

*I am writing to all cottagers to request that you give the park permission to take action to lessen the impact of what has become a dangerous situation.*

Twilight is infested with Ash Borer beetles. These pesky tiny bugs get under the bark of Ash trees and in the course of 2 years, kill the trees. Ash trees once dead tend to fall within a couple of years of death. And these are sizeable trees.

The Ash beetle is 100% fatal to an Ash tree if untreated. Further, per our Forester, every Ash tree in Twilight will become infected. Treatment is \$80 - \$100 per tree and is forecasted to provide protection for 2 – 3 years, but without guaranty. The Ash borer will be around for a while so multiple treatments are likely needed even if the treatment proves to be a successful barrier to the beetle. Tree removal, depends on tree size and can range from \$500 - \$2,000.

A very rough estimate is that about 15% of the Park's trees are Ash and that there are anywhere from 200 – 300 (Nathan's estimate) that would pose either a safety or property risk if they were to fall.

I believe step 1 is to have our Forester (Anthony Delvescovo) mark all the ash trees that present an immediate or future risk to people or property. Trees would be marked as either infected or clean. Anthony will be paid a flat fee of about \$3k and will not be compensated for any further tree action, treatment or removal. After this step is completed, we will assess the magnitude of the situation and recommended courses of action. With any solution, we will be looking to receive a group discount for work performed and will solicit competitive bids.

*The board is asking all cottagers to give the park consent to mark all ash trees on their leasehold.*

*Please reply all to this email with an email to both Alex Sade ([alex.sadel@gmail.com](mailto:alex.sadel@gmail.com)) and Nathan Hommel ([twilightcl@aol.com](mailto:twilightcl@aol.com)) that simply states "Consent" or "Do not Consent". The emails will be used to compile the list of Cottagers that will be included in the survey. Please do not respond with questions or instructions as no reply is contemplated. A Non response to this email by July 10<sup>th</sup> will be considered equivalent to "Do not Consent."*

*Bob Sheridan is available to answer any questions that you may have on this program.*

*Alex*