



POLICY NO: 612

RESOLUTION NO: 18-172

**CATEGORY: TREE PLANTING
& TRIMMING**

DATE OF APPROVAL: AUGUST 10, 2009
LAST AMENDED: JUNE 12, 2017
DATE OF REVIEW: MAY 22nd, 2018

PURPOSE

To implement a tree planting process for Town of Falher boulevards that is effective and economical.

The Policy provides a formal procedure for both the Town and property owners.

POLICY STATEMENT

Trees add to the aesthetics, quality of life and vitality of our community and neighborhoods. The Town of Falher values the importance of planting and maintaining a healthy tree canopy.

1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 "Town" means the Town of Falher.
- 1.2 "Boulevard" as defined in the Town's current Traffic Bylaw; that portion of the highway lying between the curb line of a highway and the adjacent property line, whether actually painted or improved or not, excepting that portion occupied by a sidewalk, or where there is no curb that portion of a highway lying between the portion of the highway ordinarily traveled by vehicles and the adjacent property line, whether actually painted or not, excepting that portion occupied by a sidewalk.
- 1.3 "Intersection" as defined in the Town's Traffic Bylaw, means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of:
- the lateral curb lines or, if none
 - the exterior edges of the roadways, of two or more highways, which join one another at an angle whether or not one highway crosses the other.
- 1.4 "Property Owner" means, in the case of land, any person who is registered under the Land Titles Act as the owner of land.
- 1.5 "Sight Triangle" means that triangle formed by a straight-line drawn between two points on the exterior boundaries of a corner lot:
- 4.6 metres (15 ft.) from the point where they intersect in all residential and commercial Districts; and
 - 7.62 metres (25 ft.) from the point where they intersect for all other districts.
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2 TREE PLANTING ON BOULEVARDS

- 2.1 Legal property owners may plant approved tree(s) on a Town owned boulevard adjacent to their property, at their own expense, after having received written permission from the Town of Falher.
 - 2.2 Recommended boulevard trees for the Town of Falher:
 - 2.2.1 American Elm
 - 2.2.2 Burr Oak
 - 2.2.3 Hawthorn
 - 2.3 Property owners must provide proof that Alberta One-Call has deemed the area to be free of utilities.
 - 2.4 Should a boulevard tree(s) need to be removed, one tree may be planted by the Town of Falher on the boulevard, to replace the tree removed.
 - 2.5 Additional boulevard trees (at legal property owner's expense) may be considered based on spacing guidelines and minimum distance from above ground structures and below ground infrastructure.
 - 2.6 Boulevards that measure less than 2 meters (6.5 ft.) will be considered eligible for tree planting of medium growing trees as per section 3.1.
 - 2.7 Boulevards that measure 2 meters (6.5 ft.) or more will be considered eligible for tree planting of larger trees as per section 3.1.
 - 2.8 All trees and shrubs planted in boulevards, are to be setback in accordance to the Land Use Bylaw's sight triangle provisions at all pedestrian crossing and intersection locations.
 - 2.9 The Town of Falher may mutually agree not to replace a removed boulevard tree upon notification from the adjacent legal property owner.
 - 2.10 The tree will be from the recommended boulevard tree list for the Town of Falher and be a minimum diameter of 60 mm (approximately 2 in) and within 3 metres (9 ft) in height.
 - 2.11 The Town of Falher recommends that trees be planted in early spring or fall.
 - 2.12 The Property Owner will be responsible for the general care of the tree.
 - 2.13 A Maintenance Agreement between the Town and the Property Owner will be required by the Town.
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- 2.14 Plantings located within Town owned boulevards that have not been approved by the Town may be removed. First option will be to allow the person(s) responsible to remove the tree. If the Town is required to remove the tree, the cost of the removal will be billed to the person(s) responsible for the unauthorized planting.

3 BOULEVARD TREE PLACEMENT CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Boulevard trees shall be planted 12 metres (39 ft) apart.
- 3.2 Trees should be planted in a straight line at regular intervals not less than 1 metre (3.3 ft) from the front or side property lines adjacent to a street in order to maintain a consistent and high standard of streetscape amenity.
- 3.3 Boulevard trees shall be planted at a minimum distance from above ground structures as indicated below.
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| 3.3.1 | Light standards | 3.05 metres (10 ft) |
| 3.3.2 | Fire hydrants | 3.05 metres (10 ft) |
| 3.3.3 | Power poles | 3.05 metres (10 ft) |
| 3.3.4 | Manholes | 13.05 metres (10 ft) |
| 3.3.5 | Driveways | 1.5 metres (5 ft) |