

# Tree Preservation

Planning Division

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# Overview

- Bill 68 tree canopy policy
- Review of compliance approaches
- Review of existing and forthcoming considerations
- Additional opportunities



# Bill 68

- Bill 68 Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017
  - Amendment to Section 270 of the Municipal Act
  - In force and effect on March 1, 2019
  - Requires all municipalities to adopt and maintain policies to protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation
- Compliance with Bill 68 tree canopy requirements is not one size fits all

# Review of Compliance Approaches

- What tools other municipalities use:
  - By-law that confirms Official Plan addresses the requirements of Bill 68
  - Tree Preservation By-law / Tree Cutting By-law / Tree Conservation By-law
  - Forestry Master Plan
  - Grants / incentives for tree planning
  - Municipal sustainable management practices
  - Natural Heritage System Study

# Existing Plans in the KL

- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan
- 2020-2023 Strategic Plan
- City of Kawartha Lakes Official Plan, 2012
- Lake Management Protection Plans
- Healthy Environment Plan
- Trails Master Plan
- Cultural Master Plan
- Forest Management Plan
- Site Plan Guidelines
- Subdivision and Development Agreement Template

# Forthcoming Considerations

- OPA 13 and Secondary Plans
- Kawarthas, Naturally Connected Natural Heritage System
- Community Design Manual: Guidelines for New Developments
- Tree Preservation By-law

# Timeline

- Spring 2019
  - Bill 68
- Summer 2019
  - CKLEAC workplan: tree preservation by-law
  - Review of tree preservation/cutting by-laws + Bill 68 compliance approaches
  - Shoreline survey in partnership with KRCA
- Fall 2019
  - Collaborate with City staff
  - Municipal canvas and select interviews
- Fall 2020
  - SMT meeting

# Additional Opportunities

- Strengthen Low Impact Design and green infrastructure policies
- Improve Official Plan and Secondary Plan policies to enhance natural heritage and tree canopy policies
- Establish targets for City-wide canopy
- Education campaign (Jump In platform)
  - public questionnaires
  - virtual open houses
  - educational resources
- Incentive programs