

City of Moose Jaw Boulevard Tree Removal Policy

This Policy recognizes that the Urban Forest contributes both aesthetically and ecologically to quality of life for the residents of Moose Jaw.

The Policy is intended to protect and enhance the Urban Forest which includes all boulevard trees.

A) City's Expense

Trees would be removed **at City's expense** in the following circumstances:

- 1) Tree is dead or dying and beyond the point of recovery.
- 2) Tree has a documented history of causing sewer blockage problems.
- 3) A mature tree has grown to the point that the trunk extends into the plane of a road or driveway causing damage to vehicles that would normally travel past the point. The mature tree would only be removed after all alternatives have been exhausted including realigning the driveway crossing.
- 4) Tree roots are causing damage to a building foundation or sidewalk.

B) Owner's Expense

Trees would be approved for removal, **at the owner's expense**, in the following circumstances:

- 1) Construction of a new house, condominium, or apartment where the tree(s) interfere with the normal progress of the project and all other options in the design and development stage have been exhausted.
- 2) Poplar, spruce or other conifers.

In the above instances, the applicant will be responsible for the costs of relocating the tree. If the tree cannot be relocated, the owner will be required to plant a suitable tree within a close proximity of the removal site in an effort to maintain the urban forest. If no such location exists, a fee of \$100/tree will be applied and the funds used to plant a tree on City owned property.

C) No Removal

Trees will not be approved for removal for:

- 1) Aesthetics or opening up views.
- 2) Suckers or surface roots.
- 3) Leaf or seed production.
- 4) Substance dripping from trees.
- 5) Widening of an existing driveway.
- 6) For a driveway crossing.