

# Infrastructure Services | **Tree Policy**

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# Tree Policy By-Law

Existing By-Law established by former City of Sudbury:

- Authorizes Council to expend funds for municipal tree planting and maintenance
- Identifies species to be planted and removed
- Provides protection and maintenance of municipal trees



# Tree Policy By-Law

## Public Concerns:

- Criteria used to decide if and when to remove public trees
- Problems involving roots and damage to property
- Location of trees and ownership
- Species recommended and available for planting



# Tree Policy By-Law

- Review other Municipalities
- Review with other Departments (Planning, Parks)
- Preserve and develop a forest canopy in the built-up urban areas
- Applies to municipal trees on public right-of-ways



# Tree Policy By-Law

- Protection of trees must be the basis of any By-Law
- Trees take a long time to grow and are an important component to a healthy environment
  - Clean the air
  - Filter water
  - Habitat for insects, birds and animals
  - Provide shade and cooling effect



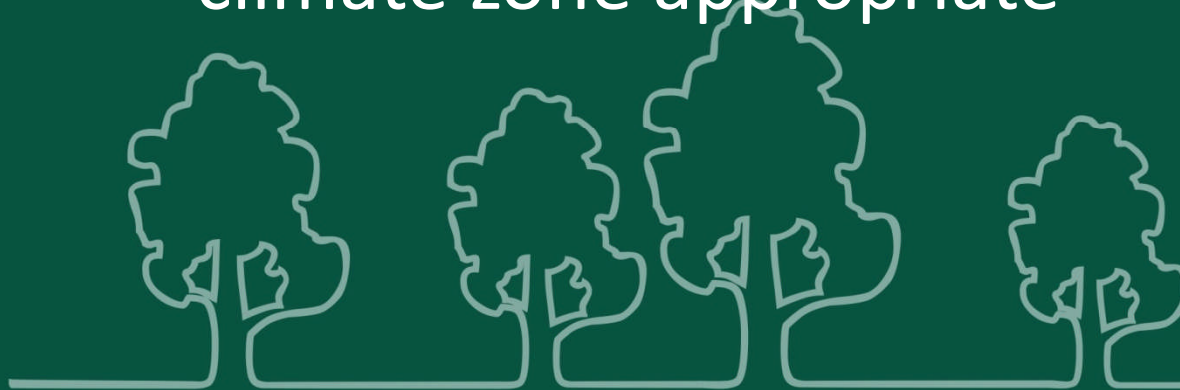
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- Problems involving roots and damages to property
  - Roots do not cause damage to foundations and weeping tiles (See City of Toronto publication – Appendix 'B')



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- Location of tree determines ownership
- Recommended species:
  - based on lot size
  - growth pattern – size, speed, aesthetics
  - provide variety
  - climate zone appropriate



## Tree Policy By-Law

- Individuals may plant tree(s) on municipal property after receiving approval from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services or his designate prior to planting
- Allowable trees from the City's approved list
- Tree(s) then become the responsibility of the City





# Tree Policy By-Law

## Recommend that trees are removed:

- If unhealthy and they pose danger to individuals and property as assessed by City Tree Warden
- Homeowner may request review however the proposed By-Law would limit it to once per year



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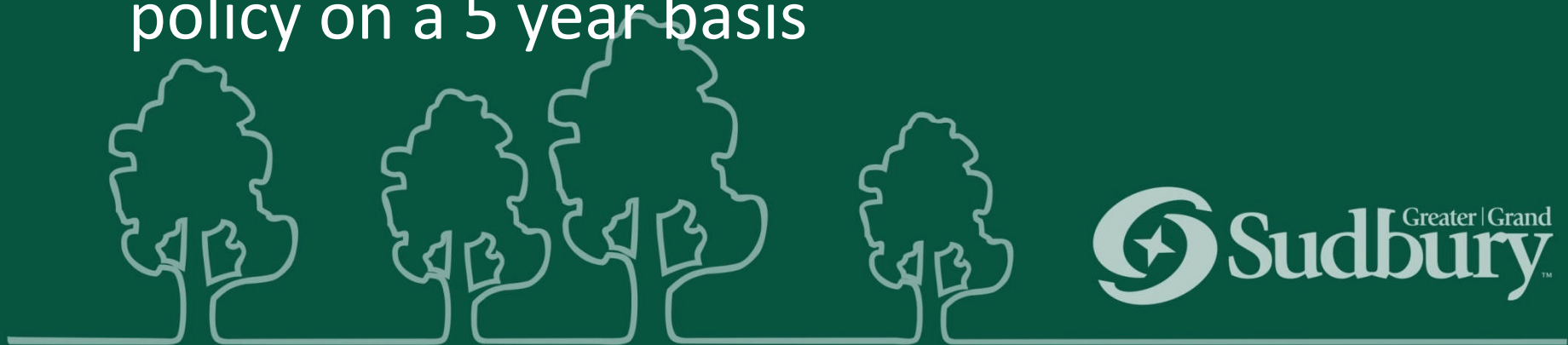
## Recommend that trees are removed – cont'd ...

- For road and utility construction
  - replacement trees provided in alternate location



# Tree Policy By-Law

- Final decision on removal of a tree is the decision of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services or his designate
- Committee be formed from representatives of Parks, Legal, By-Law, Building Controls, Greater Sudbury Utilities and Roads to review policy on a 5 year basis



# Roads & Transportation – Forestry Section

## Responsibilities are:

- implement & monitor the municipal Tree By-Law
- Remove trees due to decay (old age), poor health, hazardous conditions or liability concerns
- Replace/Plant trees annually
- Tree trimming for hydro requirements
- Respond to emergencies such as wind storms
- Maintain trees on City right-of-ways



# Roads & Transportation – Forestry Section

## Current Staffing:

- 1 - Tree Warden
- 2 - Crews (1 Tree Pruner Leader & 1 Tree Pruner)
- Recruiting 2 additional Tree Pruners
- Currently plant 80 new trees annually
- Budget proposed for 2009 to increase to 220 trees annually



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**Thank You**

**Questions**

