

Rotary

Club of Paisley, Ontario



October 27, 2022

Municipality of Arran Elderslie
1925 Bruce County Road 10
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Attention: Mr. Scott MacLeod

Subject: Removal of Ash Trees at Paisley Rotary Campground

Dear Scott,
per our telephone conversation, the following is a paper trail, per your request.

In the spring of 2022 we had Rick Hodgins, who is a specialist in the forestry business and a friend of Rotary, remove a tree because of dead limbs. At that time, he pointed out a number of holes in ash trees that had been caused by the Ash Bore.

At that time he stated that with the evidence of Ash Bore being present, it would affect all ash trees in the park. He also stated that it would happen quickly and we should proceed to get the trees removed by the fall of 2022, or spring of 2023 at the latest. because of danger of falling limbs to our campers.

In September of 2022 a group of Rotary members checked the trees and found indication of stress and dead limbs on 80 to 90% of the ash trees.

This was brought up at the next Rotary Meeting and it was decided, for safety purposes, to remove ALL ash trees in the park. The Paisley Rotary Club also agreed to pay for removal and re-installation of power line east of the supply transformer in the centre of the park.

We would like to have any wood 15 inches in diameter left for firewood for the campground.

There will be at least 20 trees, probably more, to be taken out. I would like to consult with Les Phillipi and we could mark all the ash trees to be removed and mark some trees along the River that will be left with a higher stump.

Thank you for all your cooperation on this matter.

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Larry Gilchrist
Rotary Campground Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Maxwell".

Ed Maxwell
President Paisley Rotary Club