

## OEAC-24-11

### **Tree Giveaway Working Group Report** February 1, 2024

The tree giveaway working group has chosen the 21<sup>st</sup> of September as the date for our annual tree giveaway.

The decision has been made to follow the same format as the past few years.

It will be held in City parking lot at the south west corner of King Street West and Queen Street. We will need 5-7 volunteers for the giveaway. Trees are unloaded at 8am, and set up from 9 until 10am.

We are counting on the City to promote the giveaway on their website. The trees will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Typically, about a third of people who reserve trees don't pick them up. In the past couple of years, we have encouraged people who wanted more trees to come back in the afternoon. In this way we found a home for all the trees.

We will be offering 3 tree species

-White Oak

-Sugar Maple

-Paper Birch or white pine

#### **Recommendation:**

We are recommending that the committee vote on increasing the budget from \$4,600 to \$6,000, and that the event be held on September 21, 2024.