



## MAUF Virtual Fall Forum

**Join us Online: Tuesday October 8, 2024, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

### **Agenda:**

#### **10:00 – 10:30 Approved Tree Contractor Program: Needs and Feasibility. Presented by Stephen McQuigge**

We'll discuss municipal requirements for an approved tree care contractor program. What requirements do municipalities have for tree care companies quoting on jobs or submitting proposals? For example: holding organizational and accident insurance, workplace health compensation, having ISA certified arborists on staff, references, etc. What challenges do municipal managers face when creating and reviewing RFPs (Request for Proposals)? What review methods do they use? What types of contracts do you often obtain quotes on? (e.g. removals, pruning, inventory, risk assessments, etc.) We'll also discuss a similar contractor program in the horticulture sector in Ontario: the challenges they face, the costs to manage and how to improve sector buy-in.

*Biography: Stephen is the Supervisor of Arboriculture, Grand River Conservation Authority. Stephen is also the chair of the ISAO Professional Standards committee and sits on the ISA Ontario Board of Directors.*

#### **10:30 – 11:30 Designing Liveable Streets in Ottawa. Presented by Nelson Edwards & Adam Palmer**

City of Ottawa recently completed a multi-year project to approve a liveable neighbourhood street design. Their Forestry department worked with various municipal stakeholders including transportation, planning, zoning, developers, Utility, Infrastructure, community groups and councillors to make it happen. The municipal managers oversaw the project using project management techniques: obtaining feedback, addressing and recording concerns, and drawing compromises from various sectors. Using those methods the City was able to establish a tree protection zone standard and minimum setbacks for new tree plantings.

*Biography: Nelson Edwards has been with the City of Ottawa for 25 years. He's the Senior Urban Designer at the City and has also worked in their Transportation Planning, Environmental Assessments and Community Planning departments. He is a Landscape Architect and Registered Professional Planner.*

*Adam Palmer is an ISA Certified Arborist and a Forester in City of Ottawa's Forest Management Branch.*

#### **11:30 – 12:00 Oak Wilt Update**

We'll hear from municipalities with an Oak Wilt program (including Niagara and City of Windsor) – they'll discuss their monitoring programs (methods and scope of monitoring); as well as control methods (wound paint and proper disposal).