



**Faircrest Heights
Community Association
AGM
November 3, 2008**

Discussion:

- **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
- **Property Assessments**
- **Emerald Ash Borer**
- **Crows**
- **Lynda Lane**
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

AMO's Mandate

- To support and enhance strong and effective municipal government in Ontario
- To promote the value of the municipal level of government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system

Specifically, we...

- Undertake policy development (such as Integrated Waste Management Strategy)
- Advocate with other orders of government and reach out to other organizations
- Inform and educate members (Councillor training program)
- Develop and market innovative and beneficial services to municipal sector (such as electricity/gas procurement)



Property Assessments

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT 2009

- Required by Provincial legislation
- All properties re-assessed by MPAC
- Updated values from January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2008
- Values for taxation years 2009 – 2012

- Taxes on every property increase or decrease based on actual valuation changes compared to average
- Citywide Residential average is 13.94% -- 15.01% in Alta Vista Ward
- A new assessment does not change the total taxes collected by the City
- Assessment X tax rate = Taxes

CHANGES FOR ASSESSMENT 2009

- **Increased assessment phased in over next four years (approx. 3.4% per year)**
- **No phase-in for assessment reductions**

WHAT SHOULD A PROPERTY OWNER DO?

- To see estimate of individual residential impact visit the Property Taxes section of the City's website
- Verify MPAC assessment is accurate



Emerald Ash Borer



Emerald Ash Borer

Wood boring beetle

Attacks and destroys all species of ash trees

Does not attack other tree species

Now found in many areas in Ontario (i.e. London, Toronto, etc.)

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Ash Inventory (sample)

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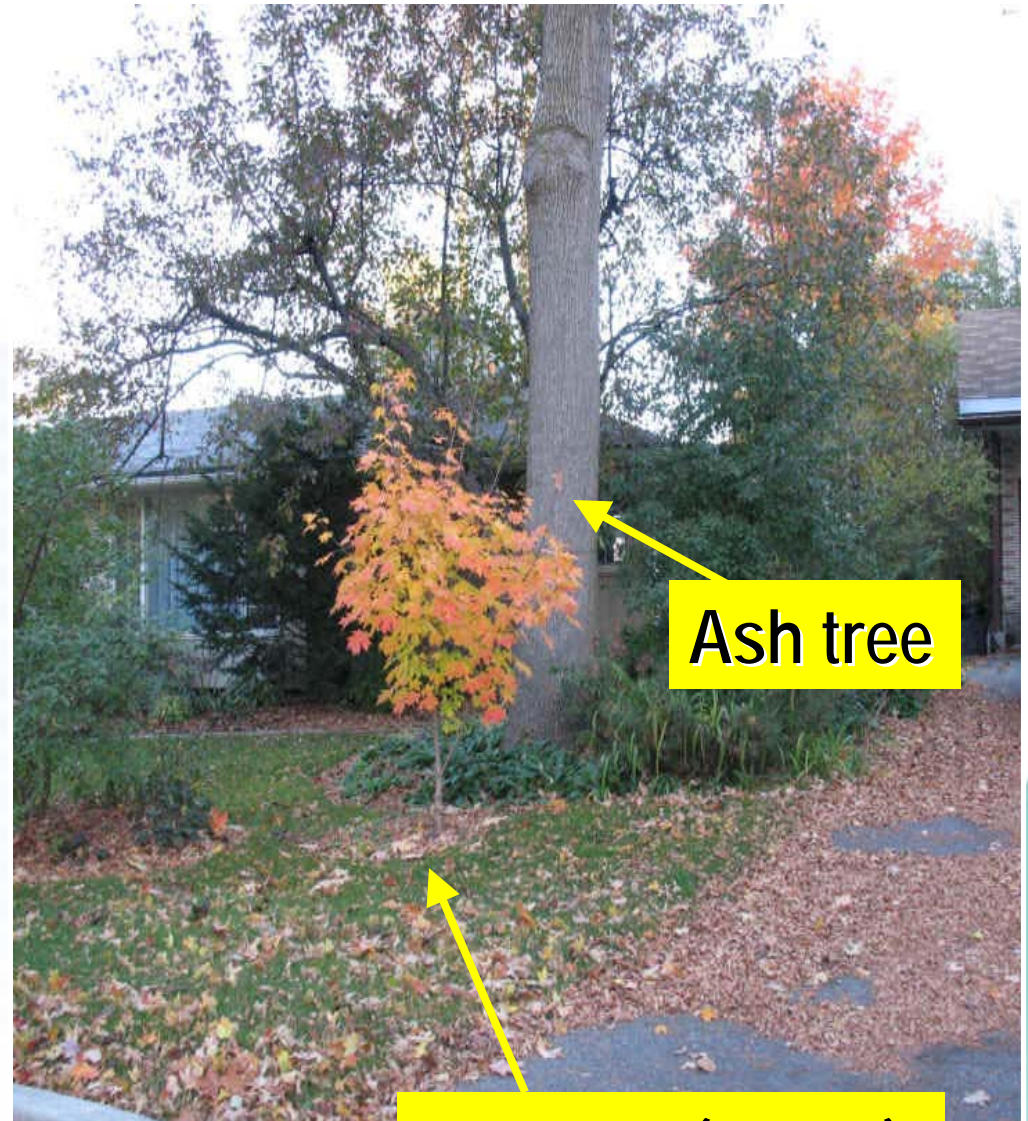


Proposed EAB Management Strategy 5 Steps to Manage the Impact

1. Regulation of Wood Movement and Disposal
2. Tree Removal
3. Selective Tree Injections
4. Proactive Tree Planting and Replacement Planting
5. Public Awareness and Outreach

Proactive Tree Planting

- Plant trees on City property in areas of high ash density in advance of removal
- Targeted community tree distribution for residents in areas of high ash density



New tree (maple)

Ash tree

“What can I do?”

- Continue to maintain all your trees, including ash, by watering, fertilizing, trimming, etc.
- Consult professionals for advice
- Plant new trees
- Tree injection is an option (\$)
Estimate \$400/tree/year for life of tree
- Monitor your trees' health
- *Don't Move Wood!*



Crows



- Over 20,000 crows in Alta Vista
- Feed on crops, squirrels, mice and household garbage
- Roost in wooded areas around Lynda Lane and the Ottawa Hospital General Campus
- Hazard for the Ottawa Hospital's emergency helicopter
- Protected by Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918

What can Faircrest Heights residents do?

- Do not feed the crows
- Place household garbage in enclosed containers
- Eliminate standing water from property



Lynda Lane Parking Management

- City staff are reviewing previous technical analysis and background information
- Conducting needs and justification update
- Developing potential design alternatives for evaluation, anticipated by end of year



The Hospital Lands Area Study

- City of Ottawa worked with consultants to undertake an area planning study for the future development of the Ottawa Health Sciences Centre, National Defence Medical Centre, and adjoining lands, which began in 2004
- Steering Committee included community association and key stakeholder representatives
- Three public houses with presentations were held over the course of the study

- Area plan purpose: to guide City Council, staff, residents, property owners and developers in assessing future development proposals
- Land use strategy: sets out zoning for a mixed-use residential community and the expansion of the OHSC
- Design guidelines: addresses land use, open space, block patterns the pedestrian system and streets as well as building size and location
- Planning and Environment Committee approved report October 28, 2008

Rises to City Council November 12, 2008



Alta Vista Drive Area Traffic Management Study

- **Funding for study approved in 2008 Budget**
- **It's one of two studies approved for the *entire* City of Ottawa**
- **First Public Advisory Committee meeting takes place November 5**



Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – Link 1

- **2 lanes from Riverside Drive and the Transitway to Hospital Ring Road - 1.8 km in length**
- **EA approved January 2008**
- **Currently in the design phase**
- **EA specifically calls for that the Hospital Link facility to pass under the CN Rail Line**
- **Working closely with CN Rail and Hydro One to find the best solution to enable the necessary relocation/modification to their infrastructure**
- **Preliminary design is expected early 2009**
- **Design will most likely be completed in Summer/Fall of 2009**
- **Construction should commence in 2010, provided Council does not revise the long term capital works budget**



Questions?