

Attachment 1 – Excerpt from Council Policy Manual (Street Trees Policy)

Removal

Street trees may not be removed unless one or more of the following criteria applies:

- The tree is dead, post mature or in decline and no further remedial techniques are appropriate;
- The tree poses a hazard whether to persons or property and pruning or other techniques cannot effectively remedy that hazard;
- The tree is diseased or damaged to an extent that remedial techniques are unlikely to restore it;
- Prior to planning approval, plans are to be adjusted to accommodate existing street trees with a two (2) metre buffer zone where practicable. Where a development is approved that necessitates the removal of a street tree, as there are no design options available allowing retention, the developer shall replace the tree and bear 100% of the cost for the City to remove the tree and plant a replacement tree of an appropriate size and species at a suitable location on the same verge;
- To facilitate a Council approved works program (i.e. road works, drainage, utilities etc);
- The Council decides to remove and replace trees on selected main or other streets, to provide an avenue effect, or
- Council may approve requests for street tree removal and replacement, to a similar size, with a preferred species where a property owner agrees to compensate the City the full amenity value of the tree (as determined under an independent valuation) and accepts all associated removal, planting and maintenance costs.