

TOWN OF NEEPAWA

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

TREE POLICY

2. PRUNING OF TOWN OWNED TREES

Purpose

The Town of Neepawa is aware that property owners from time to time wish to have boulevard trees fronting or flanking their property pruned. This policy addresses the criteria for determining whether or not and when trees on town owned property are to be pruned.

Guidelines

1. Efforts shall be made to ensure that healthy trees in the community are not damaged from pruning operations.
2. The tree shall only be pruned by a qualified arborist, various utilities and their agents and/or qualified personnel identified by the OMD. Elm trees can only be pruned from August 1 to March 30 of each year or as in order to prevent the spreading of Dutch Elm Disease.
3. In the event that a property owner or any individual takes it upon himself/herself to prune a tree on town property any and all damage to the existing tree due to the property owner's or said individual's negligence shall be repaired to the requirements and satisfaction of the Town of Neepawa by a qualified arborist or qualified personnel identified by the OMD. The property owner or individual in question shall be responsible for all costs incurred. In the event that the tree is unsalvageable, the property owner or individual in question will be responsible for all the costs incurred for the tree removal and its replacement as outlined in the tree removal and replacement policy. Elm trees cannot be pruned between April 1 and July 31 of each year in order to prevent the spreading of Dutch Elm Disease.
4. Hedges located on town owned property shall be considered the responsibility of the property owner whose property they front or flank.