



POLICY

Policy No. 72 – 194 - 16/07/18

Department: Parks

TREE PROTECTION

SCOPE:

All Town of Nanton Employees and Contracted Firms

PURPOSE:

The Town of Nanton (the "Town") is committed to maintaining and managing the quality of trees within the Town. The Town's primary concerns are the impact of private development, construction, and general public use on the quality and quantity of trees on Town property and the overall impact any reduction in the number of trees within the Town will have on the health and wellbeing of the Town's citizens.

The Town will maintain a comprehensive tree management program that will include:

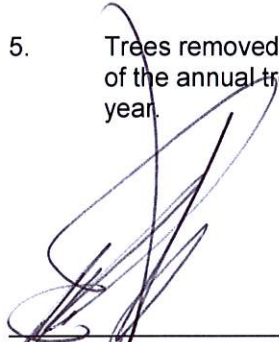
- Planting new trees
- Monitoring the condition of trees on Town property; and
- Seeking out alternative solutions to removing trees that hinder infrastructure or development projects.

This policy is intended to provide a framework for the Town's Parks and Recreation/Public Works Departments and contracted firms to manage and maintain trees on Town property.

POLICY:

1. The Parks and Recreation Department shall develop a tree planting plan on an annual basis.
 - 1.1 The Tree Planting Plan shall detail the quantity, species, and locations where new trees are to be planted in the Town.
 - 1.2 The Tree Planting Plan budget will be presented to Council prior to implementation.
2. Existing trees located in public spaces may only be removed for the following reasons:
 - 2.1 Public safety concerns such as un-repairable damage, traffic visibility, and safety setbacks;
 - 2.2 The death of the tree, or the tree is proven to have a disease or infestation of pests as defined by Alberta's Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation 184/2001 as may be amended, repealed or replaced from time to time;
 - 2.3 The tree has an appraised health or condition rating of less than 40%;
 - 2.4 Utility repairs above or below ground, overhead utility clearance, or repeated history of utility conflicts;

- 2.5 Capital construction of roads, utilities, or other public works; or
- 2.6 When absolutely necessary to accommodate development on, or provide access to, private property.
- 3. Tree removals or pruning shall not be permitted for:
 - 3.1 Mitigation of minor nuisances such as fruit, seeds, pollen, sticky bud caps, leaves, minor pest infestation, or other minor problems at the sole discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer, Manager of Parks and Recreation, and/or a certified arborist;
 - 3.2 Mitigation of landscape damage; or
 - 3.3 Creation or improvement of views of advertising or other signage,
- 4. Town of Nanton Staff shall notify the public and adjacent property owners when performing tree maintenance.
- 5. Trees removed by the Town of Nanton as outlined in Section 2 above shall be replanted as part of the annual tree planting plan on a 1:1 basis in the current or immediately subsequent calendar year.



MAYOR

July 18, 2016
Date



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

July 18, 2016
Date