



# The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

## POLICY MANUAL

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<b>SUBJECT: Tree Replacement, Donation and Memorial Policy</b>	

### **POLICY**

The Tree Replacement, Donation and Memorial Policy provides details on all tree planting activities on Town of Tecumseh property. This policy is intended to ensure all tree planting undertaken on Town property is appropriate. The planting must maintain and improve the health of the urban forest in order to provide the maximum benefits to residents of the Town and the surrounding region.

### **PURPOSE**

To regulate the planting of trees on Town of Tecumseh property, whether undertaken by Town employees or contractors hired by the Town.

### **SCOPE**

This procedure applies to all tree planting on Town property, under the direction of the Director of Public Works and Environmental Services or designate.

### **GENERAL**

#### **Areas Covered by Policy**

All tree planting carried out on lands under the direct management of the Town of Tecumseh shall adhere to this policy. Those lands include: right-of-ways; easements; boulevards; parks; open spaces; and land covered under lease agreements with third parties.

## **Tree Species**

Native species will be used when appropriate for the site-specific growing conditions. Non-native species are to be excluded from naturalization and restoration projects. Non-native species will be permitted in built-up areas such as boulevards and high use parks.

A wide diversity of trees is essential to good urban health. No one species is to account for more than 20% of the annual allotment of trees to be planted.

The existing populations of trees in specific neighborhoods must be considered when specifying species for planting, with the long-term objective being to limit any one species to no more than 20% of the total tree population.

The list of recommended tree species is included in Attachment A.

## **Tree Replacement**

The Town will maintain the character of its mature tree-lined streets by replacing any tree within municipal lands requiring removal with a new tree planted as close as practical to the location of the original.

## **Trees Purchased by Ratepayers**

The Town will allow residents to apply to have a tree planted on municipal property in front of their houses.

The residents will cover the full cost of the tree planting, as specified in the Fees and Charges By-Law. Residents must contact the Park Department by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in order to have the trees planted by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year.

## **Commemorative Tree Planting**

The Town will plant a commemorative tree to honour a specific event, such as the death of a loved one or the birth of a child, at the request of a Town resident.

The resident(s) will cover the full cost of the tree planting, as specified in the Fees and Charges By-Law. A tax receipt will be issued to the resident(s). The resident(s) must complete an application form available from the Parks Department by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to qualify for planting by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the same year.

## **Tree Planting Specifications**

All trees will be planted in accordance with the most up-to-date Tree Planting guidelines as published by the International Society of Arboriculture.

Current tree specifications are detailed in Attachment B.