

## **PUBLIC TREE CUTTING PERMIT INFORMATION**

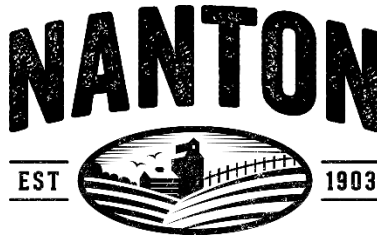
**Public Trees are an important resource and will only be considered for removal when one or more of the following criteria have been met:**

1. The tree has been determined as a “Hazard Tree” and the risk of failure cannot be mitigated by pruning or other practical means or meets the definition of same by qualified professional, meaning “Wildlife Danger Tree Assessor”, “Certified Tree Risk Assessor” or “Qualified Environmental Professional” (QEP).
2. The tree is endangering the health or stability of other trees.
3. The tree is interfering with or inhibiting the normal development of a more desirable Public Tree.
4. The tree poses a public nuisance due to its species, size, location or condition.
5. The tree is encroaching into a street or walkway in such a way that visibility and pedestrian or vehicular clearance is reduced thereby causing a traffic safety problem.
6. The tree’s removal has been approved as part of an approved development plan.
7. The tree is impeding the development of streets, utilities, public works and facilities.
8. The tree is impacting overhead utility lines where pruning operations are not considered practical.
9. The tree is undermining or risking damage to the foundations of public or private buildings.
10. The tree removal plan for any in parks and/or boulevards will include complete removal including the stump or grinding the stump flush to grade.
11. Tree roots are damaging buried private water or sewer utility lines connected to municipal infrastructure or must be removed for installation of same.

**Tree Replacement considerations:**

1. As a condition of Permit, the Town may require that any Public Tree cut down be replaced at the permittee’s expense. Unless this provision is waived, any tree cut down must be replaced within one growing season at a ratio of two replacement trees for each tree removed. The recommended size of replacement tree is 3.0 metres in height for conifers and minimum measured 2.0 metres above ground level for deciduous species.
2. Public Trees must reflect species diversity to encourage good health in Nanton’s tree population, and characteristics suitable to the planting location at the discretion of the Manager of Operations or another Officer.

3. Upon issuance of a permit, trees shall be planted and cared for by the Town as per maintenance policies and procedures, with the following mandatory requirements for **boulevards and public trails**:
  - Installation of a root barrier
  - Must be planted a minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) from any buried water or wastewater infrastructure, hydrants or driveways);
4. It is generally recommended that species selected for boulevards and trails grow to a mature spread of no greater than 6 metres (20 feet) and a minimum 6 centimetre caliper. Species selection should be discussed and confirmed with Town staff prior to purchase. Do not assume that replacing 'like with like' is Town policy given challenges with the spread of root systems of certain species and the vulnerability to disease of others.
5. Tree donations, including Memorial Trees, must meet the relevant bylaw and policy conditions and be subject to planting location and any other conditions determined by the Town.
6. Trees and shrubs may be considered for Public Tree planting or replacement planting in line with any pursuant policy or Standard Operating Guideline of the Town. Please inquire directly for any current list of suggested trees and shrubs if one is not available on the Town website.



## PUBLIC TREE CUTTING PERMIT APPLICATION

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

Postal Code:

Type of tree(s) requested for removal and how many? *If not requesting tree removal, please describe the tree management practice for which you seek permission and on what type and number of trees.*


Reason for Removal/ other request: *please circle one of the following numbers.*

1. Dead or dying, thus a potential hazard
2. Interfering with utility wires
3. Roots interfering with water or sewer line infrastructure
5. Too close to building face/ roofline/foundation
6. Removal necessary to facilitate a development
6. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you propose to remove the tree(s) yourself or at your own expense by hiring a qualified and insured contractor?      Y/N

What tree species, and how many, do you propose to deliver to the Town as replacements (on the understanding that it may not be planted in the same location)?


**Public Tree Disclosure Statement and Protection Plan**

**Only complete this section if you are a Developer required to address Public Trees impacted by a proposed development or construction and provide a Tree Protection Plan as required by the Public Tree Management Bylaw.** If you are unsure, contact the Town’s Planning & Development Officer.

Use additional sheets of paper if required.

Signed:

Date:

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**TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A RESPONSE OR PERMIT FROM THE TOWN OF NANTON.**

*Return complete and signed application to the Town Office or e-mail to [billing@nanton.ca](mailto:billing@nanton.ca)*