



Green Space and Tree Policy
Adopted February 7, 2022

1. Objectives

That the Village of Hillsborough adopt a Green Space and Tree Policy as follows: That the Village of Hillsborough will adopt a policy for every tree cut on municipal property, one tree of a species native to Canada will be planted in a suitable location and **THAT** the Village of Hillsborough will conduct a green space assessment bi-yearly to identify adequate and well-kept spaces. In addition to the positive natural benefits provided by trees, one of the outcomes would be improving the visual appearance of our green spaces, cemeteries, and roadsides for the enjoyment of existing and future generations.

2. Benefits

Healthy trees:

- a) aesthetically enhance real estate value within the community.
- b) help reduce air and noise pollution.
- c) assist in conserving energy. The shade produced by trees cools the air.
- d) help to stabilize soils and provide habitat and food for wildlife such as birds.
- e) supply oxygen in the air and help absorb carbon dioxide.
- f) help reduce the effect of high winds.

Green Spaces:

- a) promotes mental and physical health.
- b) provide psychological relaxation and stress alleviation.
- c) stimulating social cohesion.
- d) supporting physical activity.

2.1 Green Space Locations:

1. Peace Park (Gazebo)
2. Wetland Park (Artisan Village, trails, playground, and small island)
3. White Rock Recreational Area
4. Ballfields (Main and Legion Street)

3. Implementation of cut a tree, plant a tree

- a) The Public Works Department will determine health and planting locations with the assistance of the Village of Hillsborough Council, if required.
- b) Undertake a tree-planting program to replace trees that have been removed due to disease and old age. Every tree cut on municipal property, one tree of a species native to Canada will be planted in a suitable location. These locations would be determined by Council and the Public Works Department. This replanting program will be under the direction of the Public Works Department and subject to budget considerations and tree availability.
- c) Occupied and unoccupied utility (i.e., overhead wires, underground infrastructure) standard locations shall be avoided when planting trees.

4. Implementation of a bi-yearly review of green spaces

- a) The Village of Hillsborough Council will conduct a bi-yearly review of green spaces commencing in 2022 and every two years after that to identify adequate and well-kept spaces.