

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Patrick Briere, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Re: Sign Request from Northwestern Ontario Emerald Ash Borer Task Force.



Council will recall at their meeting held December 10, 2012 a letter from the Emerald Ash Borer Task Force (EAB) requesting permission to erect a sign on municipal land near the border crossing. Council referred this request to the Planning & Development Executive Committee for their recommendation.

On December 13, 2012, the Planning & Development Executive Committee deferred this request to a future meeting pending a search for a more suitable location for the sign.

On July 14, 2013 Travis Rob, Chief Building Official received a letter from Mr. David May, MNR requesting to proceed ahead with the previous sign request. Mr. May had provided Mr. Rob with 2 new locations for the EAB Signage. Mr. Rob and myself brought these requests to the Planning & Executive Committee on July 15, 2013. The Planning & Development Executive Committee stated that the locations were not in an ideal location for vehicular traffic. Planning & Development stated that the Town will direct where the signs will be located and forward the new locations to Operations & Facilities Executive Committee for their input.

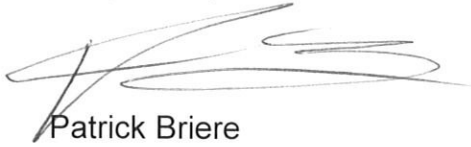
On July 17, 2013 Operations & Facilities Executive Committee discussed this issue and had 2 comments:

- 1) Proposed location for East Sign could not be supported. Sign will be relocated near the intersection of Mill Road & Lake Road. (Map attached showing this location)
- 2) Would like to see MNR/EAB pay the appropriate sign fees for the signs.

In conclusion, Mr. Rob and I have attached 2 maps depicting the sign locations based on the comments from both PDEC & O&F Executive Committees. We are recommending that Council approve these locations for the signs to be erected pending that the appropriate sign applications & fees are completed along with, locates for utilities.

Attached to this report are copies of all background materials for this request and copy of maps for sign locations.

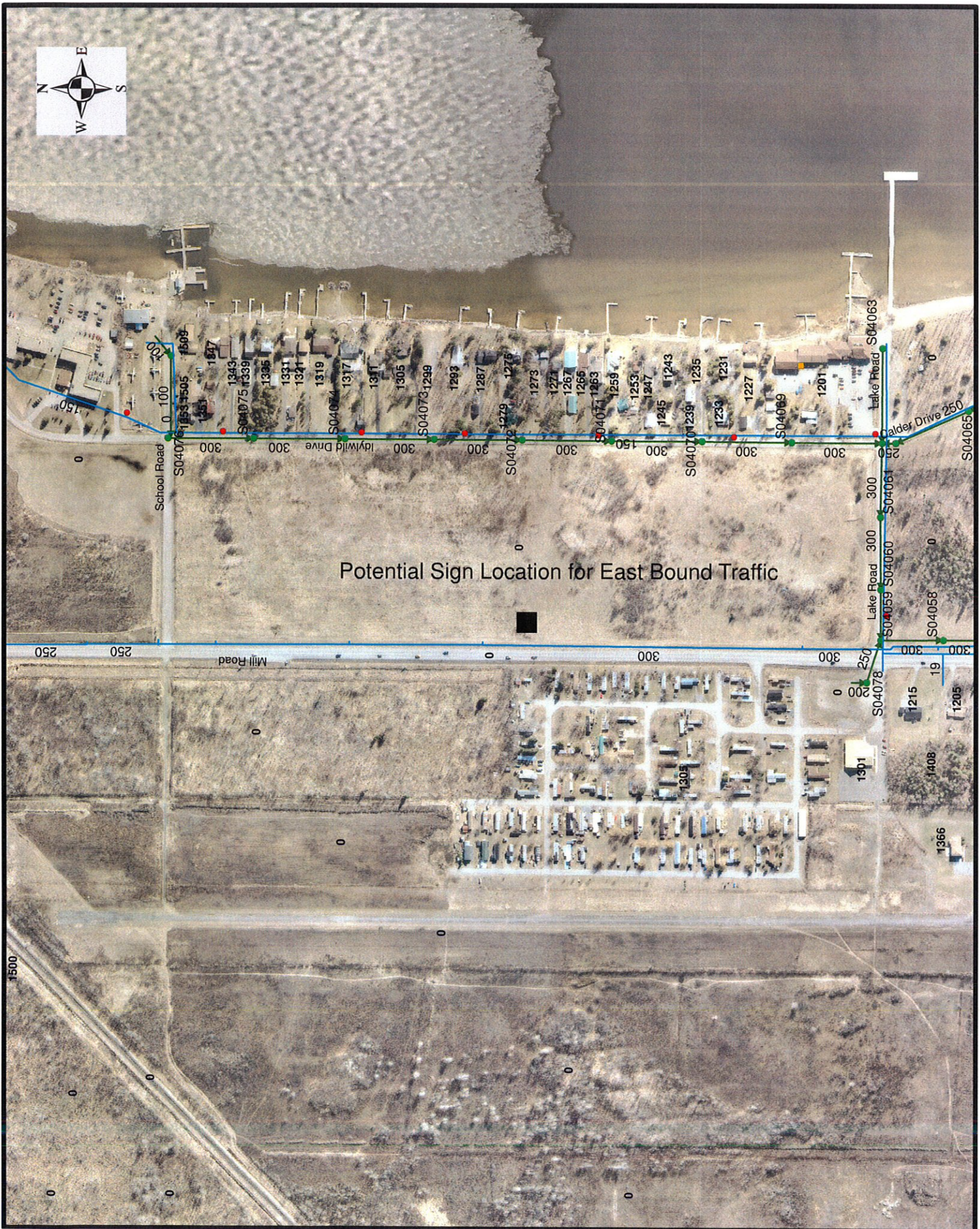
Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Briere', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Briere
By-Law Enforcement Officer

Council approval of this report will: a) approve the request for the MNR/Emerald Ash Borer task Force (EAB) to erect the 2 signs at the specified locations, pending appropriate sign applications & fees are completed and locates for utilities are completed.

East End Location



[illegible]

Mark McCaig/Frances
07/17/2013 09:54 AM

To pbriere@fort-frances.com
cc
bcc
Subject Fw: Operations & Facilities Executive Committee Comments
in regards to the Proposed Emerald Ash Borer Signage

Doug Brown
----- Original Message -----

From: Doug Brown
Sent: 07/17/2013 09:14 AM CDT
To: Travis Rob; Mark McCaig; lakracer@yahoo.ca; Roy Avis;
gpryan70@hotmail.com; Milt Strachan
Subject: Re: Operations & Facilities Executive Committee Comments in
regards to the Proposed Emerald Ash Borer Signage

Hi Travis, your information package about the emerald ash borer signage was discussed at the July 17, 2013 O & F executive committee this morning. There are a couple of comments from the O & F executive committee;

1) Proposed location of East Sign- cannot be supported, please relocate sign to near the intersection of Mill Road and Lake Road.

2) Please confirm that the MNR will be charge the annual permanent sign fee of \$ 57.20 /year for each sign.

It is my understanding that the B& P executive committee is the lead committee and the O & F executive committee was to provide comments to the B & P executive committee.

Regards

Doug Brown, P. Eng.
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Town of Fort Frances
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July 14, 2013

**Travis Rob
Chief Building Inspector
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Ave
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9**

Dear Mr. Rob:

I am contacting in you in support of the Northwestern Ontario Emerald Ash Borer Task Force's letter dated November 27th, 2012. As indicated in their letter, I am responsible for coordinating the installation of the 4x6 signs and appreciate your assistance in bringing forward this update and request to Fort Frances Planning and Development Executive Committee, Operations and Facilities Executive Committee and Town Council for their consideration.

I understand PDEC previously deferred a decision regarding the signs due to the initial locations requested downtown. Prior to his retirement, Rick Hallam and I had discussed alternative sites. Please find the attached maps indicating the two locations we had agreed would be more suitable locations.

The Fort Frances District Ministry of Natural Resources has been investing significant effort to offer an excellent summer employment opportunity to local youth through our Stewardship Youth Ranger (SYR) Program. The SYR Program provides youth valuable hands-on work experience, personal and professional development and the opportunity to expand their knowledge of natural resources management. This summer we are employing 7 youth from Fort Frances through this program. We are proposing that the local youth of this year's Stewardship Youth Rangers Crew provide all necessary labour to install the signs Friday, August 2nd.

I hope you will contact me with any questions regarding this request.

Best regards,
David May

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

Place: Civic Centre Committee Room

Date: 2012 December 13th

Time: 0830 hours

Meeting Session No. 29

Present:

PDEC; J. Albanese, R. Wiedenhoeft, R. Hallam

Regrets; S. Tibbs

Delegations;

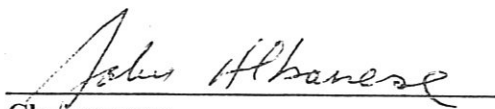
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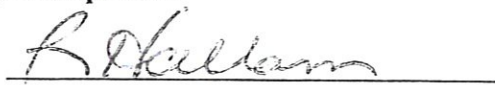
Disclosure of pecuniary interest;

- No disclosure of pecuniary interest expressed.

Items discussed & disposition thereof;

- Moved & Seconded (Wiedenhoeft /Albanese) that the minutes of the meeting held 2012 December 3rd be accepted as circulated.
- Moved & Seconded (Wiedenhoeft/Wiedenhoeft) that Councillor Albanese be appointed as committee chair person for the period ending 2014 Nov. 30th.
 - Councillor Albanese accepted the appointment.
- Moved & Seconded (Albanese/Albanese) that Councillor Wiedenhoeft be appointed as committee vice chair person for the period ending 2014 Nov. 30th.
 - Councillor Wiedenhoeft accepted the appointment.
- Request dated 2012 December 4th from Emerald Ash Borer Task Force – Northwestern Ontario re; Erection of Signage on Town Property
 - Deferred to future committee meeting pending search for a more suitable location for sign. This in concert with MNR staff member Dave May.
- Councillor Wiedenhoeft advised that he will attend the ALAC/SALT meeting scheduled for 2013 Jan. 23.


Chairperson


Committee Administrator



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December 11, 2012

Emerald Ash Borer Task Force Committee
Northwestern Ontario
Attn: Shelley Vescio, Chairperson
via e-mail svescio@thunderbay.ca

Dear Ms. Vescio:

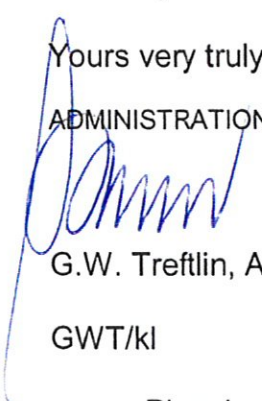
At their meeting, December 10, 2012, Council referred the request dated November 30, 2012 from Emerald Ash Borer Task Force – Northwestern Ontario re: Placement of signage on Municipally Owned Property to the Planning and Development Executive Committee for recommendation.

By copy of this letter, your request has been referred as directed.

Please direct any questions you may have to Mr. Richard Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development, at 274-5323, ext 252.

Yours very truly,

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE DIVISION



G.W. Treftlin, AMCT, Clerk

GWT/kl

c.c. Planning and Development Executive Committee
-Attn: R. Hallam, Superintendent Planning and Development



Kathy Lawson/Frances

03/12/2012 11:11 AM

To
cc
bcc
Subject Emerald Ash Borer Billboards



Travis Rob/Frances

11/30/2012 02:49 PM

To Glenn Treftlin/Frances
cc
Subject Fw: Emerald Ash Borer Billboards

Hi Glenn,

I received a letter from the Emerald Ash Borer Task Force (attached) looking for permission to erect a sign on Town property near the border warning of the dangers of transporting firewood. They received a grant to erect these signs in conjunction with the local MNR. Can this request be forwarded on to Council at the next meeting?

Regards,

Travis

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Before printing, think about ENVIRONMENTAL responsibility!

----- Forwarded by Travis Rob/Frances on 11/30/2012 02:41 PM -----



SVescio@thunderbay.ca

11/30/2012 02:36 PM

To trob@fort-frances.com
cc evan.mccaul@ontario.ca, michelle.nowak@ontario.ca
Subject Emerald Ash Borer Billboards

Thanks Travis for your help. It is much appreciated. Shelley

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Emerald Ash Borer Task Force
NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO



November 30, 2012

Travis Rob
Sustainability Coordinator
Town of Fort Frances
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Dear Mr. Rob:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Task Force. Our mission is to prevent EAB from entering Northwestern Ontario and minimize the impact if it does.

We are a grassroots affiliation of municipalities, national and provincial agencies, First Nations communities, corporations, university, college, organized clubs and concerned citizens in Northwestern Ontario.

Emerald ash borer is an invasive insect that has already devastated ash forests in the American mid-west and southern Ontario. **The primary cause of the spread of the EAB is the transportation of infected firewood.**

I bring this issue to your attention with the hope that we can work together with the Town of Fort Frances to use educational signage to help reduce the amount of firewood movement within Northwestern Ontario and carried across the US border into Canada. Our Task Force recently received a grant from the Thunder Bay District Stewardship Council to fund the design and production of five 'Don't Move Firewood' signs. We have been placing these signs at high traffic areas in the region (see attached photo). So far we have signs posted on Hwy 102 west of Thunder Bay and will hopefully be placing a sign at the Pigeon River Border Crossing in the near future.

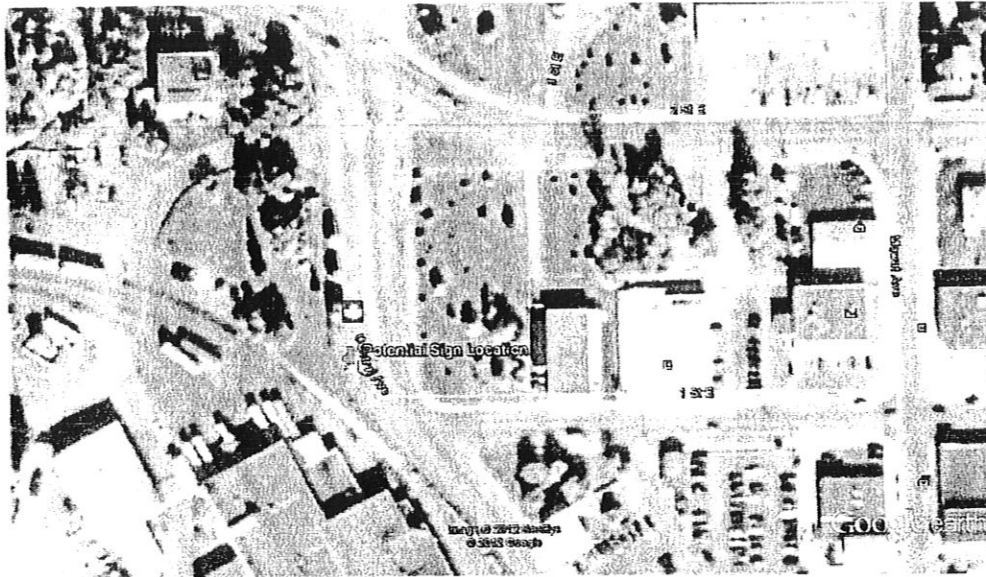
We are asking for permission to erect one sign in Fort Frances on municipal land near the International Falls Border Crossing (see attached map for potential location). I have enlisted the help of Dave May, Partnership Specialist with the Ministry of Natural Resources who will help co-ordinate the installation and maintenance of the signage. I hope that this sign would be installed in the late spring or early summer before the busy camping season begins and firewood movement increases.

If you have any questions regarding the signage, our group, or have ideas on how we can work collaboratively, please don't hesitate to contact me.

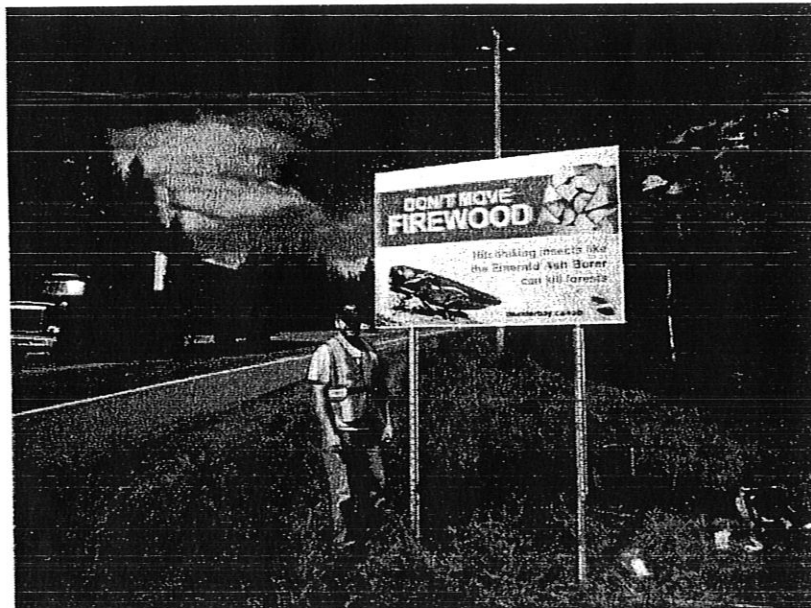
Yours truly,

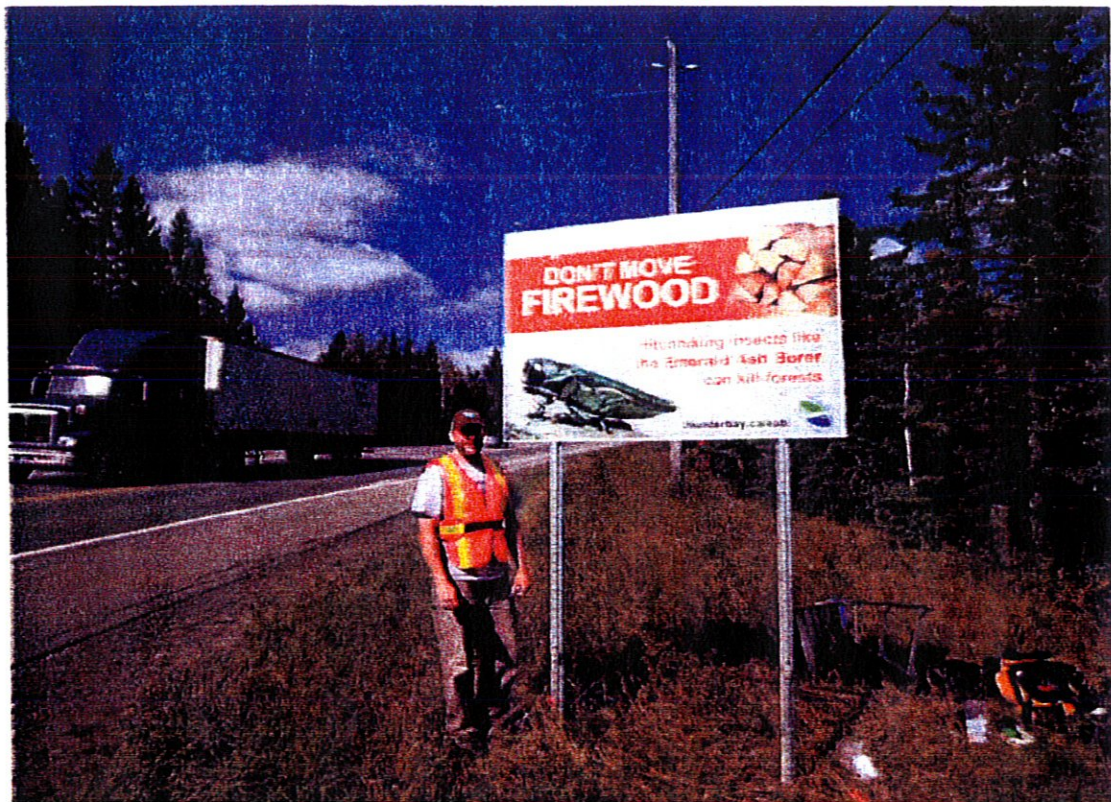
Shelley Vescio
Chairperson - Emerald Ash Borer Task Force Steering Committee
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Requested Location



Google earth feet 500
meters 100





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Emerald Ash Borer – *Agrilus planipennis*

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The emerald ash borer has **killed millions of ash trees** in southwestern Ontario, Michigan and surrounding states. It poses a major economic and environmental threat to urban and forested areas in both countries.

The emerald ash borer attacks and kills all species of ash, except mountain ash which is not a true ash. With **artificial spread**, where people move infested ash materials and firewood to new areas, this insect can quickly spread to other areas of Canada.

Federal [regulatory measures](#) **prohibit the movement** of [specific materials](#) including any ash material and firewood of all species from [specific areas of Ontario and Quebec](#). Anyone violating these restrictions is subject to a fine and/or prosecution.

Slowing the spread of emerald ash borer will protect Canada's environment and forest resources. It also helps keep international markets open to the forest industry and nurseries in non-regulated parts of Ontario and Quebec and in the rest of Canada.

Help slow the spread of the emerald ash borer in Canada. Learn more about the CFIA's "[Don't Move Firewood](#)" campaign and [movement restrictions](#) currently in place.

For **more information** on the emerald ash borer, please call 1-866-463-6017.

- [Latest Information](#)
- [Don't Move Firewood](#)

Acts and regulations we enforce include:

- [Plant Protection Act](#)
- Movement restrictions
 - [Current areas regulated for EAB by Ministerial Orders](#)
 - [Regulated Materials](#)
- [Introduced Forest Pest Compensation Regulations](#)
- [Plant Protection Regulations](#)

Information we provide to the general public includes:

- [Questions and answers](#)
 - [Compensation for Tree Replacement](#)
- [How to identify the presence of EAB: Signs and Symptoms](#)
 - [Emerald Ash Borer \(EAB\): Find the beetle! \(Children's Activity\)](#)
- [Recommended Alternatives to Ash Trees](#)

Information we provide to the plant industry and scientific community includes:

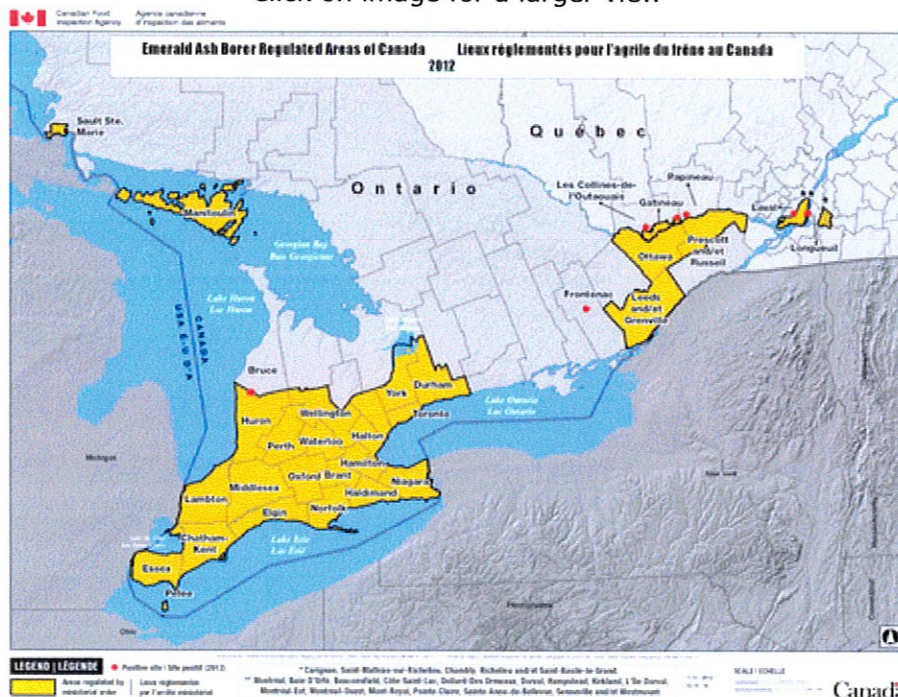
- [Pest fact sheet](#)
- [Pest alert](#)

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Areas Regulated for the Emerald Ash Borer

Map: [PDF \(251 kb\)](#)

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[Description of map Emerald Ash Borer regulated area](#)

To slow the spread of the emerald ash borer (EAB) to new areas, the CFIA uses measures to control the movement of potentially infested materials. People who move regulated materials from regulated areas without the permission of the CFIA could face fines and/or prosecution.

Notice of prohibition of movement

As an interim regulatory measure before ministerial orders are officially issued, the movement of materials is regulated through legal notices issued to property owners.

For properties where the emerald ash borer has been confirmed, a prohibition of movement will be issued. [A prohibition of movement](#) prohibits the movement of regulated materials from that specific property. This measure is taken to prevent movement of potentially infested materials off the property.

The emerald ash borer has recently been confirmed in:

Ontario

- Bruce County
- Frontenac County

Quebec

- *Municipalité régionale de comté (MRC) des Collines-de-l'Ontario*
- *Municipalité régionale de comté (MRC) de Papineau*
- Ville de Laval
- Ville de Longueuil

Ministerial orders

Ministerial orders are issued to prohibit the movement of ash tree material and firewood of any species out of a regulated area without prior permission from the CFIA.

- [April 2012 - Emerald Ash Borer Infested Places Order](#)

Ontario

- [Cities of Hamilton and Toronto, the Regional Municipalities of Chatham-Kent, Durham, York, Peel, Halton, Niagara and Waterloo and the Counties of Brant \(including the City of Brantford\), Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth and Wellington](#)
- [City of Sault Ste. Marie](#)
- [The Manitoulin district](#)

Ontario - Quebec

- [City of Ottawa, and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and Prescott and Russell in Ontario and, in the City of Gatineau, in Quebec](#)

Quebec

- [Municipalities of Carignan, Chambly, Richelieu, Saint-Basile-le-Grand and Saint-Mathias-sur-Richelieu](#)
- [Cities of Montréal, Baie-d'Urfé, Beaconsfield, Côte-Saint-Luc, Dollard-Des Ormeaux, Dorval, Hampstead, Kirkland, L'Île-Dorval, Montreal East, Montreal West, Mont-Royal, Pointe-Claire, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Senneville and Westmount in Quebec.](#)

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Firewood

Don't Move Firewood

Throwing a few pieces of firewood into the trunk of the car before a camping trip might seem like a good way to plan ahead, but those logs could destroy a forest.

Firewood can carry small but harmful hitchhikers that are often hidden in the bark or wood. The damage caused by invasive species such as the emerald ash borer can expand exponentially when they get rides from families on vacation - even if it is only a few kilometres away. In fact, the emerald ash borer has killed millions of ash trees across Canada.

When forests are destroyed, everyone bears the consequences. Workers who depend on the lumber industry can lose their livelihoods. Animals and birds can lose their habitat. And our environment can lose the cleaning power forests provide for the air we all breathe.

The solution is easy: leave your firewood at home and pick some up locally instead. If everyone takes care of our forests we will be able to enjoy them for years to come.

Please help us protect Canada's forests

**A single piece of firewood can destroy millions of trees.
Don't Move Firewood.**

- [Brochure](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- Poster - [PDF \(237 kb\)](#)

Firewood and Domestically Regulated Pests

Within Canada, existing [CFIA plant protection policies](#) are in effect to strictly control the movement of firewood from regulated areas of Canada.

The following quarantine pests are regulated to prevent further spread:

- [Brown Spruce Longhorn Beetle](#)
- [Dutch Elm Disease](#)
- [European Larch Canker](#)
- [Gypsy Moth](#)
- [Pine Shoot Beetle](#)
- [Asian Long-Horned Beetle](#)
- [Emerald Ash Borer](#)

Imports

Importing Firewood?

You cannot import firewood from any country except some parts of the United States. Importing firewood from many areas of the United States is restricted or prohibited and must meet strict requirements.

Firewood that does not meet Canada's import requirements will be refused entry, returned to its place of origin or disposed of at the importer's expense. You could also face penalties or prosecution if you do not declare restricted or prohibited items such as firewood. When returning to Canada, declare all foods, animals, plants and related products at customs. These items could introduce harmful diseases, pests, viruses and micro-organisms to Canada.

Policy: [D-01-12](#) - Phytosanitary Requirements for the Importation and Domestic Movement of Firewood.

Exports

Export of Firewood to the United States

Firewood of hardwood (non-coniferous) species from Canada must be heat treated to achieve a minimum wood core temperature of 60°C for a minimum of 60 minutes to be eligible for entry into the U.S.

All commercial shipments of firewood of hardwood species from Canada must be accompanied by a Heat Treatment Certificate Using a Kiln Facility. This certificate is issued by the facility responsible for the heat treatment. A Phytosanitary Certificate is not required. Each non-commercial shipment must be accompanied by a treatment certificate or a treatment label on the outside of each of the firewood bundles that can be linked to a treatment certificate.

[Notice to Industry](#): The United States to Implement New Import Requirements for All Firewood and Spruce Logs from Canada.

For more information please contact one of [CFIA areas or regional officers](#).

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