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Communication

CW(WS) – May 7, 2025

Item No. 1

# Tree Protection By-law and Tree Protection Protocol

Committee of the Whole (WS)  
Presentation – May 7, 2025



# Agenda

- Background and Benchmarking
- Tree Protection By-law Updates
- Tree Protection Protocol Updates



# **BACKGROUND AND BENCHMARKING**

# Strategic Alignment



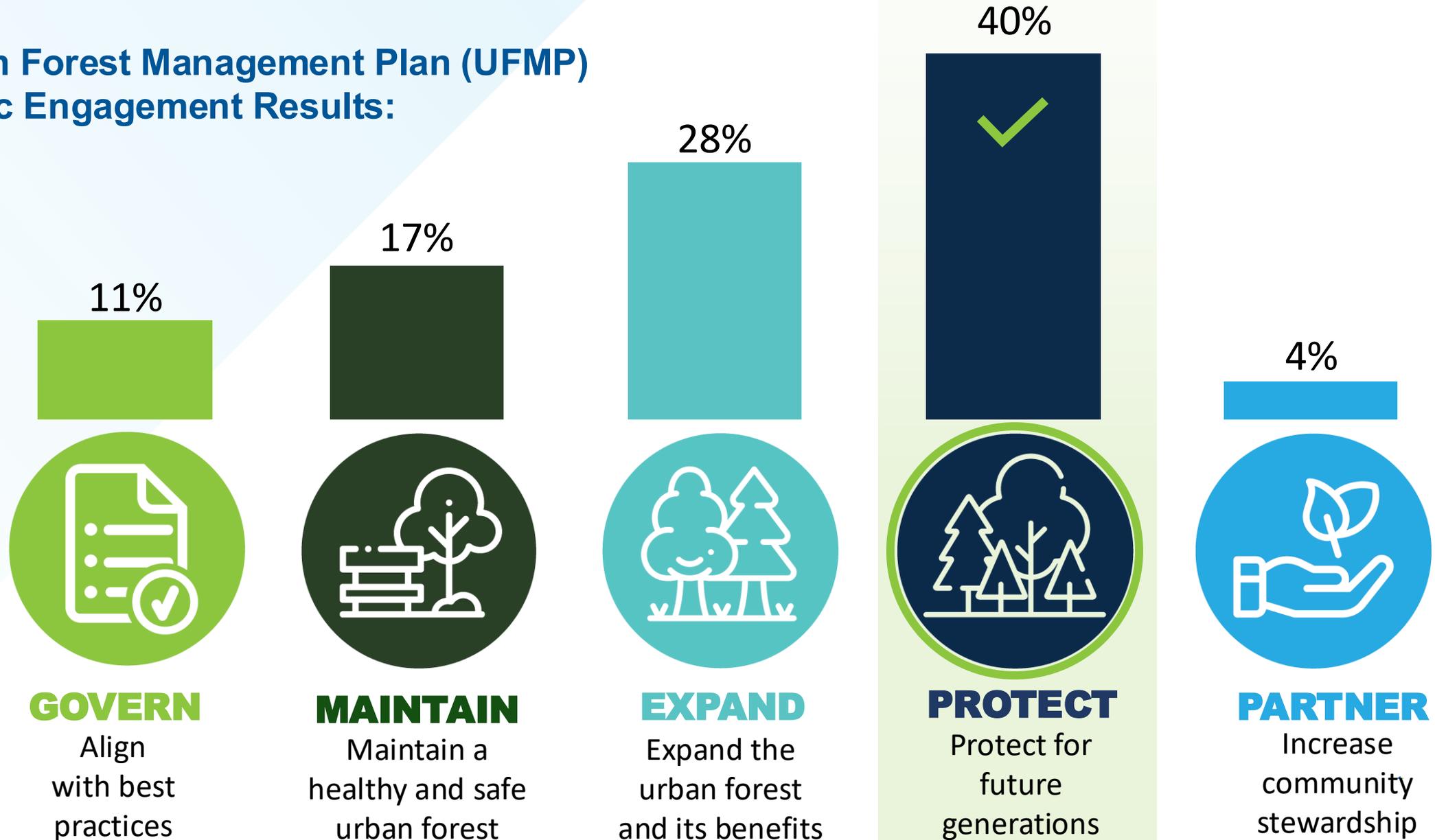
Prioritizing  
**Environmental Sustainability**

Partners in **City Building**

Enhancing  
**Service Excellence**

# Resident Ranking of Most Important UFMP Goal

## Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) Public Engagement Results:



# Vaughan Tree By-laws: Brief History



**Public Tree  
By-law  
2005**

**Private Tree  
By-law  
2007**

**Consolidated  
By-law and Tree  
Protection Protocol  
2018**

**Updated By-law and  
Tree Protection  
Protocol  
2025**

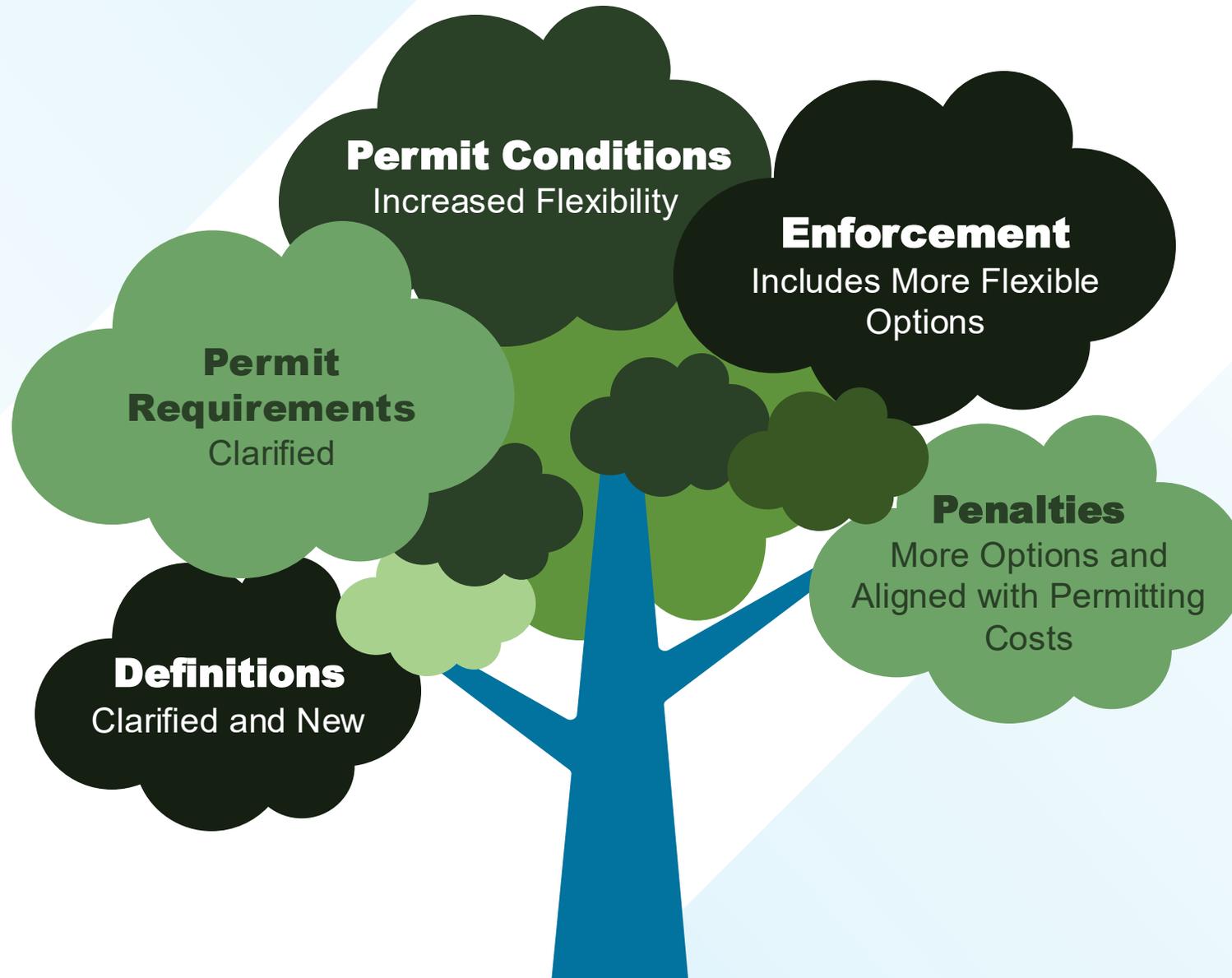
# Municipal Benchmarking: Current State

Jurisdiction	Administrative Penalties (APs)			Provincial Offence Act (POA)		
	Uses APs for Tree Penalties	Lowest Tree Penalty AP	Highest Tree Penalty AP	POA Penalties per Municipal Act Max	Minimum POA Penalty	Maximum POA Penalty
Newmarket	Yes	\$1,000	\$2,250	Yes	\$500	\$100,000
London	Yes	\$750	\$1,000	Yes	\$500	\$100,000
Markham	Yes	\$500	\$500	Yes	\$300	\$100,000
Oakville	Yes	\$300	\$500	Yes	\$400	\$100,000
Brampton	Yes	\$250	\$1,000	Yes	N/A	\$100,000
Mississauga	No	-	-	Yes	\$500	\$100,000
Burlington	No	-	-	Yes	\$500	\$100,000
Toronto	No	-	-	Yes	\$500	\$100,000
Richmond Hill	No	-	-	No	\$300	\$100,000
<b>Vaughan</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>



# TREE PROTECTION PROTOCOL UPDATES

# Key Changes: Overview



# Key Changes: Penalties



## Administrative Penalties

New: \$500 to \$2,700



## New Minimum Fines

Previously: \$250



## New Maximum Fines

Previously: \$10,000

\$100,000



## Special Fines

Previously: \$25,000

\$>100,000

# Municipal Benchmarking: Future State

Jurisdiction	Administrative Penalties (APs)			Provincial Offence Act (POA)		
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# Scenario 1: Small Tree Example



## Permit Costs

Application Fee:  
\$230.43

Tree Replacement  
Fee: \$600

Total:  
\$830.43

Administrative  
Penalty

\$900

# Scenario 2: Large Tree Example

**80cm Diameter  
"Significant Tree"**

## Permit Costs

Application Fee:  
\$230.43

Tree  
Replacement  
Fee: \$2,400

**Total:  
\$2,630.43**

## Administrative Penalty

**\$2,700**



# TREE PROTECTION PROTOCOL UPDATES

# Key Changes: Overview



**Enhanced Technical Requirements**



**Contributing Teams**

Aligned with new organizational structure



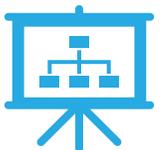
**Strategic Alignment**

Includes UFMP objectives



**Regulatory Compliance**

Aligned with emerging legislation



**Roles and Responsibilities**

Enhanced customer service outcomes







# Thank you!

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