

**MUNICIPALITY OF HURON EAST – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
TREE CUTTING POLICY**

I DEFINITIONS

Municipal Property: Shall mean any property leased or owned by the Municipality of Huron East and shall include road allowances under the jurisdiction of Huron East.

II PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Municipality, or any of its employees, shall not cut or remove any tree from private property within the boundaries of the Municipality of Huron East.

III MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Diseased Trees or Trees that Pose a Danger to the General Public

Trees that are diseased or damaged to the point that in the opinion of the Huron East Patrol Foreman pose a safety problem to the general public, shall be trimmed or removed at the expense of the municipality.

The Municipality, through its Public Works employees or an agent or contractor engaged by the Municipality shall undertake trimming or removal of unsafe trees.

The Foremen prioritize the removal of trees based on condition, work schedule, and budget.

External contractors are required for the removal of trees that cannot be managed in-house. Festival Hydro (Seaforth and Brussels only) or Hydro One will trim or remove trees and limbs that are near hydro lines.

In urban areas stumps will be removed by a contractor.

In rural areas, stumps will only be removed in the area maintained as a lawn in front of an occupied residence.

Huron East will clean up and remove debris (cut limbs, wood and woodchips). Wood and woodchips in front of private property will be left only if the subject landowner requests.

Following stump removal by a contractor, Huron East will apply topsoil and grass seed in urban areas.

Nuisance Trees

Trees on municipal property that are deemed a nuisance may be removed provided that:

- A request for removal of the tree is received in writing setting out the nature of the nuisance.
- The request for removal is recommended and approved by the Huron East Public Works Department.
- The person(s) requesting the removal of the tree pay all costs of removal and boulevard restoration, and shall provide an undertaking to the Municipality guaranteeing payment.
- The tree removal is carried out by the Huron East Public Works Department or a contractor approved by the Public Works Coordinator.

Tree Replacement

When Huron East removes a diseased/dead/dangerous tree from municipal property, if the abutting property owner requests, Huron East will plant a new tree the following spring. The replacement tree will be planted on private property, outside of the municipal road allowance.

Huron East does not have a roadside tree planting program at this time.

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