



# City of Peterborough

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### **Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in the City of Peterborough**

The Ministry of Natural Resources has confirmed that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in the City of Peterborough. Samples collected from 3 insect traps in the south and east of the City were confirmed as EAB by the Invasive Species Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

The trapping and monitoring efforts by forestry staff appear to have been successful in detecting the EAB at a very early stage. Immediate action has been taken to suppress EAB build up around the confirmed locations using a strategy of treatment and tree removal. Survey work will continue over the coming weeks to identify any infested trees in the surrounding areas.

Treatment of municipal ash trees in the south of the City has been completed and treatment of trees in the north is planned for 2015. The public is urged to help by not moving firewood and by planning how to manage their private ash trees in 2015. The 2014 treatment season ends this week, so ash tree owners will not be able to treat their trees until June 2015.

“We are not seeing any significant EAB damage as yet, so owners of ash trees still have the option of treating their trees in 2015”, said Paul Hambidge, Urban Forest Specialist with the City. Owners of ash trees are urged to consider treatment of healthy ash trees in good condition as a cost-effective solution that will help preserve the urban forest and the many other benefits that come with tree ownership.

Tree owners can obtain information on EAB, ash tree identification and submit enquires via the City urban forest website ([www.peterborough.ca/trees](http://www.peterborough.ca/trees)) or by calling 705-742-7777 Ext 1813. Detailed information and advice for ash tree owners is also available at [www.invasiveinsects.ca](http://www.invasiveinsects.ca)

This information is also available on the City’s website [www.peterborough.ca](http://www.peterborough.ca).

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