

September 24, 2013



PAO Horticulture
Attention: Paul Offierski
5312 Trafalgar Road
Hornby, Ontario L0P 1E0

**From the Office
of the Mayor**

Dear Mr. Offierski,

On August 21, 2011 the Town of Goderich was devastated by an F3 tornado that destroyed over 100 mature trees in the Courthouse Park, the centrepiece of our Town.

Much time was spent on researching companies that had the experience and ability to complete this project and Council concurred with a recommendation to consult with PAO, a well-recognized landscaping firm. A plan was drafted to replace the trees with a wide variety of size and species. PAO guaranteed to the Town a 90% plus survival rate as well as a two year warranty. Over 160 trees ranging from 6" to 16" caliper with a value exceeding \$500,000.00, were hand selected for the Goderich project and in November of 2012, a parade of trees was greeted by hundreds of onlookers and tears of joy that the replant was underway.

"After dealing with the aftermath of the Tornado, it was comforting to work and communicate with a highly qualified and experienced company such as PAO. The staff were knowledgeable and well-coordinated to have over 160 trees tagged, dug and wrapped, delivered and planted in approximately a 3 month time frame. The efficiency of the PAO staff made the project run smooth and the park looks fabulous." Chip Wilson, Director of Operations

"The proficiency and efficiency that was employed by PAO in the researching of the various varieties of trees throughout numerous nurseries and ensuring that the best specimens were chosen for planting in Courthouse Park was most rewarding to the Town and its citizens and the results are evident in the beauty of the Courthouse Park that now exists." Larry McCabe, Clerk-Administrator

"PAO understood the vision and commitment the citizens of Goderich had to their Courthouse Park and they delivered." John Grace, Deputy Mayor

"The Town of Goderich is very grateful for the job that has been completed by PAO. They took exceedingly good care of the moving of the trees from beginning to end, and the trees wintered exceptionally." Delbert (Deb) Shewfelt, Mayor

The replant of the park with the assistance of the professionalism and expertise of PAO is a true success story for the entire community and visitor's for the present and future.

Yours truly,

Delbert (Deb) Shewfelt
Mayor
Town of Goderich

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