

#### 41. Trees

- **Cutting down** (apparently need to notify Town even when a dead tree is removed!)
- **Inventory** (Also see Councillors' Reports)  
Councillor Torres emphasized the need for the ongoing tree planting project. Another 31 homeowners are being notified that trees will be planted on the public portion of their front yards. The past two inventories revealed a large number of old trees nearing the end of their life cycle and a deficit in young trees that could replace them. The mission now is to increase the Town's tree canopy from 26 percent to 40 percent in order to offset serious issues such as climate change. (November, 2021, Informer – **August, 2021**, Council meeting)
- **Leaves**
  - **Electric leaf blowers used year-round?** [Find reference](#)
  - **Gasoline Leaf blowers outlawed November 1, 2023.** (see Bylaws)
  - **Leaves swept to side of road?** (see Bylaws)
- **Linden tree sap.**  
Several problems caused by linden trees were reported. The sap from one tree was continually falling on a resident's car and driveway. The initial problem was reported some time ago. The mayor promised to have the Interim Director General get in touch with her to try and get the problem finally sorted out. Another tree, planted on the Town's property, was causing problems with the homeowner's main drain. Councillor Ulin explained that any problems with drain blockages from the street to the house were the citizen's (??) responsibility; otherwise, a claim could be sent to the Town Clerk's office. (October, 2022, Informer – **August, 2022**, Council meeting)
- **Trees on private property.**  
The Town has no jurisdiction over the size of trees on private property unless there is a security issue. [Although there are bylaws governing their trimming and removal.] (September, 2021, Informer – **June, 2021**, Council meeting)
- **Tree planting program, mandatory planting.** (See Councillors' Reports)
- **Trimming** [Find tree trimming bylaw reference.](#)

42. **Valuation challenges.** (see Tax/mill rates) (See Councillors, Reports)

#### 43. Volunteer cleanup events.

Having the Town organize or participate in some outdoor cleanup events. Although a good idea, would be prohibited by the Blue Collar's collective agreement. (May-June, 2021, Informer – **April, 2021**, Council meeting)

44. **Water testing & water filter program.** (see Environment)