

VILLAGE OF BARONS

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POLICY

Title: Tree Care and Maintenance Policy

Policy Statement *

That the Village of Barons create a policy which will provide direction regarding tree care and maintenance of Village owned trees.

The Purpose of This Policy is to:

To provide the Village of Barons with a uniform policy regarding the care and maintenance of Village owned trees.

Definitions:

Responsibilities:

The Public Works follows a flexible tree maintenance program. Based on current budget and labour allocations, all the municipal trees in the Village will be inspected annually and receive routine care and attention, including trimming, as appropriate.

- Emergency Work

In the event of an emergency, the Public Works will perform emergency trimming and removal of downed trees, providing it is safe to do so. Brush pickup, trimming and removals are conducted on a rotational basis following the end of the emergency.

- Tree Replacement

Public Works will replace municipal trees that are lost through accident, disease or other cause as the budget allows. Every effort will be made to replace trees; however, a variety of factors – standards of spacing with regard to existing trees, driveways, fire hydrants, proximity of street intersections, underground utilities, etc. can prohibit replacement.

- Tree Pruning

Trees will be pruned, if it is found to be necessary, by the Public Works. Pruning may occur for the purposes of public safety, road access, sign visibility or other concerns as defined by the Village Foreman. Residents are asked to inform the Village of a tree that has died or appears to be in poor health so that corrective actions may be taken. No pruning will occur on Elm trees outside the parameters set forth by the Government unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

- Tree Trimming by Private Party

The maintenance of trees on private property is the responsibility of the landowner. Only municipal trees will be maintained by the Village.

Procedures:

** This policy is subject to any specific provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Local Authorities Board Act or other relevant legislation.