

# Region to spend up to \$8.4 million to clean up Emerald Ash Borer damage

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Halton Region will provide Conservation Halton (CH) with \$400,000 in 2017 for its newly minted Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) management program, and up to \$8.4 million over the next 10 years.

According to the Natural Resources Canada (NRC) website, the Emerald Ash Borer beetle is an invasive species native to Asia, which feeds on all types of Ash trees.

The beetles were first discovered in Windsor, Ont. in 2002 and have since spread across much of the province.

In a report to the region's administration and finance committee on May 10, staff said the funding would be used to address the EAB issue of approximately 100,000 ash trees considered to be a risk within CH boundaries, with more than 92 per cent of these trees within Halton Region.

Once dead, ash trees tend to fall quick, within two years, therefore posing a significant and ongoing management pressure on

CH properties, posing a risk to existing surrounding physical assets, staff and visitors, added the report.

Typically, within six years of an infestation arriving in a woodlot, more than 99 per cent of the ash trees have been killed. This extensive mortality increases the likelihood of invasion of forests by invasive plants, and poses a significant challenge to affected urban centres, said NRC on its website.

Conservation Halton put in a funding request to the region for the program and was asked by Halton Region council to provide a long-term capital spending plan, which was approved by the CH board in March.

The plan is broken down into two parts. In years one through three (2017-19), CH will focus on high-risk EAB areas related to main access points such as campsites, picnic areas, trail heads and viewpoints, as well as channels.

By the end of year three, the plan involves removing approximately 30,000 trees from these areas at an estimated cost of \$2.7 million.

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