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I have no idea why Dec. 31 was picked for the Forestry Engagement deadline for the survey.

WHEREAS

December in general is a month packed with folks working hard, and at the same time focused on family matters associated with Christmas Holiday period. Average citizens are very busy. Excepting for the Eco-activist groups who are obsessed with writing letters, posting on their websites and Facebook pages drumming into folks their beliefs, most folks are more focused on holiday shopping, holiday parties, holiday travel, holiday family engagement...NOT on our trees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Council should by special action, recognize their mistake and extend the deadline for input on the Forestry Engagement to January 31st of 2023. Such an extension has little of no impact on the next steps yet fully recognizes that December Holiday Period is a poor time of year for such an important matter. I do not know what processes are available to facilitate an extension, but surely it is not complicated.

Cheers

Merry Christmas

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