

Council - May , 2026

Agenda Item # 12.3

Proposed Motion: Councillor P. Banks - Tree Sapling Giveaway Program – Staff Report Request

Moved by: Councillor P. Banks
Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS neighbouring municipalities such as Beckwith Township and Montague Townships have successfully implemented annual tree sapling giveaway programs that are simple to deliver and widely used by residents;

AND WHEREAS tree planting supports shoreline protection, helps reduce erosion, improves water quality, and contributes to the long-term health of the Township’s lakes and rural environment;

AND WHEREAS providing residents with access to native tree species is a cost-effective way to support environmental stewardship on private property while offering a direct benefit to ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to explore a practical and affordable program aligned with initiatives already in place in neighbouring municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that staff be directed to bring forward a report outlining options for an annual tree sapling giveaway program for residents of the Township of Rideau Lakes, including potential partnerships, estimated costs, program delivery options, and a recommended implementation plan for Spring 2027.