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Arbor Week 2021

Arbor Week 2021 is over but the excitement for trees is continuing. We are extremely thankful to our partners who conducted Arbor Week events and made Arbor Week a success. 22 events at 18 different venues made for a very Covid safe week. Over 1,000 individuals participated directly in Arbor Week educational activities and the outreach went well beyond that with 6 live media interviews and multiple articles published. None of this would have been possible had it not been for the Arbor Week Committee, chaired by Linda Moskalyk, and included committee members; Caroline Dinter, Shannon Dyck, Sharon Leach, Rae Hearn, Jeanine Paul, Paddy Tutty and Tom Gode.

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Arbor Week Gathering with Saskatoon Cycles

Dutch Elm Disease in Saskatoon

The City of Saskatoon removed a tree in Leif Erickson Park in the Westmount neighborhood that was infected with Dutch Elm Disease. This is the second case in two years and is strongly suspected that the cause came from elm firewood. Elms make up 25% of Saskatoon's public trees and are the trademark vase shaped trees that are so recognizable on many of our streets and in the cemetery.

You can help by learning how to [recognize the signs of Dutch Elm Disease](#). Report any possible cases you observe or elm wood being stored to [urban forestry](#).

With this extreme heat & drought there is a great need to provide water to your city boulevard trees. They will thank you with a cooler yard.



The QR code tree tour is available for events

The QR Code Tree tour that we conducted at Meewasin Park throughout Arbor Week may be available for your community events. If you are interested in the possibility email us at trees@sostrees.ca



Tree Issues we are working on

- ◆ DED awareness & public education
- ◆ The increase in fees for disposal of Elm wood at City landfill
- ◆ Proposed Festival site in Friendship Park
- ◆ Proposed tree removal for the Victoria Avenue bike lane
- ◆ Proposed tree removal for bike lane at Avenue C & 24th Street West

Board of Directors Nominations is open

Nominations for the SOS Trees Coalition are now open. If you are interested in being a part of Saskatoon's premier urban forestry organization please submit your letter of interest to trees@sostrees.ca and the Nominations Committee will be in touch.

Calendar

For the most comprehensive listing of environmental events in the province check out [EcoFriendly Sask](#)

In The News

- ◆ On July 13, 2021 from 12-1 pm Linda Moskalyk representing SOS Trees was interviewed on CBC radio. Linda talked about Dutch Elm Disease and what citizens can do to help their trees through this extreme heat and drought. Following the discovery of a case of Dutch Elm Disease in the Westmount neighborhood SOS Trees Coalition is now considering educational initiatives to help get citizens involved by recognizing Elm trees and the symptoms for the disease.
- ◆ Congratulations to Julia Adamson and the Friends of Saskatoon's Afforestation Areas Inc. who received a \$100,000 grant from [Government of Canada's Climate Action and Awareness Fund](#). "The funding will help protect and restore the 326-acre Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area and the 148-acre George Genereux Urban Regional Park," said Julia Adamson, chair of the Friends. "A major priority of our 2021/2022 Green Vision project is installing barriers to stop motorized vehicles from entering and dumping garbage in these unique man-made forests on the prairies." Additional initiatives include installing identification signage, conducting ecological surveys and bio-blitzes to identify significant species and landscape features, ongoing garbage clean-ups, and educational programming linked to these laboratories of ecological succession. SOS Trees Inc. is a partner for climate action activities the Friends will be undertaking.

Join SOS Trees Coalition Today

SOS Trees Coalition is on the move and we have increased our efforts by working with the City of Saskatoon to protect our trees. Arbor Week was our largest public education event in recent history. We are already advocating for a major public tree planting initiative in 2022 and every member and donor is crucial as we build our coalition. Please take a moment and sign up for your [Membership](#) today. Thank you!

Membership and contributions to SOS Trees Coalition support the protection and fostering of stewardship of Saskatoon's urban forest. To become a member or supporter go to: [membership](#) or you can mail directly to: 1618 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K3A1. SOS Trees Coalition is a registered charity.

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SOS Trees Coalition is pleased to offer this electronic newsletter to our members and supporters who have an interest in trees in Saskatoon. Through sharing information we can all be more consistently informed and therefore become better advocates for our urban forest and the individual trees that make life so much more enjoyable.

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