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RE: DED Tree Removal Program

At its regular monthly meeting held December 21, 2009, Amherst Town Council accepted a quote from GPF Tree Services Ltd. located in New Glasgow, for the amount of \$52,915 (plus applicable taxes) for the removal of fifty-six Dutch Elm Disease trees within the Town of Amherst.

The fifty-six trees that are scheduled to be removed have been deemed of highest priority under the DED Tree Removal Program. This program has been in effect for nine years within the Town of Amherst and addresses issues related to the spread of Dutch Elm Disease within the Town. Once infected, there is no treatment other than removing the tree before it becomes a danger to people or property.

Of the fifty-six trees that are scheduled to be removed, sixteen of them will be cost shared by Nova Scotia Power.

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