

Kensington Park Re-Planting Strategy Committee

Committee Members:

- Vice-President Gough
- Director Duggan

Purpose:

In recognition of our changing climate and limited District resources, this Committee is created to provide a thoughtful approach to future re-plantings and care of Kensington Park. An approach that considers our modest park budget, but also the climate and soil as it is today and likely will be in the future, including: drought, warmer temperatures, and wildfires.

Therefore, the Committee is tasked with exploring different approaches to restoring and rehabilitating the land of Kensington Park, particularly those areas most impacted by the tree removal, and then recommending a course of action for the Board.

In researching various approaches, the Committee will seek input from relevant experts, including but not limited to:

- Local indigenous partners
- Academics with expertise in sustainable/restorative landscapes
- Professional landscape architects focused on drought tolerant and fire safe designs
- Soil experts
- Fire experts
- Kensington Park's landscape team (Fernando Herrera + Team)

Deliverables:

The Committee will present a clearly articulated strategy for re-planting in the park, with specific recommendations for: timing, costs, funding options, community engagement, and partnerships. The recommendation should also address the primary concerns of sustainability, safety, and limited District funding. The Committee's recommendation will be presented in a public board meeting no later than July 2023.

Limitations:

1. The Committee will not propose a specific landscape plan. Rather, the Committee will recommend a strategy for re-planting in Kensington Park that, if approved by the board, would be implemented by the GM, staff, and hired contractors.
2. No Committee member will commit to any contract or expenditure on behalf of the District without prior approval by the GM or the full board.
3. Committee members will direct all requests for information from staff through the GM, and will endeavour to keep all such requests to a minimum.

Timing:

The Committee will be dissolved once a final strategy has been approved and voted on by the full board, or within 18 months, whichever is sooner.