

LEAF Update, December 8, 2017

This is the fifth year of our Scenic Acres LEAF program and it is up for review before spring 2018. **In order for our program to continue we must have an in-person vote among Scenic Acres homeowners.** A meeting to discuss and vote on reaffirming our LEAF program will be held **January 14, 2018, 1:00 pm at the SACA centre**. We look forward to a discussion of our program and, **most importantly**, the community's decision on reaffirming it for another five years. **Please bring government issued photo ID along with your property assessment notice issued by the City. There will be one vote per household.**

Background

In 2012 over 69% of Scenic Acres homeowners signed the petition to establish our LEAF program; seeking to improve the health and appearance of our public green spaces. The program is funded by a levy of \$60/year/household along with the annual funds scheduled by the City for parks maintenance in Scenic Acres. All funds are spent in Scenic Acres according to a program directed by our volunteer LEAF committee (our committee). We thank those who have taken time to provide ideas, feedback and encouragement as our program was implemented. Work has included (i) regular mowing and edging, (ii) aeration, fertilizing and weed control, (iii) turf repairs as needed, (iv) spring and fall clean-up, (v) tree well maintenance, (vi) an extensive mulching program, and (vii) shrub care. In addition, our community has been beautified with 15 in-ground flower beds and 33 planters which are filled with flower displays in the summer and winter displays once the cold sets in. Sometimes it's hard to remember the knee high weeds along Scurfield Drive and the prevalence of weeds in all our green spaces before our LEAF program. A fuller history and report on our LEAF program (including a number of photographs) can be found at <http://scenicacresca.ca/news/initiatives/leaf/>

Community reaffirmation vote

City procedures dictate that every five years, communities are required to re-evaluate program participation by holding a public meeting. **Our meeting will be held on January 14, 2018, when community homeowners must vote in person regarding our program (one vote per household).**

A simple majority of 50 per cent (plus one) of the households in attendance in favour of *continuing* the program will result in the continuation of the Scenic Acres LEAF program.

A vote 50 per cent (plus one) of the households in attendance in favour of *discontinuing* the program will trigger a community petition process, where community members will have an opportunity to request a petition from the City, to canvase the community and to secure support from 66.7% of property owners to discontinue the LEAF program. Should this petition not reach 66.7% support, the Scenic Acres LEAF program will continue.

A note of **THANKS!** To Barb, Julie, Lorna and Simone for their volunteer work on our committee. We welcome your ideas, feedback and questions by email to scenicleaf@shaw.ca. **See you on January 14, 2018, at 1:00 pm at the SACA centre!**

Respectfully,

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