree branches get cut down constantly. Also, a better diversity of types of trees would be nice.

Only exposed to staff and volunteers of recent Winston Heights planting at Victory Park

I attended a tree species selection program and I was impressed by the quality of the material and the knowledge of the instructors.

Very helpful.

Very good

Good! could be even more in depth.

We were so impressed with the retree program this year and how efficient it was from start (registering) to finish (picking up trees). Staff at the site were so pleasant and knowledgeable. And the tree stock was gorgeous. We went a bit later as per recommendation, and it was seamless and still lots of great trees left. So we give it two enthusiastic thumbs up and have been telling all our neighbours about it.

Very helpful

I have heard of it but have not had a need to access it before now.

No comment as I have not yet participated in any educational programs

Our next door neighbour works at a nursery , so lots of free advice . Everything else is a bonus .

Unknown

Good insight

I did not know there existed

?

Excellent. Great follow up and support with questions

If it exists it is not well communicated. Why not try one of the inserts in my Enmax bills or with my property assessment or tax info?

Just completed it prior to attempting to do the Branching out Program

I don’t know about them

non existent

Don’t know anything about it

Limited. I was unaware of the majority of the programs available until recently.

We have mature trees so they require little care,

I don’t have direct experience but THIS IS SO IMPORTANT PLEASE CONTINUE! WE NEED TREES!!!!!!

I did no have previously any experience

decent

I have not had any experiences.

No experience

I didn't know these programs existed but will check them out now that I do!

Wasn’t aware of it

Available but unaware of existence.
Put it out there!!

Though I have not participated in city based programs that support nature-based education. My hope is that the programs don’t strictly rely on chemicals or harsh pruning or other higher maintenance education. Spring time pruning, more female than male, native trees to North America and more are to name of few things that are incredibly important and enriching to local communities.

Don't know ... we got a free City tree 10 years ago

Never used - nothing to say

Good information. Bylaw is not enforced. Trees are not planted in appropriate area on properties and not maintained - height maximum of 22 feet. The fence line may not be close to a property line and that notation is unclear in City documents . Include maintenance, my property extends beyond the fence lines- there are noxious weeds; powdery mildew; tree seedlings etc. that are encroaching into my property and need to be removed?

We have no experience with the City's tree care and education programs. We have not heard of them before.

The education programs are detailed, easy to comprehend, and overall wonderful!

was helpful when planting trees

Great.

I would like to go to some sessions, but have not seen or heard of them in my area.

N/A

I wasn't aware of any care and education programs. I'll have to look into it now!

Great, but they gave us 3 trees. We gave a huge yard so can accomodate, but many don't. How ab9ut 1 per person so more people get one.

Not applicable.

Minimal

I didn’t know there was one? Now I’ll to look.

N/A

Non existent

No experience

Only when I looked at what the city provided for tree types a few years ago.

Low. Looked occasionally. But this id important to foster. What trees to buy, where to buy them, and what they'll look like through out the year could be a good incentive.

Great information

No experience

Great

I have none

Am a seasoned/avid gardener and my yard is a wildlife/pollinator habitat - I do not need much assistance.

I think branching out is great. I’ve heard you can call 311 and recommend public spaces that can use more trees. The only downsides I’ve seen is sometimes public trees are planted and then not watered and they struggle to establish. (Though that was last year during the watermain break so that may have something to do with that)

Gave the information needed to plant the correct tree for where I had space, and gave enough info to establish the tree after planting

I planted a tree many years ago through the Re-Tree program (I think?!) and it was amazing. We showed up at our Killarney community association, got our trees, received education about how to plant, the city put a marker on our lawn for where to plant it! It was amazing.

First time.

No expr.

6 new trees where planted in my park, 3 have already been removed as dead.

Have not participate

I'm aware of some of the programs and have read information on the city's site

Good

I find the city care of its own trees very problematic so I question their ability to support home owners. I live near several parks where aging trees have been cut down by city crews and the stumps have never been removed leaving dangerous protruding wood. I have also seen many places where the city has planted large "clumps" of trees (mainly coniferous trees) in groups that are far too dense for tree health or survival. It seems as though the city is counting number of trees and ignoring the survival expectations of those trees. 25-35 small coniferous trees will not survive long term in an area the size of a medium flower bed!

Very good

I haven't heard of any programs in particular. I think I have to access the City web site more often.

Not very effective.

Do not know really anything

Not applicable

Fair

I am always very impressed by the online resources the city offers when it comes to gardening and yards (including tree resources)

A good start!

What supports would help you keep mature trees on your property?
Providing some sort of brochure or pamphlet along with the trees you provide that give you some general knowledge on taking care of trees that preface how simple and easy it can be. Also, including website links and QR codes on said pamphlets that give people access to more information on taking care of trees, getting more trees, etc. should they need it.

Advice with regards to care - if some can be saved through providing additional nutrients such as fertilizer stakes, or if it is simply a matter of end-of-life.

Good advice, time & money to execute things. Also need to keep people from letting their dogs relieve themselves on our property. I had some nice flowers for a long time in our front yard but they are gone due to all the dog damage. I am getting concerned for our very tall mature trees which are very expensive to have pruned. They need work but the costs are very high.

I already have several mature trees on my property and intend to maintain them as best I can.

Pruning help

Trees need regular pruning and picking in the summer (if they are fruit trees). In other cities I've lived, they have gleaning programs and people go over to help seniors and folks with mobility issues to care for their trees. Programs like that would help folks keep mature trees instead of cutting them down because they can't care for them.

If I could - the Support from the city to keep the tree.

I am not sure. I am not the property owner but, if I had the choice, mature trees wouldn't come down. But I also thinks that having like... a guide booklet would help. Along with maybe supplies for when you first get a tree to plant?

Just giving people the knowledge of how pruning helps trees and basic care instructions.

Remove day-of-week restrictions, so I could water my trees on any day between 7 pm and 10 am (I have a large tree-filled lot, with boulevard on front and sides, so lots of trees and shrubs that need watering. Add that I'm often away in the evenings, I don't have an automated watering system, and it's hard to meet my watering requirements...)
House call from urban forester, to review the trees / shrubs, and advise on watering, pruning, plus provide any other recommendations (for new trees, removing trees, etc.)
Free pruning (I can get by, but I imagine this would be a big selling point for many people. You could offer it periodically (e.g. every 3 or 5 years, on request?)
(For developers, consider flexibility on bylaws, e.g. moving setback by 1 or 2 metres, to accommodate saving a mature tree (if accommodation is supported by immediate neighbours))

Just quarterly brochures for tree care

I cannot think of anything other than pest control. I have a large blue spruce on my front yard and it struggled with some sort of scale insect. The tree is so big that pesticide applications would have to be done in a lift.

maybe an online database for questions about disease, pruning etc. Similar to google Lens. you can take a picture and receive suggestions back.

As long as it’s heathy and not interfering with structures, we believe in keeping them.

tree planting

Help with pruning dead branches in the future

Pest and disease control with early intervention. Pruning costs are very expensive.

Care instructions (watering, pest care tips, pruning)

Knowledge and information about how to maintain them

None. I like mature trees and generally would only remove if they died or were causing issues with my house, access, etc.

When/how to prune.

More treatment/care instructions. Dealing with pests, yellowing leaves, etc.

More consistent pruning to prevent disease.

I love trees and don't need any 'persuasion' to keep mature trees on my property, but when they reach the end of their lifecycle (depending on their species and size) the concern is how to remove and replace them

Help with costs of pruning and removing dead sections and combatting common diseases like aspen bronze leaf and tent caterpillar infestations.
City actively treating infestations and disease on boulevard trees that touch or influence our personal trees.

More connections to the City arborists. More than just calling 311 for pruning support. We have taken good care of our trees and are enjoying their benefits - shade, beauty, fruit, birds, privacy, charm, environmental benefits- now that we started early.

Compost, mulch, access to fertilizer

Pruning.

I already have this knowledge, as I'm trained in this area. I think publicly speaking though, there are a lot of Facebook groups in the different areas of the city that get arborists on them who spread misinformation regarding mature trees, and the health of them in order to get their business.

A more nuanced water restrictions policy that allows watering for the health of trees

Lower cost of water.

Access to practical guidance on pruning, tree health, nutrition, and long-term maintenance would be valuable. The program could also be enhanced with more detailed plant selection information, including species that are safe for dogs, suitable for shady areas, and well adapted to clay soils and poor drainage conditions.

a SIMPLE website that easy to use and has simple directions for type of tree and to identify the type of tree

A simple instruction guide to help keep them healthy. Also a biodiverse ecosystem around the mature trees.

The tree should be pleasant for humans. There was a tree that came with the my house, but I had to remove it because the tree is covered in long spikes. It was a mature tree that's at least medium sized, and spanned wide. It was very difficult for humans to get close to that tree to prone/enjoy. I got poked on the feet, hands, and head. So I participated in the Branching Out program and planted a young tree that has no spikes.

Arborist pruning

Pruning and help if the tree has any disease, expert advice would be wonderful

I bought my property because it had mature trees.

Help with pruning the trees .

Rain barrels are a great source of water, but we also need diverters. Our neighbourhood has water issues due to poor development design, so we can't have rain barrels overflowing near the house. The cost of a good-quality diverter is a deterrent to adding more rain barrels.

The information how to plant the tree

I already mentioned in an earlier question what would help me keep mature trees.

If I trim the trees and I got free dump or the dump fees were waived if it doesn’t fit in my recycling bin

I don’t have any idea of how to answer this due to no experience in the matter.

Simple information on how to care for them

Grey water legislation and supports

Continued tree care support tips for mature tree is very help to educate home owners

Timely warnings about heavy damaging snowfall and what to do to protect trees. Lessening some environmental restrictions for pesticide use in serious infestations.

Not quite applicable. I rent so my landlord would need to approve it.

Share best varieties for the climate and size of yard.

Help with pruning

Rain barrels.

Free or discounted care to maintain them with pruning. Even just having someone able to come and assess their health and suggest how best to care for them.

I love the mature trees in my yard and the biodiversity as a result. Sitting and listening to bird song in the back yard is wonderful

When a new house is being built or somebody new moves in next door, my trees should not be destroyed because they hang over into the neighbours yard. If they do destroy a tree, they should have to pay the worth of the mature tree-$12-$15 thousand dollars.

Tree care tips and products. Also, the tree care module suggested a tree donut but no local shops carried any. It would be helpful to coordinate tree care with local businesses.

I think once tree is established, I could maintain it.,

Nine in particular. We maintain what we have.

Planted in the right spot to provide long-term benefits to yard users without being disruptive to other features like parking. How to protect it against pests and viruses. Help with pruning when necessary.

Proper care

If an arborist could come out on request and do a visual inspection for issues and concerns to keep an eye out for.

Examples of in-person campaigns, places and how they're managing their trees. Not just "educational sessions" but what it CAN look like and hearing success stories. I've learned more intrinsically by doing volunteer work in mini forests and biodiversity monitoring than any workshop online. Trial and error, learning from others'mistakes.

Education on pest, and potential risks and benefits of keeping the trees. Make phone line available for the public to call and speak to a tree expert if there are any concerns with their trees or trees in their neighbourhoods.

Cost relief. It is expensive to maintain mature trees. Could even be reflected in property tax allowance

Correct pruning technique

Free trees, information on how to best maintain the trees and the best trees for not interfering with our house

There is nothing the city can or will do. its not in their budget.

Discounted arborist/ removing dead branches

Help with maintenance or the ability to get expert advise through the city's UF department would be very useful for older trees.

The City not destroying trees, such as at Eau Claire, Cowboys, Olympic Plaza...

Again, protecting mature trees the same as city trees from new construction so that those trees are protected from being cut down and trees on neighboring property are not comprised

Pruning and disease evaluation assistance

Knowing what trees to plant and how to properly care for them. Getting a discount on the cost would also be nice.

Reduced water rates based on the number of trees/bushes on my property.

I used to read the info pamphlets that came with my e max bill but now it comes online ; just a bill

One of our trees broke nearly a decade ago in a hailstorm - it's been sitting there as a tall (maybe 10ft or taller) stump since. It provides good opportunity for woodpeckers to make a home - so I'm happy to see it stay, but other folks in a similar situation might benefit from a City service for stump removal.

The city of Calgary taking care of their trees.

Are their tree angels, like snow angels? A lot of trees on the boulevards/right-of-ways are in need of some TLC. Quite a few are dead, and that worries me for succession planning.

What's most lacking in my area are city owned trees, i.e. the trees in front of private properties directly adjacent to the sidewalk. Presumably they were cut down during the redevelopment process, and never replaced after the new duplexes were built. Why doesn't the city of Calgary go around planting new city owned trees in existing neighborhoods?

Having the city mandate green roofs for all buildings in the city.

More lenient offsets from infrastructure.

NA

None. I have a certified arborist who checks on the trees in the spring and fall.

Money to buy a house and a job to earn it

Finding the right tree for the location and help planting tree

Affordable tree trimming services, access to trusted advice on tree health, pruning guidance, and support dealing with mature trees would be extremely helpful. For homeowners with older properties, maintaining established trees can become expensive, and professional tree work often costs far more than many people expect.

Community organizations and older adults would benefit from access to expert guidance, support with long-term maintenance planning, affordable arborist advice, tree health assessments, pruning support, and

education around disease prevention. Mature trees are important community assets, especially for shade, comfort, and climate resilience, and preserving them should be prioritized alongside new planting.

should be illegal to remove mature trees.

Watering with water that is processed for drinking is expensive - especially now that we don't get the rains that we used to get. I believe that climate change is making Calgary's weather drier. The city should support use of grey water for outdoor watering. This is probably a bigger project and would require changes to building codes.

planting and watering

Tree assessments and troubleshooting. For example if a tree is to close to a home's foundation or utilities. Can a solution be determined

N/a no mature trees on our property.

I think it is important to try to keep as many healthy mature trees as possible. Too many people seem to not plant any trees in their yards.
Perhaps it could be a requirement to have a certain number of trees per yard

Assistance with pruning or the coat of pruning.

Low cost arbour care

Rebate on tree trimming

Potentially assistance with pruning. Eaves trough cleaning, or gutter guards at a discount

Tree health subsidies or rebates.

more in person workshops, affordable trees, info on the best species to plant in Calgary based in longevity and diversity

Please encourage new build developers to preserve historic tree or make them put in trees that can shade to the level of the trees they are taking down so the shade canopy doesn't keep shrinking.

Knowledge about how to maintain trees

Delivery and planting

Education about trees and how to care for

Pruning help and discounts.

free fertilizer for trees.

None.

high up pruning- i have overhead wires.

Adequate water

Existing trees are OK...but we would love to have some replacements for the ones the City has taken out.

same as above, direct funding for maintenance.

Nothing - I don't want any requirements for a set number of trees on my property. I want to be able to customize my outdoor space on my own

Education on what to know to care for them

A visit with advice on pruning and/or removing…

Easy access to contact city for pruning assurance

I don't have mature trees. They were cut down by the developer.

Help with pruning

Free or discounted access to arborists to assist with pruning and pest control. Arborist services are super expensive!

Once it was planted I could manage.

This is a big issue. So many beautiful big trees in Inglewood and older communities and they are cut down in older homes yards to demolish an perfectly good home to build huge houses or multi use residential that have no trees! Then the city talks about not having a tree canopy. Stop cutting down the beautiful old trees.

Caring for the trees …. all varieties being considered for the program.

The City's program with supporting trees for homes.

Getting the tree would be helfpul

Free expert advice on whether they are a danger, in high winds for example

caring

Arborists on call? If I could video call a specialist and show my problematic trees and get advice

Discounted or free pruning services

Free pruning and care from the city

A list of companies who can come and prune the trees who be helpful

I get overwhelmed with the amount of information available online. Some basic tips/tricks that are specific to Calgary climate would help.

I'm not your target demographic- I love trees. We had to remove 1 mature tree on our property recently because the previous owner planted it in a terrible location, and the tree was damaging our garage… but we planted two more trees to replace the one we removed. So, I don't need any incentives to plant or keep trees. I'm just filling out this survey to propose a positive social incentive program that many municipalities have successfully implemented.

1. Free consultation with experts.
2 Free or subsidized tree and yard care like planting, pruning, soil enhancement.

Tree trimming supported by the city

Access to experts about tree maintenance and issues

Free access to tree health assessment / in person meeting at homes to discuss care needs of the tree

Pruning

I'm concerned about water restriction affect on young tree until established

Not a personally relevant issue, but I know a lot of people are afraid of old trees dropping branches in summer storms. Education about tree risk and access to an affordable arborist would probably do a lot for tree retention in the city.

A rebate like the rain barrel program

A plan for EAB and Dutch elm disease would be nice.

PRIVATE TREE REMOVAL BYLAW LIKE ALMOST EVERY OTHER MAJOR CITY IN CANADA

Occasional assessment by the city to determine health and any potential issues with either health or property.

How to care for aging tree tips?

Sum seminars would be advantageous

Disease resistant cultivars.

City providing support for trimming and information on the expected size of the trees once mature.

It would just be planting.

More rain barrel discounts so I can add more to my lot!

The city destroyed most mature trees on and around my home.

Knowing how to deal with suckering trees

Pruning support/help (hiring arbourists is costly). Help/assistance with managaing roots spreading, suckers. While I used to love the idea of having mature trees on my property, they do require a lot of work/money to be maintained/contained and kept healthy.

I'm not sure how my condo building manages these choices. If it was just up to me, I would want to just know they are safe, then they can remain.

Continued information on how to maintain a healthy tree

Shade and protection... Also it looks good

Help with maintenance for sure. Our landlords are very, uh, lazy.

"The kind of support I would like is not realistic from the city, to be honest.

Support in watering the trees regularly, from gray water so not as affected by drought times.

Some security in knowing the next owner or renter of the property won't kill the tree."

I have none.

Having space where I could plant some.

Cheaper water.

Having a city hall that can competently manage the water system.

Ability to prune very tall trees

Information

Info on How to keep diseases away

Changes to the Land Use Bylaw that would require properties adjacent to mine under development to not damage my tress by pruning branches and removing roots.

at this stage - feeding and pruning time of year, watering amounts / week

Knowing good arborists who really know trees can be trusted to do the best for the tree in terms of pruning etc.

Pruning services for the alleyway. Removal of suckers and pruning of hawthorns

Not cutting them unnecessarily.

The cities

If it was the right tree planted in the right place. Poplar trees do not belong on side walk boulevards, they are too big, damage the side walks, are hell for people with allergies and make a big sticky mess of the sidewalks every spring. They should only be planted in open park spaces. Previous owners planted trees too close to the fence and had to be removed. Otherwise I support trees for the purpose of supplying fresh fruit, natural habitat for local wildlife and shade.

Im mid to low income, I don't have the resources to maintain or hire someone to maintain a lot of trees, the two I have is more then enough for a single resident. I would never plant more at this point cause all you do is take care of trees then every week all year, too much hassle for a lot of properties in this city and in certain communities.

Get rid of parking minimums!

Tips on how to manage excessive sap dropping.

Designating the tree as "city owned"

Planting the right tree… my columnar Aspen has died and I need a new tree that will live

Assistance with diagnosing disease and advice on tree trimming for overall health.

Easier access to trees. The program usually "sells out" before I get a chance

Money or free trees

Provide the trees and help plant.

1) Stop allowing developers to cut down trees just because they feel like it.
2) Give homeowners tools to intervene when a neighbour or developer wants to cut a tree down.
3) Stop cutting down public trees at the same rate and focus on conservation and maintenance.

Proper advice and pruning from an expert at an affordable cost. I have had all my mature trees pruned in the last 5 years but I believe that a couple of them are just too big for their space and should be replaced. I worry about uprooting of really large evergreens during strong storms. Is it possible that healthy, mature trees that have outgrown their city lots could be removed and replanted elsewhere?

Not sure I fully understand the question, but we love trees and do all we can to keep them going. We have several very mature trees on our property including a few that are probably in the last stages of their life, thus the reason to start planting some new ones. That's a huge help and support: being able to get

appropriate (for the climate) trees at no cost. I do know that our trees get really stressed out by what I think are aphids? And they sweat and the leaves curl up. But not sure what we can do about that…

Keep online information

Pruning and maintenance care

online learning; tips in my City of Calgary bill; resources at my community centre (workshops / information bulletins); emails (fall and spring prep you can do with your trees and other upcoming events or resources)

No help needed as we have been doing this for a long time . We have lived in our house for about 40 years and landscaping is extremely important to us .

My lot has numerous trees; I have no immediate need for further support other than having a more prompt response time to maintain boulevard trees.

Pest control information

Pruning support

Assistance on stump grinding the old columnar once I pay to have the above ground portion removed. I might then plant something more appropriate and long-lived (like an oak or elm).

Tax credit for maintainging large number of mature trees.

Property tax discount for every tree on my property

Learning what trees they are, and maintaining them properly

in depth info on specific tree care and species

Free pruning

Limits on land development that would require the removal of mature trees. Many mature trees i. My area have been removed to make way for construction

The water used to keep the trees alive becomes expensive when you also pay for that same water to be processed. Watering should not cost for sewage,

Help with pruning.

Stop letting infills take out trees. How is it that every infill manages to have a "sick" tree??

Not up to the City.

Once they are planted properly, they are easy enough to maintain. Private landowners generally do a good job.

I currently have five trees but one or two look a little more dead. I need to know what trees work best in Calgary and how to care for them

Avoid noise and enjoy the backyard of our homes

help with selection of tree and care instructions

advice on maintenance

Cost remains a barrier, especially for ongoing care of mature trees. It would be helpful to have support such as free or subsidized trees, along with access to City expertise to assess tree health and provide guidance on pruning and maintenance. Having someone come on site to review conditions and recommend care would help ensure trees are maintained properly and do not decline over time.

I need to be able to trim my trees and my trees are tall so I don’t have the tools to reach up that high on my own

Knowing the properties of trees and which ones would work for our yard space that wouldn't take away from house aesthetic or blocking windows.

Having free or reduced cost pruning and care support for trees on my property, including personalized advice and inspections.

I dont think that most people need support to do this

free pruning if needed

Assistance with pruning (it’s a huge expense and physically taxing; makes us resentful of our current trees)

Knowledge of what trees to plant and spacing.

Having city based companies services the trees every spring and remove the dead branches without having to call or make a request on 311. Trees produce extensive energy to the dead portion of their systems to try and revive those spots. Removing it allows the trees and especially mature ones to thrive again. Without the need to remove them entirely, which destroys local ecosystem and creates a huge gap in the growing years of saplings - that’s if a sapling takes its place.

Education to know our rights.

Lower cost maintenance

Help when the trees don't look right

1) We had to cut down a mature maple tree because we had a terrible elder bug infestation. We loved the tree and would have preferred to keep it, but the bugs were disgusting and our neighbour pressured us into removing it. I don't think there's anything the City could have done, but if there were supports for dealing

with elder bugs (I didn't check) we would have kept that tree.
2) We have a ~40 year old ash tree that is slowly dying. It produces very few leaves relative to its canopy a decade ago. We will have to remove it soon as it's almost completely dead. If there are supports for ash trees we would like to keep it, but I think it's too late for this tree.

Developer of the Community planting an appropriate trees (2) appropriately on the lot. Shrubs for personalization of lot.
The homeowner maintaining the tree health, width and height of 22 feet –no tree that root system impacts the foundation or basement, retaining wall; driveway of landscaping of any property. adhere to the current bylaw for height and distance from property line - not any agreement between neighbors-ownership/relationships are temporary etc…

No water restrictions. Some of our cedars, junipers and blue spruce have suffered from drought and water restrictions don't help.

Learning about tree health would be neat. Tree support if you think your tree may be sick.

Instruction manual or guide

Understanding the value of these trees and who to connect with. If I call a local arborist, are they going to tell me to cut it down just so they get the job or will they be honest and tell me to keep it if it's healthy?

understanding pruning timelines

Pruning tips.

Pruning and tree care funding. We YouTube how to and do it ourselves because we can't afford professional care.

Better ways of contacting my HOA and Condo Board to plant trees.

Keeping the existing RC which would protect trees planted on properties.

N/A

In my neighbourhood, most mature trees get cut back for only 2 reasons:
1. They have outgrown their space or reached the end of their lifespan. There are many 60-year old fir trees in Brentwood and some have completely overwhelmed the space in which they were planted. Owners usually then plant a new tree.
2. The bigger concern is the new multi-unit buildings and garages (R-CG) which cover 60% of the lot, not including sidewalks, garbage bins, bike storage, stairs, patios, etc. By the time all of those items are included, there simply isn't enough room to EVER have a mature tree. Trees are being squeezed into a narrow space between a 2-3 story building and a fence or garage, and they will never have access to much sunlight or good soil and room for their roots to grow. Replacing a 60-year old fir with 2 or 3 Columnar

Aspen is never going to provide a good tree canopy or homes for all the displaced birds, squirrels, bees, etc.

Request a blvd tree in front yard.

Property tax incentives, specifically reductions.

Tailored marketing/outreach targeted at condo boards/management.

I don't have mature trees on my property, but I think it would be helpful for the city to emphasize the benefits of mature trees for people, wildlife, and the climate, as well as allaying concerns regarding invasive roots etc. The public also needs to understand that mature trees planted in small yards need to be watered during hot spells and times of drought. I think most people assume mature trees don't need extra assistance, but they don't realize how much water they actually need.

Help with care issues and expert advice.

An app that has reminders you can schedule to remind you to water and feed trees (and which foods for particular trees)) would really help. Also, a discount at various Calgary nurseries on trees, shrubs, perennials and things like microrhyza and terriers would also be very helpful.

Just knowing how to maintain them

Help with pruning and maintaining

More space. It would be nice if the lot sizes were larger so we could have more room for trees

Tips on when/ how to prune them.

I love trees so I always want to live where there are lots of mature, healthy trees. Trees are good for people’s health, and they support healthy ecosystems and carbon capture. Trees are needed on public property as much as on private property.

We don't have any city trees left but maybe tips for warmer summers. Our birch I think couldn't handle the higher temps.

Pruning advice

Access to young trees

Right trees in right area

First time hearing about it.

Rebates or incentives for watering my trees but also the public tree out front of my house.

Help with the cost of an arborist for pruning and dealing with any health issues

None.

Education and easy access to Calgary-specific arborist advice at all stages of tree planting and care and throughout the seasonal cycle.

Maybe subsidized arborist services/pruning once every five years or so on established trees? I have no need for that currently, but could see that helping some folks.

None.

Education - how to plant, how to water.

expert advice. My large mature tree has black knot. I'm not sure when it's appropriate to cut down that tree. The infection is in the suckers and root system and now major limbs, knowing when it should go would be helpful

If I owned property, having trees would be on the top of my priority list

In my experience one of the main concerns I have had and seen others deal with is the damage mature trees can cause to property. We all know how bad the weather here can get, and I'm sure most people know someone who's house or car has been damaged by a tree on their property during a storm or heavy snow.

newsletters, easy to access advice, do's and don'ts, routine maintenance, what to look for, common diseases to watch out for.

Discounted arborist services to help maintain healthy trees - mature trees are very expensive to care for

None. I personally dont like cutting down trees. Need them.

Explained above

being able to access trees through the program

On□call arborist advice — Quick, free assessments when a tree looks sick, damaged, or dangerous. This alone prevents many unnecessary removals.
Subsidized pruning — Mature trees often need professional pruning every 3–5 years, which can cost hundreds of dollars.
Storm response help — Assistance after wind or snow events so homeowners aren’t left dealing with broken limbs alone.
Root and infrastructure guidance — Support for managing roots near sidewalks, driveways, or foundations.

being able to consult with city urban forestry if I am having issues

We have an arborist come yearly to help prune our mature trees but I suspect some folks can't afford to do that...

Stop letting developers remove all the mature trees on lots. Increase the fine when developers ‘accidentally’ damage a mature tree they were supposed to keep and it has the then be removed. Consider damage to adjacent lot mature trees when approving development permits. There are multiple lots within a few blocks of us that have had every plant and tree removed for a new build and more that have been approved.

Pay my water bill, pay for the endless arborist bills to trim off deadwood or removal of the dead tree?

No re-development in the community

Having a certified arborist come to prune if needed

Watering, planting, and other long term care would be helpful.

Proper care guide and financial assistance with maintenance

Help keeping branches out of power lines/ communications wires.

Help with pruning dead branches

Particularly, I could use some help knowing how to get rid of moles and voles, since they are taking the whole place.
These animals are making the soil very unstable and can damage the trees and bushes roots, so why should we get more trees?

City to wave or reduce their portion of the fee in my water bill in Summer.

Moura programs to refurbish houses rather than teardown and rebuilt thus to tear down the trees in the property for that to be done.

How to care for sick trees

Watering is a big concern and expense. People are reluctant to water their own trees, let alone City trees located in boulevards or adjacent parks, when they are charged a wastewater fee in addition to water fee. I would love to water the city-owned trees on the boulevard beside my house too, but checking my last water bill made me re-think that. Last year, my May bill for water & wastewater was $66 and for June (after watering) it was $136. I don't mind paying for the extra water, but I sure resent paying a wastewater charge when the water I used didn't go into the wastewater system.

Instructions

I currently have a mature spruce that I enjoy greatly and would not willingly lose.

Help with care

Arborists who have been verified by the city to not destroy my trees.

Information on tree care could be included with other City info, such as recycle bin info emailed out.

Seniors need help in caring for trees. New homeowners need to know how to care for the trees on their property when they buy a home. Too many times I've seen people come in and cut down established trees, then realize why the tree was there and plant a new one later.

Tree care, pests and diseases are difficult to identify early and then costly to cure.

Knowing what I need to look for to know is any part of the tree needs to be cut to ensure house isn't damaged during adverse weather. Like tree branches or the tree itself falling on the house.

Any additional ideas for how The City can support tree planting and care on private property? (Optional)

Last year the city distributed trees in my neighbourhood as a part of the federal governments program to plant more trees. People received a notice on the door with a QR code to a website to claim a tree (with very limited availability).I think that was great because people were able to walk and come pick them up. In fact, there weren't enough trees to go around for the amount of people that wanted them. I think having door flyers with codes to website that allow people to claim trees and then distributing them in a general neighbourhood area is great. It makes trees more accessible and brings them directly to people in the community, providing less of a burden on them and giving them a chance to own a tree.

If it is simply a matter of where, then canvas and solicit neighbourhoods, condos, and individual homeowners and business owners.

Thanks for addressing this issue. I believe we need to support planting of new trees as well as retention of mature trees as much as possible. We are very concerned about the loss of trees in our community, especially with house renovations and new builds. We value our trees and they are a major asset. The City needs to better police redevelopments in terms of adherence to requirements.

Have leadership at City Hall that can be trusted. Getting rid of [name redacted] is a good start. I doubt people in the City Hall bubble really understand how much this government is disliked and how the lack of trust and respect from citizens has been well earned in the last decade.

Funding community-based programs that help folks take care of trees would go a long way.

Planting many species of trees that aren't just elm or ash. Try and bring other species

Have a detailed list of watering requirements list by species, in addition to the 2-week rule of thumb. Beyond the basics, provide a link to detailed FAQ / tree education. For example, extend 'water at the tree line':

- Roots go beyond the dripline. But these roots don't need water? (or does this vary, by tree type?)

o If you can only water part of the dripline, e.g. because the tree is next to a street or alley, does the water get distributed to the whole tree?
o Is there benefit to watering past the dripline, e.g. a tree planted beside a sidewalk, is it worth watering on the boulevard side. Does the answer depend on whether the canopy only covers the sidewalk, vs. going beyond the sidewalk to cover part of the grassy boulevard?
I'd find a detailed explanation of how trees take up water (and what is beneficial, v.s. wasted water) really interesting, and feel more confident about changing my own tree-watering habits

Make sure theyre native and hardy trees that need little or no maintenance after established

Funding to assist in the removal of mature trees what have died.

We won't be able to increase tree canopy if we allow more than 40% lot coverage. Our lots are not that big to begin with and shrinking in new communities. Densification is removing trees and and removing land to replace them. I value our mature trees and we need to work to grow and add to them.

I would love to see more flowering and fruiting, shrubs, and trees available or planted orchard like in Ralph Klein Park. I really enjoyed seeing that.

There are issues with developments not taking into account existing trees on properties. It would be nice to see the city develop a more stringent plan around maintaining mature trees, and ensuring developments take them into consideration.

The City can work with neighborhoods to promote the program. Many seniors are not familiar with social media.

Ask developers and their excavator contractors to work around the trees rather than wrecking them during development. They should be fined.
Better support when the tree is not looking healthy.

Plan for trees at the property development stage.
Provide free pruning or tree health screening programs from time to time (just like free compost that The City provides to Calgarians)

offering replacements for poor quality trees, like poplar. Offering pruning and maintenance or guidelines for homeowners whose trees are uncared for

Maybe partner with community associations and other local groups (like the Calgary Climate Hub) to host in-person mini forest plantings on City/community-owned properties where City of Calgary arborists can demonstrate proper tree planting techniques, then assist people as they learn by doing, and either start or end with an interactive education session about ongoing tree care.

Remove the watering restrictions

I think that the city should expand it's browse donations to the zoo. Showcasing a good use of this material would make the public more open to tree care initiatives.

Prioritize planting trees in equity-deserving neighbourhoods (such as the NE) with low tree canopy.

For areas backing onto green space - give the option to the homeowner to plant and care for trees or shrubs within a set distance from the property line - say 2 m. Allows to have more canopy without increasing maintenance burden and allows the residents to have more privacy and reduce noise on the property.

The City needs to reduce the number and size of infill units on lots in the city. The mature trees get cut down or damaged and die.

Volunteer program to help plant trees
Mandate that all trees on a property are replaced with 1.5 trees if they have to be removed for development city-wide.
Illustrate to Calgarians that trees are important, valuable and very beneficial to property owners.

None.

There should be a policy that developers plant a tree for every tree they cut to build new properties in older neighbourhoods.

Take care of the trees on public property first. The ones in Egert park are a mess.

The City could expand its educational resources to include information on plants that may be toxic to dogs and cats, helping residents make safer landscaping choices. It could also broaden the program to include shrubs and native plants, as many private properties and smaller backyards may not have sufficient space or suitable conditions for planting trees.

because water shortage climate change these trees should be trees that will do well with hail heavy rains snow etc and of course are for Calgary's climate Cost and planting is a big one too!

Please inform all Calgarians about how wonderful trees are and specific native species that are dying out that need some help bouncing back.

As I noted, I am concerned about Community Gardens On City property

in some way the city should tell the houses developers to plant trees or design spaces with more trees and green areas

Educate people with birches by direct flyer on how much water their trees needs to keep these beautiful trees alive. Offer free inspections and care tips by neighbourhood. Allow people to put in 311 tickets for private trees. Enforce all new builds to have multiple trees planted - not just a skinny twig.

Could the City introduce a wastewater collection and treatment credit for people who have trees - ie if you are watering your trees, the water isn't using the sewer system? The rate for wastewater is higher than the water cost, and as someone who has planted 17 trees and shrubs on my property in the past 5 years, I paid for a lot of wastewater that didn't enter the system. Maybe you get a 3 year credit for each tree planted to help with the cost of establishment.

Keep running such programs

The City of Calgary should compile a list of arborists that people can contact if they need help with planting trees and caring for them.

Try putting pamphlets in letterboxes with daily tips about plants, mini surveys about what plants one may have and specific instructions for each one. This could be like one of those special sections in the newspaper for people that gives out the daily horoscope with jokes and more. With this type of template, people could get more interested if there was more added to it. Jokes, tips, side information, etc.

Doing a great job home owners just have to pay attention to information and their trees

How about planting more native plants rather than just trees? More accessible to more people.

Share pests that are most prevalent in the area and what to watch for.

Provide a coupon for low income folks to get native fruit trees at the various gaden centers. Work with calgary housing companyand Onward Homes to plant fruit trees on their properties with their tenants.

I would really love a way for trees to be delivered to my property

Our community is losing a lot of mature trees though development. The City needs to do more to protect the trees:
1. In communities where the majority of the urban forest is on private property, there should be protections. Not all communities should be treated equal. If the majority of a community's urban forest is in parkland (such as Fish Creek Park), the loss of a mature tree isn't as detrimental to the biodiversity of that community. Managing the trees on private property should be based on percentages so it's quantifiable why protection matters.
2. The City needs to do more to protect existing public trees during development. Contractors protect the trunk of the tree but not the drip line during construction. Heavy equipment crushes the soil removing any porosity. No one from the City inspects this
3. Trees planted in row housing development are not planted based on mature size or soil volume requirements. If they do grow, eventually they will be too big for the space and removedDiscounts with local nurseries and garden centres. Pamphlets at garden centres. Community events.

I think the city could do a better job of repairing/replacing damaged city sidewalks as a result of tree roots, extending out from private property. Lots of dangerous sidewalks in our neighbourhood some have been recently repaired but some remain.

Again, I find it disturbing how the developers year down houses in our neighbours and add infills and usually get rid of every tree on the property. There's should be better rules concerning keeping mature trees on older properties, even if the property is being developed. It is SO sad to see big mature & beautiful trees being cut down!

Awareness of where can't plant

Love the Branching Out program and the idea of making more information and support available to the well meaning public.

Have community-led tree planting campaigns, like they have those plant exchanges. People sign up, get a tree, community support (even if it's just an infographic or access to the City's info). Helps people feel like they're part of a team and a collective. Makes walking around the community and seeing how others are maintaining their trees a nice little push and accountability. Also allows community engagement to spur continued investment in the program. Having a little sign that says this is a community tree, etc. Not sure if that's already a thing. :)

Maybe instead of giving limited free trees, the City should partner with retailers or community associations to sell trees at a big discounted price or where people can get rebate when buying trees, similar to the rain barrel program. If people are interested in growing trees, they will buy any way. If you just give away, those that got them for free may not take good care of them. You do it during a Community Clean-up event, which is scheduled in May anyway.
Do your research on the tree survival rate of Branching out program participants and those that bought trees with rebate and see which way is more cost-effective.

Water $$ relief.

The city needs to stop developers from killing the mature trees that are on city property by enforcing hoarding during development. In the last two years, two beautiful mature trees near my home have had to be taken down because the developer damaged them and either killed them or made them unsafe. These trees were both on city property. There was no hoarding in place.

I would plant more trees if they were fruit or nut trees. I love and value the idea of food. I enjoy the floral beauty and the critters they attract. Having more of these options available would help me.

penalize developers and construction companies and architects who remove older trees during their rebuild or re-gentrification projects- by that I mean don't let them remove the older trees. or get away with planting crappy tall skinny aspens that will only live a 2 dozen years.

Implement a private tree bylaw

Support to care for mature trees and remove dead trees.

The City should end its war on trees.

Planting tree is of course great but we need to put more effort into preserving the existing trees. Developers must be held to a standard.

If you had a service where people come out to give advice and tips that would be so helpful!

More tree species diversity would be good. The tree list the city provides is quite boring. For example, there are 100s of varieties of fruit trees that grow on the prairies and are rated zone 2 or 3. They were developed at the horticultural research stations like Brooks and Morden, as well as at university's like Usask. People might be more interested in planting trees if there were more options. Also people buy a fruit tree and don't realize they need pollinators. If one isn't close by it won't fruit. So scion exchanges and grafting courses could bring about a better culture and community of growers. Facebook groups already exist like the Hardy Fruits and Nuts of Alberta page with local experts who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with growing trees that produce food.

Ban high water consuming trees eg poplars .Encourage trees that support the birds,bees&other pollinators

When the city can take care of their own trees. Then and only then should the city have any input of how to maintain any vegetation of private property.

Education: info graphics, cartoons, ads that tell folks some quick tips for caring for trees.

Look at the bigger picture. Don't just ask property owners to plant trees. Educate us on how we can participate in growing a healthier urban ecosystem. Property developers and owners should be discouraged from planting grass and other high maintenance, water intensive plants where they aren't necessary. Instead, encourage the use of native plants and other alternative lawn options, including appropriate trees.

Green space and trees need to be a higher priority when evaluating development applications.

Incentives.
Currently redevelopments remove a lot of trees that no one wants to see removed - including the developer! Allow setback relaxations and other built form relaxations if and when developers can show that those relaxations allow them to preserve mature trees.

Builders should be required to plant a % of trees including the age of the tree when building in new communities or tearing down to build new in established communities.
The city should provide a list of appropriate plantings / species that thrive in our location to the builders and they should be required to plant based off the list.

Using all the comms that the City has access to, to help with awareness of the importance of trees on private property, and all the many functions trees serve (flood mitigation, shade, biodiversity habitat, food forests, kids play areas...and so much more).
Educate homeowners about the value that trees bring to their property.
Take the time to educate developers, especially infill developers in established communities to build around establish trees (showing the many good examples) and plant trees on new properties.

Not on private property but in Bowness our street trees were cut for the new water pipe construction it would be nice that the resident have an input on the choice of trees that will replace the ones that were cut on the street side.

I think The City could do more to support homeowners caring for mature trees, not just planting new ones. Mature trees already provide enormous environmental benefit, but maintenance, pruning, and long-term care can be expensive. Incentives, educational support, or partnerships that help residents protect existing mature trees would likely have a strong long-term impact alongside encouraging new planting.

Good Companions 50 Plus Club has served Calgary's older adult community for over 50 years and operates from a City-owned facility under long-term lease. We would welcome opportunities to partner with The City of Calgary on pilot projects that combine urban forestry, climate resilience, accessible gardening, outdoor programming, and environmental stewardship for older adults. Our site, including nearby City-owned green space and park areas, could be a useful place to test senior-friendly approaches to tree planting, shade, outdoor education, and community engagement.

Encourage the removal of grass to facilitate food forest programmes.

The City should promote tree planting and care in equity deserving neighborhoods, such as Northeast Calgary. Free trees should not be offered to just anybody in the city - but they should be limited to parts of the city that have low tree canopy. And people that plant new trees on private property should get additional supports - such as advice on watering, care and even consultations with a trained arborist.

encouraging people to help the city to plant the trees specially teenager

The land use bylaw has trees planting for redevelopment.
However i am the personal opinion it has to be located in the front yard. That way it can also provide a heat shield towards the sidewalk. Effectively, contributing subtly to promoting sustainability active mobility

Easier access to free mulch. More tree variety for branching out programs.

Perhaps it could be a requirement that each yard is required to have a certain number of trees ie: 1 per front yard, 1 for back/side yard

Stop allowing row housing and 4 plexus on tiny lots. That's a great start.

Continue to provide free trees. Increase the availability of those trees

I wish the conversation would be about overall vegetation. I have two properties, one with a good forest fed by our rainwater in and underground swale system and one with mostly non-tree vegetation and an irrigation system. Bushes and shrubs should be part of the conversation.

In person planting workshops

Please teach the benefits of deciduous trees especially during smoke seasons and how a shade tree can save money on AC use during the summer months.

For all the trees not used on private property, donate them to public spaces that could use them the most.

Provide knowledge

Peoples yards are small now. Encourage them to plant at the edge of property (city land). No one knows if that is allowed

Free/discounted trees and advertising initiatives running in communities to make homeowners aware of the tree availability. Maybe work out an association with a few arborist companies for low-cost planting as well.

Make the system move more quickly so when a tree is removed another can be planted without a year + wait.

I think the long term care help so that we don’t have to pay for expensive pruning and removal of problem trees.

no idea, ask the owners of the private property

let us water- we can plant but not water. wtf

Occassional watering (trucks) like they do for Lougheed House.

All trees planted (on private and public land) should have a mix of pollen and flower ("male and female") trees, otherwise our pollen problem will just get worse and worse. I would much rather there be fruit on the ground than deal with debilitating pollen allergies.

Do not regulate.

My neighbourhood is densifying and every time they tear down an old house to put in a fourplex or eight plex they also tear down all the older trees. Is there no way that they can build around the trees? Can the city mandate that developers maintain the trees? These will take decades to replace but we need the shade and carbon offsetting now.

Finding out about this program was great! Maybe more information like this on the news or in our community newsletter.

I think the problem starts with policy. Developers should be both incentivized to plant large, legacy trees; while being penalized for removing trees from properties. I have seen dozens of 80+ year old elms and oaks be cut down and replaced with a 5' Canadian tire tree. That should never be allowed. I also don't think "convenience" should be a reason for a developer or a property owner to be able to cut down a large mature tree.

I think City needs to focus on City trees.
Trees planted keeps dying on some streets?
Add more character to trees.

Stop allowing developers to cut down trees to build new multi unit buildings

Manage pollen from trees. Allergies need to be taken into account.

See above answer.

I would say most people are interested of having at least one tree on their property, but they are Not aware of existing support programs that can offer both information and actual tress for them.

Offer, educate, keep pushing! Stickers on green compost carts? Mail flyers are useless

City should require developers to move young healthy trees instead of cutting them down. In a previous property we had, we successfully moved 2 large trees.

Please encourage and support people to plant close to sidewalks so that we can have shade! I find the infills do not plant trees that provide useful shade.

Fine developers for removing healthy trees. Make it illegal to clear cut a lot.

I propose a voluntary Calgary Native Plant Habitat Certification Program that recognizes residents who create landscapes with native plants, pollinator habitat, and urban tree canopy.
The program could offer certification and signage for features such as native trees and shrubs, pollinator gardens, reduced turf grass, water-wise landscaping, rainwater infiltration measures, and invasive species removal.
Benefits include expanding the urban canopy, conserving water, supporting biodiversity, improving climate resilience, and encouraging community participation through positive recognition.
A simple points-based system could be supported by educational resources and partnerships with local conservation organizations and nurseries.
By engaging private homeowners as partners, the program would help expand habitat, increase tree planting, reduce water demand, and raise awareness of native landscaping practices.

Not just private property. Plant more trees on open spaces, pathways, trails.

City should consider creating a community tree-planting program that encourages newlyweds, parents of newborns, and families who have lost a loved one to plant a tree in commemoration of these important life events. Over time, these trees would become living memorials and symbols of growth, love, remembrance, and community connection.
Such a program would not only help expand the urban tree canopy and improve environmental sustainability, but also create a deeper emotional bond between residents and their city. Imagine parks and green spaces filled with trees that each tell a story—a marriage celebrated, a child welcomed into the world,

or a cherished family member remembered.
The city could provide designated planting areas, commemorative plaques, and an online registry allowing families to locate and revisit their trees for years to come. This would transform tree planting from a simple environmental initiative into a meaningful tradition.

Put in requirements for infill planting after old trees removed for construction and enforce it

Stop allowing developers to buy bungalows, rip out all the mature trees and build 8 plexs on the lot with no room for trees. The city is wasting money giving out saplings at the same time its allowing developers to remove the existing trees in my community and put up properties that have no room for trees. That makes zero sense.

I think the city should put out some flyers in the mail explaining the benefits of trees (especially relating to the cooling benefits of trees over hard surfaces!)

A tree bylaw for trees on private property. Keeping mature trees around is just as, or more, important than planting new ones. Perhaps just a bylaw for development projects. And heavy fines/license or permit revocation for developers breaking the laws. It would be nice to see more Arboricultural consultation required for the implementation of large projects. Even excavation by trees in root zones, or neighbours trees in larger redevelopments, there are plenty of opportunities to protect trees with a bylaw that would mainly affect business in the private sector. Start there and then build it up so the public needs to start applying for permits to remove trees of a certain size.

Private tree bylaw regarding removal of trees

1. This program should be demand driven.
2. Optionally, provide home delivery service of trees for a price.

More IN person programs for the home owner instead on line

Fire the administrators who let developers builds neighbourhood streets without sidewalks.
Mandate developers to build sidewalks with green borders, then YOU plant trees in the borders like in older neighbourhoods.
The City has copped out and new Calgarians are paying the price!

Increase Parks and Open Spaces staff! I've heard that the whole department from on the on the ground staff who assess and care for trees to the office staff who review plans for new City Parks really need more people!
Add more trees to the Branching out Program! Add shrubs into the Calgary Tree Protection Bylaw. Shrubs are important and frequently are species that provide food and shelter for wildlife so public shrubs should have status and protection too!
Also, Calgary Parks has a widely successful social media presence - I think people would like to see more

of that and expand it into things like maintaining trees, info on pests, which trees and shrubs the City encourages planting, which ones it doesn't, etc.

A good start would be a City Hall leadership team that is competent and actually cares about the city. Getting rid of [abreviation redacted] was a good start but much more change is needed.

Grow grass, let grow to develop roots, carbon sink and holds moisture

In-person guidance/suggestions on where planting is feasible, safe and won't impact structures, utility lines on property.

I think only because it’s on my mind, an option or subsidy to remove problematic trees like the Box Elder. Our whole community is infested, and a few female box elders are bringing hundreds of thousands of bugs. It’s very challenging in our yard to even go outside in the late months of summer/fall.

Help people use gray water more

Offer to help at no cost

While I understand that this may not be helpful feedback, I believe that this issue is equally impacted by housing and development regulations as it is by factors like individual cost and education. Calgary has a large renter population. Landlords and developers want to maximize profits and therefore have little to no incentive to spend time and money contributing to the urban canopy. Implementing regulations surrounding the minimum number of trees permitted on a property or lot coverage ratios can ensure that the urban canopy grows while giving lower income people nicer places to live.

I think we should promote fruit trees, things we can eat. This has its own bit of challenge but I think it is better use of land then just another spruce tree.

City Hall should stop its war on trees. City Hall has destroyed hundreds of mature trees in Eau Claire, Olympic Plaza and Cowboys to name a few and almost all of that destruction is done to benefit a wealthy developer. City Hall does not deserve citizens trust or respect currently and that impacts everything, including whether to spend time and effort to add trees. Removing [name redacted] is a good start.

Maintain trees by not clear cutting lots when they are re developing. Our community has lost significant urban forest due to redevelopment!!!

More trees available and especially for neighbourhoods East of Deerfoot trail. All trees were gone within minutes of registration opening. Very hard to get a tree and for some, picking up the tree and doing the planting simply is not feasible.

For the free tree program - let first timers go first.

Reduce the size of residential development footprints to allow suitable planting space for large canopy trees.
Infill development has destroyed the city's urban forestry tree canopy

Children's educational program on tree planting and caring. If newborn babies, encourage parents to plant a tree in the same year. Supply them with choices of trees and offer regular visits to followup on trees (and the babies).

Fix your trees first, go play the tree game in this city. It's super easy, just drive around and point out all the dead trees all over the place, how about you takes those down first and replant there, or in a better spot so it doesn't die. You want people to embrace trees maybe do abit of that yourself first and lead with a bit of an example.

Offering natural grasses as well as trees would do more for Calgary then just focusing on trees.

More trees

I think education and assessment of trees would be helpful as I see a lot of people posting on the Facebook gardening groups with questions. Also, guidelines on proper spacing for planting trees is very needed. Many trees get removed due to improper planting and spacing.

Require a permit for removal of trees above a designated size. Other cities use this to support maintaining tree cover

Plant more trees on the parks of my neighbourhood. If I can't plant one in my yard, why plant more trees in the green spaces. There are green spaces the size of soccer fields, where there are no soccer goals, and where a group of people never takes up more than 10% of the field. It's designed for something and no one utilizes it in that way

the City's priority should be the care for the trees it's responsible for

Opportunity for person to person conversation with urban forest staff … it would feel supportive and be helpful
Other nE communities have a very inhospitable environment… for most trees… poor soil, insufficient moisture, exposed setting and many homes crowding out the growth of trees. Please plant new trees where they will be looked after properly so that they survive

Altering development by-laws to increase set backs and more permeable land on private lots. Perhaps also considering a requirement for trees, preferably with a carrot approach (instead of using a stick). For example, perhaps $50 discount on annual property tax for each tree?

In my neighborhood I see a lot of dead pines, the city should help with removal and replacement of sick and dead trees for safety reasons

Cheaper trees and overall planting gear

I am worried that when a house is sold, the new developers remove tree, sometimes city trees to build a bigger footprint on the lot. Who controls this? Can there be fines for this?

In established neighbourhoods, most of us have the trees we need. From a budgetary point of view, the City should be focusing on the public canopy - increasing tree lifetimes through maintenance and watering, and increasing the number of trees available.
In Willow Park, we are starting our own tree give-away program - there are neighbours willing to plant elms from seeds and then donate them to other neighbours.
We also have started a charitable giving program with the Parks Foundation to increase the funds available to plant more trees that the City is not able to plant in our neighbourhoods due to budget restrictions.

City provides more free tree, barrels, compost, mulch to distribute to community.
Thanks!

I am sorry to say that I notice a sad fact in my beautiful old neighborhood. Many of these homes that were once owned are now rentals. Sadly, most renters do not care at all for the yard, let alone the trees. The house next to mine has 3 towering, dead evergreens on the boulevard and 2 on the property. There is a massive elm which is just beautiful that never sees a drop of water unless it rains. The same in the rental house across from me, although they at least have someone who comes in regularly to cut the lawn and shovel in the winter. I fear that over time these trees that are now alive will weaken and die from drought or disease and the ones that are already dead will uproot during a storm and cause damage to the home, vehicles, etc. I am not sure what would be a worthwhile incentive for owners to take better care of the trees that are on their property...maybe a scheduled bi-annual visit from urban forestry for a free "health check up" with some recommendations?

1. keep this YYC retree program going. 2. Put limits on how much of a lot can be covered by a development. I'm all for density, hailing from Chicago originally, but it seems hypocritical to allow that and then be trying to encourage folks to plant trees and plant them with enough room to become healthy and mature. 3. Make it mandatory that developers have to plant even more trees and that they have to care for them for at least 3 years. Or, the trees become a responsibility of whoever purchases the home, townhouse or condo, etc. Not sure how you would enforce that or track that tho? Maybe some rebate or incentive program: if the tree is still alive and healthy three years later, the owner gets some money back or a break on their property tax?

Plz make some rules to discourage people not to cut trees on their propert

A program where someone could come out and walk around your lot with you, giving tips and ideas would be helpful. A lot of new Canadians will struggle with dealing with Calgarys unique climate, and what to plant where.

I think this is a wonderful program "The City" does and we had a very enjoyable time going out to pick out our new trees . The people working there definitely made it a very pleasant experience .

Strengthen redevelopment policies to not allowed the removal of healthy trees from site
Maintain city trees properly reducing disease, fungus, etc. That spread to other trees, including mine.

Mainly keeping the tree healthy and alocation that is not destructive to property

Plant more Fruit trees and programs for community harvest

In the 1950's the city drove along streets in new subdivisions (think Richmond-Knobhill) and gave every owner a free birch tree and a cottoneaster bush. Apart from that selection perhaps not being the best long-term, what about something like that again (with a provision that it be planted in the city 's road and boulevard setback - after 1-call marking - so it remains a city asset)?

monitor and report on common disease encountered in mature trees in the city.

Force developers who re-develop a lot to ensure they keep all existing trees OR they have to plant 2 new trees for every tree that they remove due to construction. Developers are the worst offenders who are devastating our existing tree canopy. The City Planners are so obsessed with high density redevelopment, they don't care about the absolute loss of tree canopy, even when neighbours submit comments on the City DMAP about tree canopy loss in the comments section. Thanks.

Have an arborist that we can email or call into that can answer questions for us! That would be great!

more public awareness
decrease the size/% of building size on existing lots. There has been too many old growth trees in my neighborhood destroyed and ripped out to build mammoth four plexes, 8 plexes, 10 plexes etc with very little space left to accomodate trees. It's ironic that the city is encouraging planting trees when they have decreased (thru blanket rezoning) the amount of usable space to do so

I would like to see the city take care of their own trees first. Why was an entire street of Elms removed from 12th st SE within the past couple of years? How is the city allowing a burgeoning beaver population destroy hundreds of both mature and growing trees in north glenmore park? Look after other mature trees in the park?

Better publicized tree planting and care programs. These are awesome initiatives but I and everyone I know we're unaware of them.

The water system as above.

Provide free pruning services. Provide clean wood mulch for tree wells.

Take care of what's on City land and let private land up to owners.

Incentives to remove dead trees and help landowners prune trees. Recent (last 10-15 years) storms, environmental conditions, and pests have caused so many trees around the City to be in state of needing care. The current state of spruce trees citywide is concerning and a huge eyesore no matter where you drive. However, public trees are more the issue than private. The City needs more resources to maintain and grow the canopy - not just plant.

Stay away from private property! Keep better care of the parks. Mow the parks and boulevards, get rid of the weeds and clean up the garbage!

Keep supporting with free trees

More education and awareness. More graphics and images about what communities could look like if we planted more trees. Health benefits too (oxygen, shade from heat, wildlife) also we need a volunteer program who can help plant trees elders and single women etc.

Some type of community pruning program would be great. I especially think of the larger 40 foot trees in the neighbourhood that the poor homeowner has to hire out people to prune it at their expense. Get those trees provide ambiance colour shade for the community not just themselves somehow, we should be able to help those owners care for their trees.

I have many infills being built in my community. Developers don't plant any trees and then owners don't care either. What's incredibly sad is that developers knock down mature beautiful trees that - when you see what they built - could have been saved. Are their regulations around that aspect? If yes, how those regulations are being enforced?

Make it personal, use older volunteers for advising and younger university or high school students for labour, have training for teams that support neighbourhoods, have local tree experts we can connect with in our own neighbourhoods. Have tree care workshops through community centers and online videos with step by step details "Tree Centre" youtube channel, Facebook group with trained moderator "Calgary Trees" .

Allow people to replace unsuitable City trees (for example all of the spruce that were planted in the 1960's - many are now way too large for the lots & too close to residences) with more appropriate varieties of trees. This could be a collaborative process but currently this is not a viable option due to the high $ value placed on City trees.

Stop allowing developers in communities where front yards are common tear down the home, and replace it with houses designed with garages in the front, with large concrete driveways. Especially when their are back lanes for the garage

I am concerned that the suggested trees for yards be native to the area, so that they will be more drought resistant. It is also helpful to encourage native plants and shrubs, to facilitate the creation of a mini-forest environment, where the plants interact with each other in the way that nature intended.

Subsidies for mature tree removal and replacement

Proper planting, typeand watering advice type& zone. I have planted a silver cloud maple and it's amazing. But.. will it get to big for the space in the back of yard against green space?

Tree planting should be treated as essential city infrastructure. The City could increase planting on private property through free or low-cost native tree and shrub programs, grants, rebates, and educational resources. Providing mulch, watering bags, care workshops, and simple planting guides would help improve long-term tree survival. Partnerships with schools, community associations, and local businesses could support neighbourhood planting events and tree giveaways. Additional support should be directed toward renters, low-income households, and communities with lower tree canopy coverage, where cost can be a barrier. Investing in Calgary's urban canopy will provide long-term benefits, including increased shade, improved air quality, reduced urban heat, enhanced neighbourhood beauty, and better habitat for wildlife.

no further water restriction's....

Enforce the bylaw for care and maintenance of the URW- no trees – garages; sheds etc. Why:one of my neighbors has planted 9 trees plus in the URW about 2 feet from the property line- each tree sheds berries/seeds- and other debris into the 3 foot cement walkway - on the 1.5 foot on my side of the property line and someone has an accident- according to insurance-I am responsible not the owner of the root cause. Second, when utility work had to be completed it becomes a shared expense charged to all customers.
Enforce the bylaw for not spraying herbicides/pesticides; commercial liquid fertilizer – if one person objects- it cannot be done. For example- one of my neighbors said he was going to spray trees- I said no- I shared that I have 5% functioning of my lungs and other neighbors have cancer etc.- he sprayed anyway - could be with a spray that causes stucco to deteriorate, I have stucco on the exterior. He will not provide me with the name of the product, who sprayed nor the MSDS.

Provide an incentive program for each tree in the property. People buy houses in Dover to flip them and they cut the trees on the property down. We are losing tree canopy fast. Can a home owner earn money for having trees on their property? That's a good incentive. Unfortunately people care more about money than fresh air and shade.

Put wires around trees so dogs don't pee on them, make planting trees trendy, on Earth Day, do a big City clean up for the trees, put signs up to take care of the trees for the general public.

Mini Branching Out opportunities that are community specific. These can include pre-event education and education during the event. Easier to manage education at these than the large branching out giveaway. Create more education resources that are tree specific. For example, if someone planted an oak tree, have a resource available just for oak trees, etc. Search engines are great but people often find conflicting information or information that isn't specific to living in Calgary.

Supporting trees could also mean support a tree network, such as bushes and other plants. Trees will thrive MORE in a forest-like environment. Also, stop cutting down all the old trees to make room for buildings! Stampede historical tree-case in point. So disappointed to see new developments clear cut and replant. What a waste.

Not allowing development companies to cut down masses of trees

Send out invitations for a meeting at your local community Hall

Reduce the amount of lot coverage allowed under R-CG or H-GO. When 60% of the lot is covered, plus another approx. 15% for bikes, garbages, sidewalks, stairs, etc., there simply is not enough room to support future large mature trees. On paper, the plans optimistically show multiple trees planted in the courtyard of an H-GO, for example, but there is no way the tree can grow when it's between two 3-storey buildings. Consider having the developers pay a fixed sum (for example, $200 for every unit they are building, including secondary suites; for an 8-unit building, there would be $1600 available, which should buy some good quality starter trees) and make this money available to the community association to plant trees somewhere in their community, perhaps even for private yards who apply. We are losing trees in our area every time there is a new development and they are NOT being replaced. Residents who live here want the trees, outside developers cut them down and don't care.

Many people who don't have City trees in front of their property - either a new infill, or an older home where a dying tree was removed but never replaced - aren't inclined to want trees on their property at all. Perhaps tax incentives as noted above in #10 would help. Also, how about focussing on ensuring that there are City trees planted in front of all properties first. Many protected City trees have been removed by developers & never replaced, or where no tree existed before, no tree has been added. Adding to the urban canopy - on both City & private property - needs to be promoted.

Outreach, the right trees, targeting areas with low tree coverage and ensuring there is financial support if needed.

See answer to #9 above.

Giving more information about care, native plants, how they interact with the environment, and why we need to have more trees on private property to help the environment

The main issue is if it’s a private tree developers have no incentive to keep the trees and will remove them to facilitate easier construction.

If the city can’t understand construction tree protection then what’s the point.

Making sure builders plant the mandatory tree(s) on new builds. This rule does not seem to be enforced as many new builds have no trees or they had a tree that died and it was never replaced. Hold builders accountable. We need to become a city that values and protects mature trees like Toronto and Vancouver do.

I would like to see options for fruit bearing trees from the city.

I wish there were better monitoring for black knot on city trees and letting the public know about black know too!

When the City has a committed goal of x number of trees to achieve comparable standards with other urban jurisdictions, that is helpful. Special attention should be for more trees in newer public parks and boulevards and especially in poorer parts of the city, eg., NE Calgary

Thank you for this. I filled this out bc DJ Kelly had it in his newsletter.

Continue to look at ways to make tree giveaways accessible.

Please help with removal suggestions for dead trees in yards all over the city.

Provide more trees to not just residents but maybe also other property owners like businesses or condo board or school boards. I have notice a large/huge amount of space at school sites that is designated for soccer pitches, ball diamonds etc. but to me it looks like it is wasted space and ready to have trees planted. I think there is a great example of under utilized areas that have turf but could be trees instead. Get rid of the turf “lawn gone”

Help with the cost in taking out diseased trees that are a danger to property

Education/posters - terrifyingly, most people do not realize the importance of trees.

It might be valuable to add additional Branching Out programs aimed at households like mine where cost is not the issue, but lack of education around choosing the right tree, planting and caring for it properly are the bigger barrier, and at those for whom physical ability is a barrier. The City could provide trees at-cost along and free workshops and education sessions for participants, and low-cost planting assistance for those whose main barrier is physical ability.

Perhaps awareness of companies that can help people with care? Leaf clean up in the fall for instance might be onerous for elderly homeowners where they consider removing the tree entirely, but if they were aware of companies and reasonably priced services to cover fall leaf removal or as needed arborist services, that might help

Tax incentives for tree canopy coverage on your property.
Require new builds to plant more trees, including on infill properties. New builds reduce the tree canopy due to their high lot coverage and costs in planting new trees after.
Reduce lot coverage on higher density zoning parcels to allow for more space for larger trees.

I am in full support - our canopy is incredibly important. Keep up the funding to provide services like this!

Pay for the removal of old trees the city planted

My hometown in BC did a program where they went around door to door and offered people a tree, the owner could choose what type off a list, and then the city went ahead and marked where it was going to go and then came through and planted them all. It was fantastic!!

One area I would like to see focused on is getting companies and people/groups with larger pieces of land to plant more trees and other plants. Alot of the concerns that individuals face with planting trees on their property would not have the same impact on the mentioned groups. Focus on the empty green space owned by different companies, including rental companies.
Tax incentives, additional costs for not having trees or plant life (excluding grass), a social campaign to make Calgary a greener place.
Focus on areas where we have a less developed Urban canopy, some areas of the city have noticeably less trees or much younger and smaller trees.
I'd consider looking into ways to support people whose property is damaged by trees especially who take part in this program as a way to minimize this issue.
Lastly I would suggest an option for people who can't plant trees to instead plant fruit/food baring plants, such as bushes, as a way to contribute to this effort."

Would be nice to have a focus on native species or water-concious species

How about offering homes without trees on their yard for a free tree

Increase large fines for home builders who illegally cutdown city owned trees. Fines should be discouragement for infill builders who cut down trees knowing there's very little recourse or the fibers are minimal

None

I see neighbours with big bare front lawns and talking to them they don’t know that you can get trees for free and that they are small enough to plant them in your own. So maybe more marketing or even a targeted flyer drop off program. Can’t you just look at your tree map and identify the yards that need a tree. Also I think the click dig thing is a barrier maybe just clarify if that’s really needed for a 5gallon tree.

Free or low□cost planting services — Many residents want trees but don’t know how to plant them correctly.
Mobile arborist visits — A “tree doctor on wheels” offering quick assessments, pruning guidance, and pest checks.
Mulch and compost delivery — Especially helpful in Calgary’s dry climate.
Watering support during drought — Temporary watering trucks or subsidized slow□release watering bags during Stage 2+ restrictions.

Trying to get individual home owners to plant A SINGLE tree once or twice in the lifetime of their home ownership while allowing developers to remove every mature tree in older communities is a drop in the bucket. Over development and the levelling of the lots is what is destroying the tree canopy.
Focus on the developers and ensure there is a minimum of trees that need to be planted on a lot and stop allowing them to remove all the trees

Plant native grasses, they will live longer and support the local ecosystem that has always existed here.

Have stricter guidelines when re-development is planned.

The city could partner with already scheduled events they do like the community clean up events, etc. have available trees that could be planted . Have events that promote tree planting . Go into neighbourhoods and offer trees on the spot to property owners

Hosting events in neighborhoods to provide free trees to homeowners can encourage people to plant them.

Provide assistance with maintenance

Offer a wider range of trees in the city programs and/or offer a rebate for people who buy trees from local nurseries.

Discourage people and developers from cutting down healthy trees

Like I said in the previous answer, we notice moles in our backyard two years ago. We started using water like it says on the site website. It was working fine, until we got water restrictions for two consecutive summers. Moles are specially difficult to get rid of, not even exterminators could take care of them, since we don't have poison available in Canada, and the moles build the tunnels, so the voles came in a year later. Now it's a mess
It would be very helpful if the city could help us to get rid of these pets.

Offer property tax reductions if a property has more than 3 trees.

New builds do not be allowed to be built. Curb to curb for them to have to have space for trees on the properties. Stop tearing down the trees on the boulevard in order to accommodate these larger builds.

Expert advice

Maybe consider a rebate on property taxes. How about $50 per year for every living tree over 10 feet, to a maximum of 5 trees? Perhaps there would be more trees if wider lots were allowed. In the City’s quest for greater density in new neighborhoods, lot widths cannot accommodate a decent shade tree, unless you and your neighbor(s) agree to allow such tree to encroach on your or their property. People buy homes and live in communities they can afford. Smaller lots is one of compromises they have to make.

offering free or low priced trees and help planting is the most helpful

Just making sure we have tree both sides if yard is available by walkway

Where development permits involve a relaxation in tree or shrub requirements, there should be a standard condition that requires a payment in lieu of on-site planting, to fund public trees.
Allow the planting of trees in public realm setbacks.
Ensure all new streets have separated sidewalks that create space for better street trees (in addition to private trees back of walk).

I would love to know more about trees and city utilites and roads, maybe by a website link or perhaps an assessment situation by somebody affiliated with the city.
I think that it would be cool if the city offered a rebate on native trees the same way they do the rainbarrel rebate. I know multiple people who installed a rainbarrel this year because of the rebate.

Review the efforts in this space from Singapore. Singapore budgets for maintenance and survival, not just planting numbers- Trees were treated as infrastructure - Maintenance funding stayed consistent. Mature canopy retention is prioritized because large trees create exponentially more cooling and shade than young trees.

Give a discount on utility bills for trees on the property, since they help with urban cooling.

I'd like to see the city care for the city property trees better. We are losing trees quickly in Parkland and they are not being replaced.

Provide the water bags for branching out program.
The branching out program is great but would be useful to have alternative trees if they sell out…I picked a tree and then got an email saying it was out of stock and the program was closed. Having an alternative choice would be useful.

Have you ever used the City's mulch program? If no why?

I haven't actually heard of the city's mulch program. But also, I'm not sure if I have a need for mulch at the moment so that's probably why.

Never considered since we live in a condo complex and don't have direct control of our courtyards and green spaces.

I hope that the companies who facilitated removal of hedge, shrub and trees from our property would be responsible but some of these were diseased so perhaps they could not be repurposed.

Unaware of it.

If City Hall is involved money is being wasted.

I haven't had to have any trees removed nor use mulch. But I do use compost from the city

I wasn't aware there was one.

No need

I didn't know about it

No vehicle. Could the City do deliveries (for free, or at cost?)
Also, currently very little creeping bellflower in my yard (which is rare, for my neighbourhood. I'm trying to keep it that way. Would city mulch carry weed seeds? (I'm happy to pull most weeds, but creeping bellflower is too tough to manage)

Never heard of it

I am unsure of where the wood mulch is located.

always purchased my own mulch

We buy our own mulch and didn’t know city had this option.

I don’t need any mulch

Didn't know about it

didn't know about it

No need for it at the moment

New to Calgary

Didn't know about it.

No need for mulch

I had no idea we HAD a mulch program! I NEEEEED MUUUULCH!

never had to remove trees

I am not sure where I would like to put mulch in my garden

Haven't heard about it

Not the type of mulch I want.

The first time I made the effort to obtain mulch I found it riddled with garbage. Plastic pieces, and large branches, and even rocks. I think some additional screening might be more effective.

All of our tree trimmings have either been chippable by ourselves, or have been hauled away when we've hired arborists, or have gone into the green bin

I did not know about it.

Didn't know you had one

Never heard of it.

Didn't know it existed. Also city mulch is very large and messy looking.

Buy my own

I do not have a need for the mulch program at this time.

I am gravel around my trees at this point in time maybe in the future I will use that

Never heard of it (I am under 18)

Never heard of it

Unaware the program exists

Not exactly true. I did today for the first time I have picked up a free tree through your program. I would greatly prefer cedar bark in nugget form to augment our existing landscaping.

Have never needed it/ never knew about it.

Didn’t understand it.

Never heard of it

I didn't know we had a mulch program

I need it delivered and I didn't know they had a mulch program. I only knew about the composting program.

didn’t know about it

Didn’t know about it

I didn't know about it.

No current need

Haven't needed it.

Never had much wood to give.

I'm not aware of that program at all.

Use private

I wasn't aware of it.

Did not know it existed.

never had the time to go and get it

I didn't know about it.

I dont know this

Unaware

Did not know about it.

I use leaves for mulch

Did not know it existed.

We haven't had trees removed, but I'm interested in finding out if I'm able to get mulch without contributing.

Didn't need any, but will be picking some up for my branching out program tree.

I live in a Condo and no where to use it

Buy own mulch

?

Did not know it existed

I was not previously aware of the program. Like many homeowners, I tend to deal with landscaping and yard maintenance independently and would probably benefit from more awareness around practical programs already offered by The City.

As a community organization serving older adults, we currently have limited direct use for firewood. However, we appreciate initiatives focused on sustainability and would be interested in exploring other ways recycled wood materials could support community organizations, outdoor projects, and environmental programming.

I live in a condo.

Didn’t know about until this year

I don't know about it.

i didnt know it existed

Worry of black knot or getting g bad mulch

Not aware

I did not know of the mulch program.

Again yard is not big enough to need it

we already compost, don't have vehicle to transport easily.

I didn't know the city had mulch available. I know about the compost program.

Didnt know about it.

I am not aware

I didnt know there is one

Never heard of it

Unaware of it…

Haven't needed it.

there other stuff in the wood mulch

No way to get it in my yard

Messy to pick up

Do not need mulch

Was not aware of it

I as not aware of it.

Didnt know there is one

Not needed

Didn't know about it!

Just moved. Never needed it before

Live in a condo

Not sure about the mulch program. But if i have to physically load and unload it, would be a difficult task as a senior. I bought three bags of mulch and very carefully added it to my garden. Essentially, i love plants and trees. Would it be possible to have the mulch 'bagged'? It would make it easier.

I was not aware.

I have just always bought my own.

Have a very small garden

Never knew about it

I have added Christmas trees for mulching but do not use mulch in my garden.

Not aware

No idea what it is

Too awkward to use

Never thought of it

Apparently my mother is too particular about her mulch and likes the expensive stuff from Greengate. I think the real reason is they didn't know about the mulch program.

Don't need it. I get lots from work

Live in a condo

Haven't really needed it yet

I dont have trees yet

To many stray cats in area

Haven't heard of it.

I am a senior

Not aware of it

It is run by City Hall

I don't know much about it. I have gotten compost from the city

Did not know

Haven't had need

I did not know it existed.

I had no need to use it.

Not aware of it

I never needed it

Nothing to mulch

Haven’t needed to yet!

I didn't know about it. I don't know how much effort it would be to participate in.

I didn't know it existed

I was unaware of it.

Used the compost soil program, but not mulch, I don't think I need mulch.

Dog eats mulch

I hav applied my own mulch.

Haven’t needed. Small lot already has ulch

Unaware of it

What is the city’s mulch program?
I have tried on two occasions to have wood chips dropped off in a NW city park so I could spread the mulch around the newer plant trees
To date I have had no response from Urban ForestryDidn't know about it

no need

Didn’t know about it

Didn’t know.

No trees at home.

Didnt know

n/a

Don’t need it

Might have diseased trees.

Unaware of program

Never heard of it.

Didn’t knit

don't need it

Don’t need it

Not aware of how to use it. I'm assuming I would have to shovel and/or pick it up at an inconvenient location (which is what happens with most City programs) and I doubt I could fit it into my car.

The pickup location was too far away

Not the type of mulch I have been using

The mulch program is excellent, and my neighbours do go for free mulch.

it is too far from my house and i can not drive

Not aware about the program

dont know about it

I don’t think I knew about it till this year.

No need

Haven’t had need

was not aware of the program

Poor quality, weed filled mulch, and not avaliable in the quantities that my garden requires.

Never knew about it

na

Was easy to buy at Home Depot

didn't need mulch

I don’t know there was one

purchase from nursery

Never knew about it

No truck to pick it up in and no SW location

We are finding mulch to become a problem for cleanup

Did not know about it.
I've heard that wood mulch can contain weed seeds and diseases.

Don't like to use mulch. Do not like the quality of it.

No answer.

Don't need it.

I didn't know about it

I just bought mulch. I didn't know you had a program

I wasn't aware

Haven't heard of it

Didn't know that it existed!

No need

Too far to go to get it

I don't have a vehicle to haul the mulch

Only heard about it recently

Not aware if its existence

I didn't know it existed

I haven't heard of it.

I wasnt aware of it.

no answer

Concerns about quality/type of mulch. Don't want to introduce pests or mess up the ph of my soil

Not aware of it. We buy bagged mulch.

Does not meet my standards

I am concerned about weeds.

We didn't know it existed.

I do not need mulch.

its too far away to pick up

No need.

Don't have plants to use mulch with

Didn't know it existed

I don't have a truck to pick it up.

Didnt know about it.

I don't have a suitable vehicle for hauling mulch. I'd have to coordinate with a neighbour who has a truck.

Live in a condo.

I'm worried about diseased tree material making its way into my garden.

Not needed

Never heard of it

Never heard or if

I didn’t know about it

I heard it was quite weedy.

Did not know about it.

I didn't know about it

Not sure why.

Didn't know about it.

I don't have a need for mulch

Still in a condo

Didn’t know about it

I’m not confident in what goes in the mulch

I didn't know about it. I've been using the free compost program for years.

No opportunity yet - I will in June when I pick up my trees from the Branching Out program

Fear of creeping bellflower.

did not know it existed

Couldn’t make my appointment

I have never heard of it and have never needed this program

Didn’t know anything about it.

I did not know about it

Pick up locations are not close by

I didnt know there was one!

Didn't know

Never heard of it

Not aware of

wasn't aware of it

I think I saw some one time and it looked rough

Challenges with access / transportation. Material is too coarse / aesthetics.

If the City is involved, it is safe to assume the program is likely poorly run and wasteful. This Administration has a well-earned terrible reputation.

Didn’t know about it

No need for it.

Never knew it existed

I did not know about it.

Never heard of it

Do not need mulch

I didn't know about the program!

no need.

Tree diseases.

Dont need it

Didn't know about it

never heard of it

Never needed before

I believe it sells out quickly.

Didn’t know we had one

I had not heard of it.

Was not aware of it

Didn’t know.

Do you have ideas for how wood waste could be reused? (Ex. woodworking, community projects, art, or other uses etc.) (optional)

I think recycled wood can be used for a multitude of things. First, using it for some public infrastructure- things like benches, staircases (like how Calgary stairs are made of wood), and fences. Secondly, public art displays using wood would also be nice, the city lacks public art outside of the downtown center and having some more brings vibrancy to the city.

If it is workable for building/art projects, then it should be made available to institutions such as high schools, AUArts, UofC, etc.
Mulch, Firewood, animal bedding can be made available for pick-up by Calgary residents.

I tried, without much success to get rid of some partially stained wood that was left over from a project. Sadly, I am having to gradually put it into the garbage. I wish it was easier to facilitate reuse. Even the arts centres have curtailed their recycling of materials used in projects. After living in Edmonton for several years and regularly participating in their reuse fairs, I think that Calgary has remained far behind.

Wood working, firewood, mulch all seem like good ideas.

Maybe destroy fewer trees so there is less mulch.

No, mulch and compost sound effective, but I have heard of the mulch program before

Wood working classes would be great

Reused wood for community art projects could be cool, people just need the resources and a little encouragement. Using it for shop classes in high schools could be good too.

Provide room, e.g. at community centres, for dropping off prunings that could be suitable for firewood? (unless this could spread disease?)
Extend ""What Goes Where"", with types of wood and where they could be reused (e.g. carragana can become beautiful carvings, but how do I find wood carvers?)
Publish uses for nature conservation (e.g. piles of prunings that can provide shelter). These could be great for personal yards, school yards, community centres, community gardens, etc.
Provide access to wood chippers, so people w cars could bring their own prunings and leave with chips? (could be another feature on Community Cleanup days)
Wood from very large trunks could be turned into tables, chairs, playground climbing equipment, etc.
Perhaps start up a program where communities (?) could collect the large blocks of wood, and then bring to a processing site (a high school with a good shop class, a municipal program that trains / pays low-income; ...). For use in community, or beyond

No

Perhaps old dead trunks could be left relatively intact and relocated vertically in parks so that the woodpecker and owls could make homes in them.

Definitely donate to schools. These kids need hand/on projects.

I'm always surprised when we trim our trees or have to take down a dead one that there is always someone on Facebook that will take the wood that we cut
We have made planters out of old wood from archer trees, and made trellisses out of branches for climbing plants and I think they look very pretty

woodworking and community projects

Landscaping projects free to community members. The large sized mulch is really expensive, so if anything can be made into to that (rather than the tiny stuff from home dept) that would be great value for landscaping.

Wood working to make small wooden items for use/charity/fund raising
Make the wood available for free for art projects.
Encourage innovation with repurposing the wood waste through programs /exhibitions

Compost or fill in the dump

Well, you could chip it and give the mulch to me. I NEEED MULCH!

The Calgary Zoo needs large amounts of leaves to feed the gorillas and giraffes. There could be no better use of this material.

I think community projects and art would be the best way to use wood.

habitat building - wetlands, bioengineering

No

no additional ideas, sorry!

Honestly the free mulch at landfills is often too big and chunky to use. Large sticks could be ground up into smaller chunks. Rarely use it. I look for free mulch online when a homeowner ordered too much.
Free firewood is a bad idea. It would bring disease into the provincial and national parks by campers.

Providing schools and community centers wood for projects or building within the community.

Sell it to provincially, or community run campgrounds?

N/A

Can't think of anything right now

Hire custom artists and make CHEAP and GOOD-LOOKING art around the city. NOT ABSTRACT

Firewood, mulch for pathways (no leaves or needles), huglekultur

Firewood, wood chips for landscaping

fallen log pollinator homes. Large pieces can be added to dog parks to break up empty spaces.

Some woodworking lessons and art .

Having lived in Yellowknife, there is merit of having a section of the landfill that is a give and take -ie free to dump if it's usable wood, and people can take what they need. I was part of a southern Alberta land condominium development, and we used that concept, calling it the construction dump. People who disposed of the wood felt good, and those who needed wood saved money. Use cameras to avoid illegal dumping, and it works well.

Woodworking, firewood. Or any other projects are welcome.

Wood waste could be used to make new benches in our park spaces.

A community campfire on one summer night with free marshmallows during Stampede or even wood carving classes for free in community centres. For the waste, I think they can be used in fires or at the very least as manure for plants?

Finely shredded wood could be used for a city worm compost program.

Mulch trees in community have community associations inform their neighbors of availability of mulch

Free crafts (skill practice)

Firewood

Mulch for home use and community gardens

Give free wood to disabled folks who want to make their home accessible

it would be nice to have a centralized area for collecting dismantled wooden pallets for garden use. for other wood waste maybe just distribution of free mulch to people that want it
I didn't see a spot for this feedback, but if possible it would be great to have more trees planted along roads/highways, doesn't have to be right against the road but like parts of stoney and deerfoot has so much empty space for it."

City mulch isn’t very good. It should be finer.
We stopped using it because it isn’t consistent and breaks down unevenly

No

No

Zoo for animal enrichment, improve animal or insect habitats, large pieces could be turned into natural benches in wild parks

I think there is some demand for woodworking and community projects that could be met with city wood waste. Not sure how it would be leveraged though.

Seasonal events within communities that focus on an environmental topic important to the area. Like Bee hotels. Protecting certain birds via bird houses. Deadwood habitats with explanations and school trips. Mushroom villages (also kids love miniature fairy spots, as an adult I'd even go for trips around the city to see miniature art/mushroom villages) Living playgrounds painted by children. Temporary children's art exhibits in various locations or art walks. Stumps as benches or for community gardens. Scavenger hunts with installations. Indigenous storytelling and medicine wheels. Biochar for community gardens. Commemorative carving competitions, amateur to professional. Used for the community libraries. Pyrography workshops. Wood-block Printing.
Even if there's just a community wood bank for people to lead the projects on their own that could be nice but it needs to have an established vision first.

Firewood, or send them to paper mills, if they're available.

I would use firewood if the city would allow those of us in Southill mobile home park to have outdoor fire pits/fireplaces/woodstoves. The City recently gained control of this place. Before it belonged to Calgary Housing which absolutely did not allow fires of any kind. I would be interested in knowing if this still the case.

Community projects and art seem like good ones.

N9

I love the idea of using it to beautify communities in some way.

Wood scraps are good to use in raised planters. You don't have to fill the planter from bottom to top with expensive soil, compost, and amendments. The wood breaks down over time and adds to the nutrients of the soil. Obviously not painted or treated wood to be used in food planters.

Mulching many trails would benefit the soil,decreasing trail degradation ;.The trails have suffered overuse with no maintenance.I’m sure free wood would be a great boon for projects in communities,. Seeing the amount of wood wasted through construction doesn ‘t bode well for our forests& climate change; Provi"Create a survey on it.

It would be great to partner with some schools--I know Jack James does a lot of excellent hands-on work with students.

This doesn't seem like a relevant policy issue to me.

* Community garden planting boxes

Great question! Playgrounds! Playgrounds! Playgrounds! Kids thrive in natural play areas, and need this now more than ever. they learn to be creative, not fear nature but be at home it, some examples: https://www.dcla.net/nature-kids-discovery-zone

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Free Firewood would be nice, hoping that it would be controlled so that we do not see the same situation as the Free tree where some sell it on FB. Maybe a limit per month? Also keep the mulch program

I think there are lots of practical reuse opportunities that could reduce waste and benefit residents. Wood could be repurposed for community gardens, raised garden beds, mulch, playground materials, walking paths, woodworking projects, furniture, or community art projects. I also think there should be more focus on helping homeowners maintain mature trees. I live on an older property where tree trimming, pruning, and maintaining mature landscaping can become very expensive, so programs that help residents both reuse wood waste and better manage long-term tree maintenance would be valuable.

Good Companions 50 Plus Club City of Calgary facility with surrounding outdoor green space. We see opportunities for reclaimed wood to be reused for accessible raised garden beds, benches, outdoor seating,

pathways, woodworking and hobby programs for older adults, and community art or environmental projects. We would also note that organizations like ours face significant costs related to tree trimming, pruning, landscaping, and maintaining outdoor spaces, which can be difficult for non-profits to afford. Programs that help community organizations reuse materials or support ongoing green space maintenance could create strong environmental and community benefit.

woodworking, community projects, art, or other uses etc

I understand that the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo is collecting wood waste to feed animals at the zoo. This kind of program should be promoted. At a minimum, all wood waste should be composted and not tipped in a landfill. All developers that knock down trees on private land should be required to compost the wood waste and not mix the wood waste with landfill waste.

Raised beds of varying sizes. This could let people plant herbs or vegetables. This would be a sustainable way to try and find cost savings for families

Community pick up locations for mulch and firewood.

Yes lots of opportunities for reusing wood

Backyard fire pits vs buying from stores

Free supplies for woodworkers would be wonderful.

Mulch for community gardens

Public sculptures, art carvings, playground structures, carved benches, available garden boxes, more mulched walking paths, instead of concrete jungle sidewalks that are 2 cars wide (37th avenue) create more treed second spaces that are shaded by trees and encourage people to gather comfortably. Build micro forests within the city, kids can play within the trees and the ground can be mulched.

No

Yes

Make furniture with it. I have a friend who is a wonderful carpenter and uses scrap wood to make amazing patio furniture.

Art and community projects would be awesome!

no

Bus shelters, benches, other public shade (without anti homeless architecture)

Community initiatives and projects could play a large part.

Partner with local artists and art centres!

I love the idea of repurposing our trees for other uses once their life span is passed.

No

Community fire pits like in Carburn park.

Could the wood be milled for fencing or bench building?
Maybe small carpenter kits for kids to build a small bird feeder or similar projects? Just some quick thoughts.

Yes.

Firewood burning

make wood waste mulch more accessible - the locations are few and very far away so I'm unlikely to go back

we do art using spare wood or branches we collect while walking that are dead lying on ground

Campers always buy firewood. Share with Alberta parks

Chainsaw art on stumps.

Mulch for landscaping

Limited, would love to get more ideas.

Personally I really love art using reclaimed natural materials for art and decor. In my Vancouver apartment I used top have a lovely magnolia branch I swiped from a boulevard after some tree work. It was accidentally disposed by a roommate and I have been searching for interesting branches on the side of the road ever since. I think having a sale or open lot for people to pick through for wood reclamation projects would be super cool.
I haven't lived here in a few years now so I'm not too aware of what kind of art spaces and programs are happening in the city. I think partnering with some kind of maker space or tool library for woodworking workshops.

Maybe the city could make and give out or sell biochar with extra?

Put mulch around your street and Boulevard trees and develop beds for the trees.

Having mulch more readily available. I often end up buying mulch simply because I don't want to drive out to the one location that has it for free.

Advertise to people who do wood carving

Maybe to use as a base layer for the taller gardening beds/planters I've seen pop up on people's lawns?
Art for sure - maybe people could carve, make teepees, etc with it.
I'd love to see more Parks where kids can do more of the 'risky play' with pieces of wood - building things, obstacle courses, etc.

Destroy fewer trees so less mulch is created

Use for weed control

n/a

Firepit

Nope!

Composted, donated to schools or boy scouts for projects.

I am not entirely sure what constitutes wood waste. However, I think all of the above examples are a good idea. Firewood is expensive as well, so I like the idea of using wood waste for that purpose. Community garden style planter boxes could be neat, or planter boxes for purchase.

hobby woods could be donated to maker spaces, schools, or senior homes for the wood shops.
Firewood sales could be conducted at parks like edworthy. You don't need to give it away, that's silly, things cost money, but a $5 or $10 bag of fire wood, is half the price, of gas station bundles, so it makes sense. Do it on a Wednesday so people are ready for weekend camping.

Maybe destroy fewer mature trees and then the ‘wood waste’ can stay as a tree instead of being removed for a developer.

Mulch

None that I can recommend

mulch for gardens, and ???

There are a few wood workers who try to source their wood locally - try contacting SAWS (Southern Alberta Woodworkers Society. Could be donated to local schools for kids to learn fun projects (make bug habitats), woodworking or shop class programs in highschools, used in parks to make stepping stone paths, or retaining walls, climbing structures.

make into picnic tables, benches, bridges over streams on bike paths, rain shelter areas

The fact that we don’t have any of this already crazy, it’s dead wood give it away for free or at cost. Any and all of the ideas above are good, get on them. Do all the private tree companies just garbage the wood? How hard would it be to make a few yards around the city, Collect all the big pieces, even grab old pallets and

other good wood and people don't want, and then turn around a give it away or again at cost to people that do, mulch and compost the rest, not hard, get on it. It's 2026 that fact that any of wood waste goes in the garbage or doesn't get reused in someway is unbelievable. How is there not drop of locations around the city like there is for chemical, and recycling. We have how many garbage dumps and waste facilities around this city, carve out a space next to them even. You give people free stuff and they will take it, why not give them dead wood?

Seating options, wood carvings.

My husband is always getting wood from big bins on the street and there is a lot of good quality wood thrown away on construction project sites. These can be used for at home woodworking and community garden projects. Can schools also use wood waste for projects?

Woodworking, landscaping

The waste wood needs to be usable…

Use the mulch for non-paved trails in parks such as Edworthy, Bowness, Stanley Park, etc. Great for runners and walking.

If the tree is big enough the city should use it to make more park benches, chairs and shelters for city parks. Many pathways and parks pack places for people to rest or have picnics

Building more little libraries to encourage growth of knowledge. Building more benches, especially at bus stops. People need more places to sit. Maybe some wooden statues for fun. MORE BENCHES! :)

Those are trivial ideas. Focus on the scalable creation of mulch and wood waste.
Firewood is a poor idea because of the possibility of spreading tree disease, especially in an urban area.

I think i can make use of some woods to make garden raised beds, garden borders.

Bird houses, bat houses, garden boxes and planters, simple stands for rain barrels (could be self assembly kits)

I didn't even know would waste was a problem. When you say wood waste where is the wood coming from that is being wasted?

community projects and use for art / woodworking would be great.
Continue mulch program
Use for manufacturing
Firewood

Your examples cover most ideas.
You may want to make wood shavings from suitable tree species as shavings, dug into soil, decomposes quickly loosening garden soil.

Recycle by giving it to schools / art programs where children could do crafts with them.
Send them to schools and they can make their own outdoor classroom (basically something like the outdoor classroom at O.S.Geiger school but instead of stone seats they would be wood)

All of the above

Woodworking, community projects are all great ideas

Provide to a private waste management company for mulch (why don't we see local supply at Rona, Canadian Tire or Home Depot?).

Give away free firewood at all fire halls in an outside wood shack

Yea, Market Thrift is a Thrift store in the city that could take good wood for crafts maybe

all of the above

Perhaps we could have more mulch pick up locations. A city summer student initiative with parks department to replenish some of the walking paths in the city that become eroded. Or a cost recovery student planting program I would pay

I can thinknof a million uses for wood waste, from firewood to art to craftsmanship, etc. Having access to free reclaimed and/or scrap wood would be amazing!

Not at this time

Smothering smooth brome to prepare restoration sites for native plant installation.

Give firewood away for free , give for woodworking, community projects, art, any usage. Keep cost of dealing with it as low as possible.

Public art projects, activateyyc initiatives

Planting beds

All the above - firewood, community projects, woodworking classes, community benches, community huts at parks, mulch,

gardening beds/mound farming

Woodworking

use in paths

Camping

Art, child care programs

I think all those ideas are brilliant - woodworking, art, community projects, building materials for kid projects (tree forts, fairy gardens, little chairs, etc)

School projects, gardens, playgrounds, inexpensive mulch, designing natural art in parks from wood like benches, balance beams, exercise stations, having students use it for art projects with local experts, or more.

Sell it for lumber to a lumber mill. There are lots of big old trees with slow growth that would sell for a premium

craft projects, repairs to fences, etc. Wood can create homes for other life if left untended and undisturbed.

No

Wood waste should be reused whenever possible before being chipped or disposed of. Larger pieces could be offered to residents for firewood, woodworking, garden projects, raised beds, natural playgrounds, benches, and community art installations. Smaller branches could be used for mulch, erosion control, habitat restoration, and community garden pathways. The City could also partner with schools, trades programs, artists, community associations, and non-profits to make salvaged wood available for educational and community projects. Reusing wood locally reduces waste, supports community initiatives, and helps residents access affordable materials while maximizing the value of trees that must be removed.

I think the city does a great job of this in my community, I like the flower beds created with downed trees on Prince's Island.

Currently, High River has an artist carving large tree stumps where they had to remove numerous large trees.

No

no

Firewood is great! Charcoal is even better!

Wood waste- do you mean trees? Some trees can be chipped and added to soil. send it to the mill for processing into products appropriate to the tree. I have not checked into the insurance rules for green wood stored on a home property or used as insulation.
I hear that wood chips buried about 2.5 feet below the top of a vegetable garden assists in moisture retention.

Chip it for mulch for public and private gardens

Make lots of particle board, use scrap/left over wood for small projects (give away for free or cheap), don't be frivolous with wood use.

Wood waste can be donated to local forest school programs, used by Parks for different projects, donated to schools who are wanting to add natural materials to their school yard, be picked up by citizens to use to fill their large planting beds, donated to the Nature LEAD program to be used in their "build a park" activity, etc.

Mulch would be nice around gardens to keep weeds down.

Building benches at bus stops. Such as when some volunteers built benches at the Chinatown Max Green stop.

Community garden boxes, Bee houses, Bird houses

Community Hall gathering for children whom are special needs and have behavioral concerns

Okotoks has a recycling centre with a building where you can purchase used items such as wood, pots, yard equipment, etc.
There is no place to donate used garden products (for example, cement blocks) or left over wood. When I see the amount of lumber in a construction bin, I often think that it could be used for something, but it's not worth the developer's time to sort it out. The City would need to have a spot for drop-offs and sorting, which might be too expensive.
Perhaps there could be an online ""store""? Many of us are not willing to deal with Facebook.

Firewood is a great plan. Advertise mulch program more.

Scrap wood lots, donations to wood using programs?

I'd love the opportunity to pick up a snag--a tree trunk or large branch that hasn't been mulched. I want one in my yard for bird habitat.

I already use my wood debris for woodworking and art. Also repurpose for garden structures.

Art(, firewood, and woodworking would be excellent usages for wood waste.

Art and decorating public spaces. Discounts for public purchase

Art, yes! Furniture building

What innovative industrial uses could utilize wood waste? More soil enhancement products, planters? Mixing with industrial waste and petrochemicals to mitigate toxins???

Disposal in natural areas.

Alternative energy wood pellets/biofuel

Garden bed boarders, bank stabilizer/erosion control. There is many uses for wood waste to be recycled

Firewood should not be burned outdoors!!!! This is so terrible for the environment! (it also impacts the health of citizens as smoke drifts into the homes of adjacent residences). And as seasonal wildfire smoke becomes more prevalent this is especially ridiculous!

No. But I wish the City would not offer and/or encourage bon fires!!! We appreciate being able to breath clean air without having to shut our windows due to neighbors creating smoke/pollution!!!!!

Depends on the wood. Most of it is the marketing difficulty of awareness and ease of access. If there was firewood and a specific day for signup and pick up I would for sure be there (a la Branching Out) If there was a similar sign up for art designated wood I think there would be some interest. I would for sure spread the word on that and take a crack at it myself. If you teamed with an artist that made walking sticks and did some sort of cross promotion advertising the many walking paths in/forested areas in Calgary and their use maybe there's something there (use a piece of Calgary to get out and explore Calgary)

community projects would be amazing. Providing the wood to community associations who want it, maybe for community firepitor even wood working projects

"Woodworking community classes, woodworking and art school programs (elementary-high school), local community gardens. I would also suggest reaching out to local after school programs, school clubs, art classes/programs.

Another option would be to reach out to hospitals and care centers as many would have art programs for rehabilitation/occupational therapy purposes and would find this resource helpful.

Groups that build benches for parks/community areas."

Playgrounds

would love to see more artwork - bee houses perhaps?

Yes! Making things like planter boxes, cold frames, and green houses out of recycled materials should be much more commonplace! I know there are a PLETHORA of pallets that could be kept out of the landfill.

Just make OSB boards

No

Urban sawmill partnerships Turn large logs from removals into slabs, beams
Small□batch products Cutting boards, bowls, coasters, charcuterie boards, and signage made from Calgary trees.
Tree□story branding Each product includes the tree's location, species, and history hugely popular with

buyers.
Community woodworking hubs Makerspaces where residents can access tools, classes, and reclaimed wood for DIY projects.
Public art programs Sculptures, benches, murals, and installations made from local trees with stories attached. Neighbourhood furniture builds Volunteers turn salvaged wood into benches, planter boxes, or little free libraries.
Mulch production Shredded wood becomes moisture□retaining mulch for parks and private yards. Soil amendment
Composting wood chips improves soil structure in Calgary's compacted clay soils.
Habitat structures Logs used for pollinator hotels, bird perches, or wildlife brush piles.

Mulch pathways in parks - this is uses in other cities (eg: Winnipeg) successfully (not for ALL pathway typologies, but certainly for some).

I have seen bee boxes around that help insects nest and overwinter, more of those out in parks could be a neat idea.

The fact that there is a question suggesting taxpayer funds be used to turn wood waste into art is very telling regarding how this government has no respect for taxpayers that are worse off everyday because of reckless spending by this government.

Donate to schools for carpentry class, art, natural playgrounds

So many ways to recycle material from home demolitions.
Create tables, seating benches, and other items from wood. Communities could hold classes to show people how to reuse, recycle and repurpose used materials.

Offer free wood for campers to take out camping

free firewood, free mulch

Would ACAD or SAIT be interested in partnering with the city to use wood waste?
Would CBE be able to use it for nature classrooms, construction classes or mulching?
Biofuel?

I think it would be great if we could use the wood for woodwork classes, even if the classes were paid (better if it was cheep!). The City could connect people with wood work experience and people willing to learn and provide the wood for the classes.
The same way, the City could connect artists to people willing to learn who to transform wood in art.

Collect and ship them to the lumber factories.

Maintain the existing parks with mulch. None of the parks I visit recieve the yearly mulch top up required for weed mitigation or water management. Blakiston park for example is now a weed pit and not being maintained.

Free firewood sounds good, if it was cut up and easily accessible. Not for me because I don't have a firepit and my fireplace is gas

Benches, mulch, picnic tables

I am very enthusiastic about the city mulch program and have used it multiple times this year and plan to get more soon. I see large logs etc. at the east landfill that would be good for landscaping projects or art projects. I do not currently know if you're allowed to grab wood waste when you're picking up mulch, but if you were allowed I would probably grab a few logs.

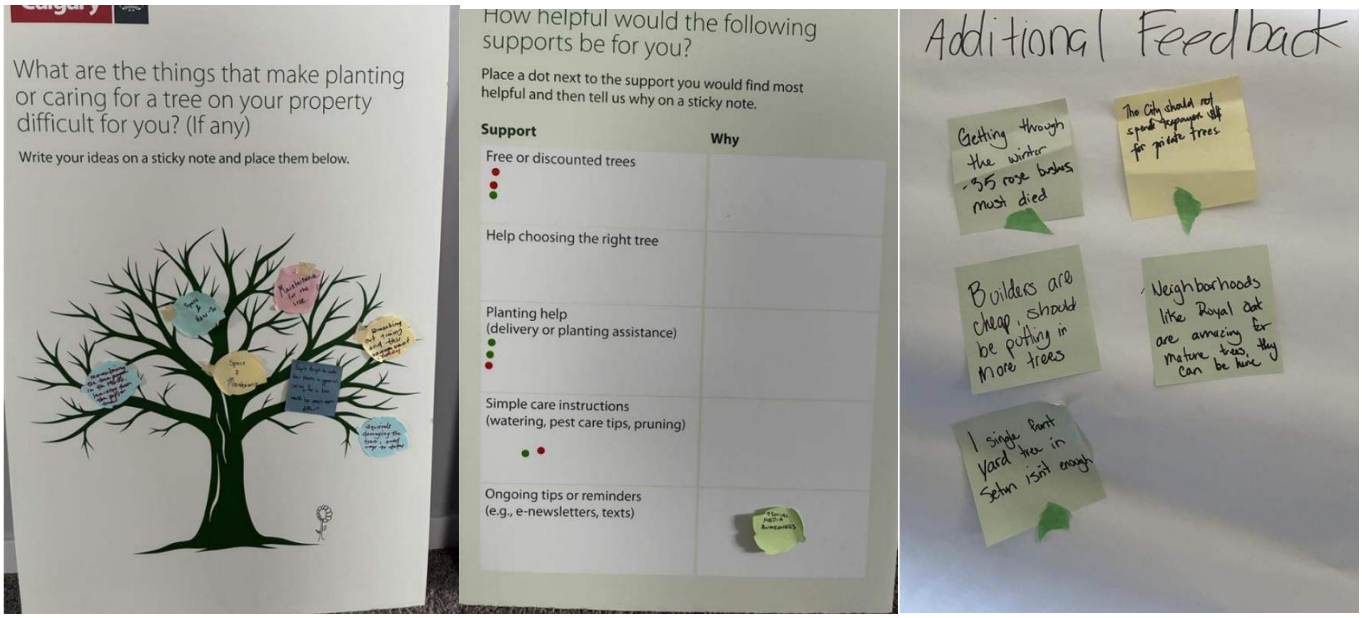
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If wood waste was made available to everyone then it would be used for a wide variety of projects and uses. Sorting of wood would be needed, and perhaps posting of what is available.

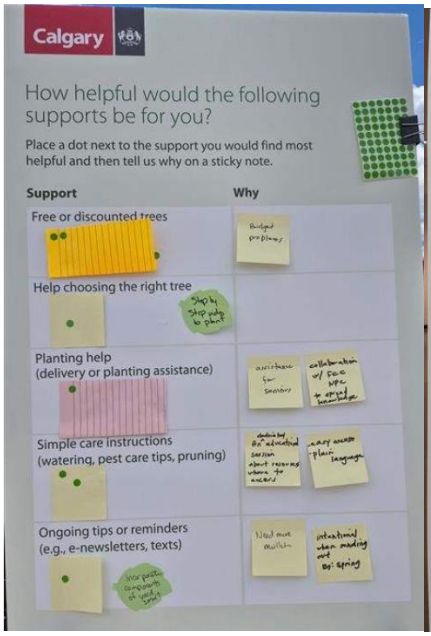
Schools?
I would use firewood

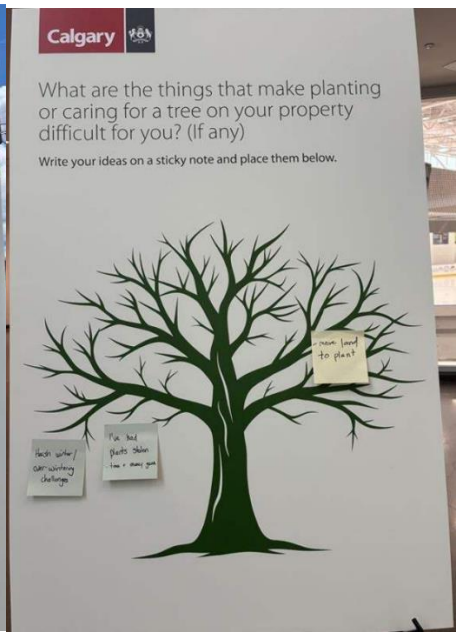
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Prairie Winds Park

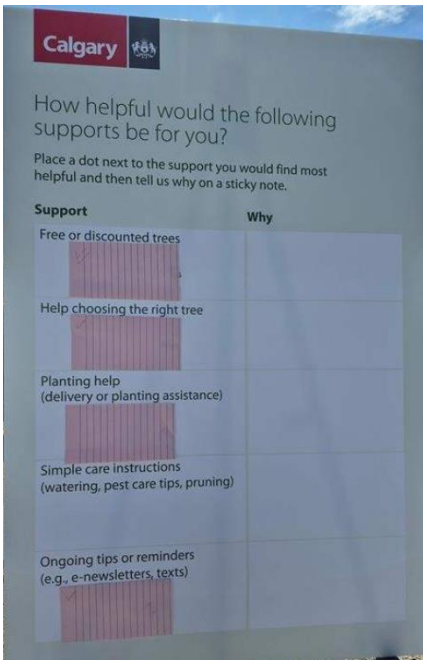


Brookfield YMCA





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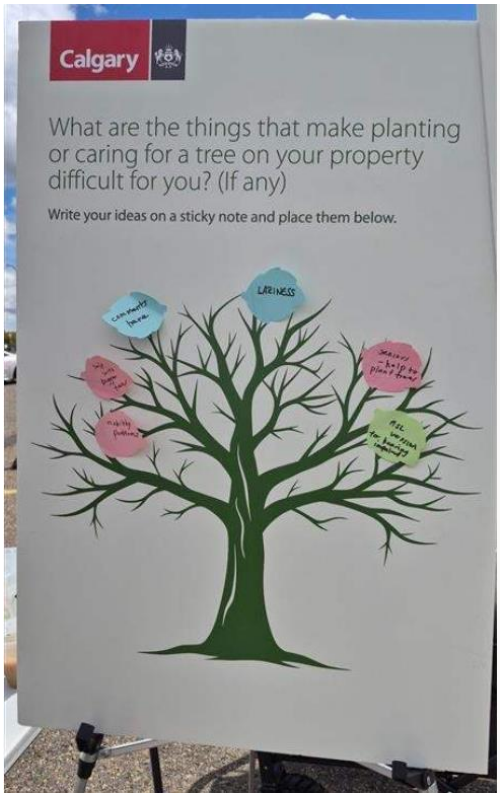


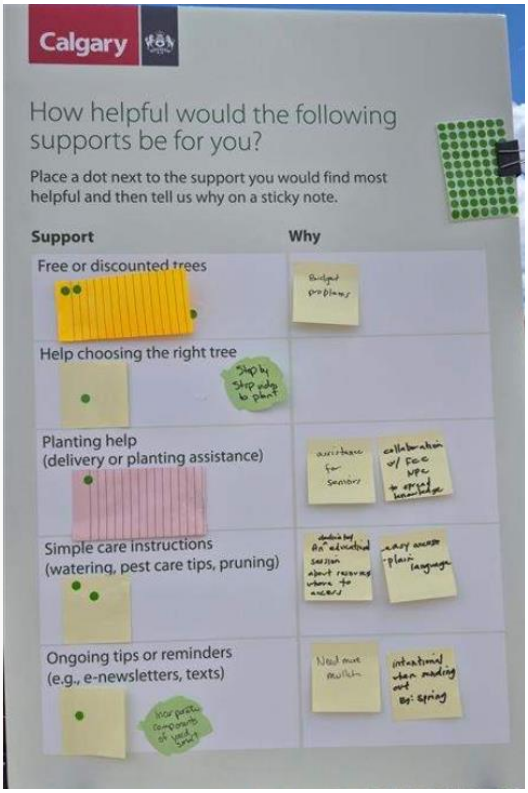
- Apartment strategy. Renters 1/3 of households, housing is a human right
- Small spaces community sessions – standardized lease
- Information about where to get free tree to plant in private yard
- Getting ‘rid” of tree species that are prone to disease (hemlock) – is the Plan going to tackle this?
- Renters – appreciate trees but can’t plant them. – more trees in downtown

- As private tree owner, I am comfortable/helping to care and maintain our trees
- The City should work with private developers to: planting trees that grow well, instead of for “show”. – help in the replacement to diseased or weak trees in community
- 11A Street disappointment that new trees won’t be planted
- City does a great job maintaining trees than private owners!
- Kensington trees – good job managing but no replacement plan for trees that are removed is disappointing

Branching Out - Whitehorn

- Mobility problems
- Help with bigger trees
- Comments here
- Laziness
- Seniors – help to plant trees
- ASL version for hearing impaired
- Incorporate components of yard smart
- Need more mulch
- Step by step video to plant
- Intentional when sending invte eg. Spring
- Easy access, plain language
- An dedicated education session about resources, where to access
- Assistance for seniors
- Budget problems





Winston Heights

- To avoid developers taking down all trees on property – Council policy to create designated areas to plant or trees not to be touched

MNP

- Pruning tips – time and how
- Do ‘no mow’ day
- Knowing the tree, hedge, nesting birds
- What trees/plants are good for different types of wildlife?
- City service where staff come to your hoes to give you info on maintaining trees.
- Knowing what trees I have, how to maintain
- Scales on hedge, what to do
- Compost/burn/garbage
- What to do with wood waste like black rot
- How do you deal with different pests?
- Snow clearing damage
- Damage in parks on trees by mowers
- Maintanance and water – don’t spend money if you won’t take care
- People would ask for better service
- Plant more to replace what’s been removed

- We want more trees
- Trees are good.
- In a condo now, so that's blvd trees are important
- Lost some trees due to pests
- Development that cuts down trees should be frowned upon
- Understanding end of life, like poplars
- Older neighbourhoods with mature trees and roots

Rocky Ridge YMCA

- Digging/planting
- Are there more branching out trees coming
- Delivery and digging
- Rocky soil, help planting
- Knowledgeable for SPP and care
- Commercial properties
- Better training/oversight from developers
- Poor planting practices
- 2018 build commercial building
- Needs to be better
- Tree spp. Selection for builders
- Space an issue
- Roots, aspens, taking them out
- Children's hospital – junipers gardens, horitculturists
- 4 plexes remove planting space
- More trees, less flowers
- Education on maintaining
- Developers put in trees that aren't a good type
- Don't cut trees down, like the colours
- Tuscany school planting this week
- More seeds
- More parks for more trees
- Plant more trees keep the green spaces
- Only a big pine in the front more in back but want more in the back – rent though