



THE TOWN OF STRATFORD RESOLUTION

SC001-2024 – Adoption of the “Stratford Forest Connectivity & Management Strategy”

Motion Carried X
Motion Lost
Motion Withdrawn

Council Chambers
Town Hall
July 10, 2024

Committee	Sustainability Committee
Moved by Councillor	<u>Gordie Cox</u>
Seconded by Councillor	<u>Steve Gallant</u>

WHEREAS the Town of Stratford, in 2022, with funding from the Climate Challenge Fund, hired forestry consultant Matt McIver of Maritime Forestry to complete a Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS the Plan is a detailed assessment of all Town-owned forested properties and corresponding set of recommendations that details forest management recommendations, acquisition recommendations, and afforestation recommendations; and

WHEREAS the Plan is intended to help the Town Strategically acquire land for protection and afforestation, plan for funding opportunities, improve resident access to nature, increase carbon sequestration, and generally improve the health and resiliency of Stratford forests; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Stratford approve and adopt the Forest Management Plan as a guiding document for the management of Town-owned forested properties.

This resolution bears the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee as discussed at a meeting held on February 7, 2024.