



DRUMHELLER

COUNCIL POLICY



COUNCIL POLICY # C-02-07

BOULEVARD TREE POLICY

THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY IS TO:

Provide a consistent approach to boulevard tree planting and maintenance.

POLICY STATEMENT:

To establish criteria for considering requests tree removal and tree planting within Town boulevards.

DEFINITIONS:

For purposes of this policy the following definitions are applicable:

“Boulevard” – shall mean that portion of the right-of-way taken for public roadway if purposes which lies between the curb line or developed edge of roadway if no curb is installed, and the adjacent property line.

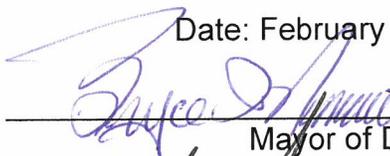
“Trees” – shall mean those trees of a species, minimum size, stock and caliper as described in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming a part of this policy.

1. No person shall cause the planting of a tree in a Town boulevard or the other Town owned property without first obtaining permission from the Town.
2. All persons who obtain permission shall only plant trees authorized by the Town and strictly in accordance with the requirements shown in Schedule “A”.
3. A person who has planted a tree on Town property has the obligation to provide care and maintenance to that tree.
4. The Town may remove any tree that interferes with public work, utility, causes a safety hazard or obstruction or is not maintained and shall not be obligated to replace the same.
5. Persons wishing to remove trees from Town boulevards must have authorization from the Director of Infrastructure Services who may require the person wishing to remove the tree(s) to hire a certified arborist to inspect the tree(s), and provide an appraised value of the tree(s). This inspection will then be considered in the final decision related to the removal of the subject tree(s). With permission, the person making the request shall be responsible for the actual safe removal and accommodation of traffic and pedestrians during the process.

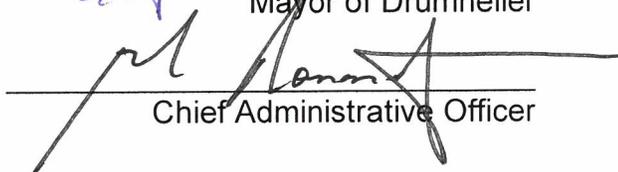
6. No person shall apply for permission to plant or remove under this policy, unless they are the owner of the real property in the Town that is adjacent to or abutting the boulevard that is the subject of their permit application.
7. The Director of Infrastructure is authorized to administer and issue permission under this policy and may make alterations or changes to the regulations from time to time where it appears that the strict application of the rules appear to make it difficult or unreasonable to enforce.
8. The Town will inspect the trees for compliance of the policy on a two year rotation using Schedule "A" as the guideline; all trees west of Centre Street shall be inspected over a one year period and all trees east of Centre Street inspected over the following one year period.
9. Trees will be maintained in so far as the Town's financial resources and staff availability will allow. Priority will be given to these trees deemed to be hazardous to the public.

Adopted by Council

Date: February 20th, 2007



Mayor of Drumheller



Chief Administrative Officer

SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED TO

BOULEVARD TREE POLICY

1. ACCEPTABLE SPECIES FOR PLANTING

COMMON NAME	SPECIE NAME
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica (male clones)
Black ash	Fraxinus nigra (fall gold)
Manchurian Ash	Fraxinum manchurica
Fall Gold Ash	
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa
Shubert Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana
Bailey Select Schubert Chokecherry	

2. STOCK AND CANOPY CLEARANCE

All tress shall be single stock and provide a minimum canopy clearance of 7 feet.

3. CALIPER OF TREES

All trees shall have a minimum caliper of 50 millimeters.

4. TREE SPACING AND SETBACKS

- 4.1 All trees shall have a minimum of 6 meters between each planting;
- 4.2 All trees shall be set back a minimum distance from above and below grade utilities and property lines as measured from the center of the tree trunk as follows:

Light poles	3.5 meters
Fire hydrants	3.5 meters
Stop and/or Yield signs	3.5 meters
All other signs	2.0 meters
Corner	9.0 meters
Driveways	2.0 meters
Sidewalk	1.0 meters
Road median curb line	1.0 meters
All utilities	1.0 meters

