

The Trees & Parks Committee of the Resort Village of Shields has developed an Official Policy for the care and maintenance of Trees & Shrubs on ALL Village Properties. This Policy will be posted on the Shields Website. The following is a condensed brief for the information of all Residents. The intent of this Policy is not to prevent or discourage any resident from maintaining the public land adjacent to their property but rather to ensure the right choices in order to prevent the reoccurrence of issues that we presently are dealing with.

Policy for the Maintenance of Trees in the Resort Village of Shields.

- 1) The Trees & Parks Committee has jurisdiction over trees located on all Village property.
- 2) Trees & shrubs may be planted on Village property only with the approval of the Trees & Parks Committee.
- 3) Trees & shrubs may be removed from Village property only with the prior approval of the Trees & Parks Committee.
- 4) The following criteria will be used in determining the pruning & removal of trees.
 - i) Disease or damage; a tree will be pruned or removed entirely depending on the degree affected.
 - ii) Location; a tree that is causing problems such as hindering traffic, a safety issue or has become a danger to power lines or property, will be removed.
 - iii) Suitability; a tree that no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended, or has become a problem for neighbouring residents will considered for removal.
- 5) Compensation for tree loss or damage caused by a resident (their contractor, or guest) will be based on the current replacement cost of a similar species & size, plus all incurred costs, as determined by the Trees & Parks committee with approval through the Parks & Recreation Board.
- 6) Choice of Trees to be planted will be at the recommendation of the Trees & Parks Committee based on:
 - Needs of the area
 - Input of the residents most immediately affected.

In all situations, the pruning/removal and planting will be at the discretion of the Trees & Parks Committee. Recommendations will be made to the Parks & Recreation Board for approval.

In those instances where agreement cannot be reached with a resident the matter will go to the Parks & Recreation Board for a decision.