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<b>Title:</b>	Boulevard Tree Policy		
<b>Board Review:</b>	Community Services Board, November 25, 2020		

**Purpose**

To implement a tree planting process for Town of Peace River boulevards that is effective and economical. The Policy provides a formal procedure for both the Town and property owners.

**Definitions**

- “Town” means the corporation of the Town of Peace River.
- “Boulevard” as defined in the Traffic and Streets Bylaw #1746; 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.
- “Property Owner” means, in the case of land, any person who is registered under the Land Titles Act as the owner of land

**Policy**

1. Trees add to the esthetics, quality of life and vitality of our community and neighborhoods. The Town of Peace River values the importance of planting and maintaining a healthy tree canopy.
2. General Planting Guidelines
  - 2.1. Should the Town of Peace River have to remove a boulevard tree(s), one tree will be planted by the Town of Peace River on the boulevard, to replace the tree removed.
  - 2.2. Boulevards that measure less than 2 meters, will be considered eligible for tree planting of medium growing trees as per Schedule A.
  - 2.3. Boulevards that measure 2 meters or more, will be considered eligible for tree planting of – larger trees - as per Schedule A.
  - 2.4. Planting within the boulevard where measurements vary, other than identified in sections 2.2 or 2.3, the Recreation Facilities Coordinator or designate will determine the appropriate type and size of tree from the recommended tree list.

- 2.5. The tree will be from the recommended boulevard tree list for the Town of Peace River and be a minimum caliper of 60 mm (approximately 2 inches) and within 3 metres (9 feet) in height.
- 2.6. The Town of Peace River recommends that trees be planted in early spring or late fall.
- 2.7. The Property Owner will be responsible for the general care of the tree for two years at which time the tree will be considered established. The Town of Peace River will only take normal precautions which they take with all boulevard trees.
- 2.8. A Maintenance Agreement between the Town and the Property Owner may be required by the Town for the term of two years, until the maintenance is transferred to the Town.
- 2.9. Inspection of planted trees will be undertaken by the Town, prior to the tree being accepted by the Town.
- 2.10. 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. Planting on Boulevards: Property Owners Procedure

- 3.1. 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 Peace River.
  - 3.1.1. Approved Tree size will not be less than a # 15 size pot.
  - 3.1.2. A site plan must be submitted by the Property owner, prior to any work or permission granted. The site plan must include the following;
    - 3.1.2.1. Property owners must provide proof that Alberta One-Call has deemed the area to be free of utilities.
    - 3.1.2.2. Location, size and type of tree consistent with Schedule A.
    - 3.1.2.3. Measurements indicating all spacing requirements as per setbacks in section 4.3.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. The Town of Peace River may mutually agree not to replace a removed boulevard tree upon notification from the legal property owner.

### 4. Boulevard Tree Placement Considerations

- 4.1. Boulevard trees shall be planted in accordance with the following spacing guidelines.
  - 4.1.1. Large growing trees - mature to height of 15 metres: (32 feet) – 11.8 metres (39 feet) apart
    - 4.1.1.1. Example: Patmore Green Ash, Manitoba Maple Baron, American Elm and Burr Oak
  - 4.1.2. Medium growing trees-mature to height of 9.8 metres: 7.9 Metres (26 ft.) – 9.7metres (32 feet) apart
    - 4.1.2.1. Example: True North Linden, Dropmore Linden, Fall Gold Black Ash.

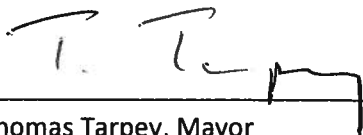
Schedule A


<b>RECOMMENDED BOULEVARD TREES</b>				
<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Ht.(m)</b>	<b>Sp.(m)</b>
Acer negundo 'Baron'	Manitoba Maple	2	12.0	9.0
Fraxinus pennsylvanica foothills	Foothills Green Ash	2	14.0	7.0
Fraxinus nigra 'Fallgold'	Fallgold Black Ash	2	13.0	5.0
Fraxinus pennsylvanica patmore	Patmore Green Ash	2	20.0	10.0
Tilia americana duros	True North Linden	2	16.0	10.0
Tilia x flavescens 'Dropmore'	Dropmore Linden	2	12.0	7.0
Ulmus americana 'Brandon'	Brandon Elm	2	15.0	12.0
Ulmus americana	American Elm	2	30	15
Quercus Macrocarpa	Burr Oak	3	20	8

- 4.1.3. Trees should be planted in a straight line at regular intervals not less than one (1) metre from the front or side property lines adjacent to a street to maintain a consistent and high standard of streetscape amenity.
- 4.2. All trees and shrubs planted in boulevards, are to be setback in accordance to Engineering Department' traffic site line guidelines at all pedestrian crossing and intersection locations.
- 4.3. Boulevard trees shall be planted at a minimum distance from above ground structures as indicated below.
  - 4.3.1. Street intersections.....5.7 Metres (19 ft)
  - 4.3.2. Light standards.....3.05 Metres (10 ft)
  - 4.3.3. Fire hydrants.....3.05 Metres (10 ft)
  - 4.3.4. Power poles.....3.05 Metres (10 ft)
  - 4.3.5. Manholes.....3.05 Metres (10 ft)
  - 4.3.6. Driveways.....1.5 Metres (5 ft)

5. Tree Maintenance

- 5.1. Boulevard trees will be maintained by the Town according to the Tree Maintenance and Management Directive.

  
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