



**VILLAGE OF
HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
POLICY**

COUNCIL	POLICY NO. 1.35
TREE REPLACEMENT ON PUBLIC LANDS	DATE APPROVED: December 21, 2020

1. PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the preservation and management of trees and set appropriate guidelines for the replacement of trees which have been removed from public lands within the boundaries of the municipality.

Within this policy, a tree is defined as:

“**Tree**” means any living, erect, woody plant which has been planted as part of public landscaping on public property, and:

- a) Is 7.5 metres or more in height; and
- b) Has a trunk diameter of 300 millimetres or more measured as follows:
 - a. The trunk diameter of the tree shall be determined by dividing the circumference of the trunk measured 1.3 metres above the ground by 3.142; and
 - b. The trunk diameter of a tree having multiple trunks 1.3 metres above the ground shall be the diameter of the trunk having the greatest diameter.

2. POLICY

Trees are a valuable component of the ecosystem and contribute to a healthy biodiversity. It is the Village’s objective to define tree cutting and removal guidelines that will assist in the management and preservation of trees under its Urban Forest Management goals.

If, at any time, the Village requires the cutting or removal of a tree the following criteria will apply:

- a. Tree(s) will be cut or removed when necessary, at any time if their condition presents a public hazard or public safety concern or their removal is necessary for the development of a Village initiative or project;
- b. for every tree removed, one (1) replacement tree species will be planted;
- c. selection of the replacement tree species will be at the Village’s discretion; and
- d. planting location of the tree will be determined by the Village’s Horticulture Technician in accordance with Village planning documents such as the Official Community Plan and any related Master Plans that may be adopted from time to time