



<b>RESIDENTIAL BOULEVARD TREE PROGRAM</b>	<b>PARKS</b>
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Purpose

1. To encourage and support the greening of our neighbourhood streets benefiting liveability through beautification, air quality improvement, biodiversity and urban screening.

Definitions

1. Canopy Cover

The proportion of ground covered by a vertical projection at the outermost perimeter of the tree foliage (including small openings within the canopy).

2. Neighbourhood Representative

A volunteer representative from the applying neighbourhood acting as a liaison between the City of Kamloops and the neighbourhood residents to promote the boulevard tree planting opportunity and determine resident support.

3. Plantable Site

A suitable microsite on which a tree could be planted and sustained. The suitability of the microsite depends on factors such as soil condition, exposure, competing vegetation, utility services, engineered infrastructure (sidewalks, driveways, retaining walls), visibility concerns (view, regulatory signage, driveways, intersections), etc. A plantable site under this policy includes a currently planted site where in the opinion of a certified arborist the existing tree requires removal.

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**Policy**

The City of Kamloops, under the management of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, will implement a boulevard tree program designed to increase and enhance the urban forest on City owned land and easements along residential streets in cooperation with neighbourhood residents. All trees planted under this program are considered permanent. Removals will only be considered if the tree, or parts thereof, become a risk to personal or private property. No trees will be removed for view.

The City will provide the tree and perform regular maintenance under its urban forestry program.

All facets of this policy are in accordance and subject to Parks Regulations By-law 35-66.

**Public Involvement**

This program is supported and promoted by individual homeowners who desire to improve the liveability of their neighbourhoods and encourage boulevard tree planting. Participating homeowners will provide necessary irrigation to the tree affronting their property.

Interested neighbourhoods are required to demonstrate commitment to the program through a signed petition. The petition is canvassed by the neighbourhood representative who liasons between the neighbourhood and the Parks Division. The petition is accompanied with support information and a conceptual plan of the planting project (provided by the City of Kamloops). Opposition to plantings in front of an individual's home will be respected.

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### Participant Criteria

Criteria for consideration of neighbourhood planting:

1. Initial request to the city with commitment from a neighbourhood representative to canvas the residents.
2. Submission of completed planting petitions within the application period.

### Priorities

Completed applications will be considered on a first come first served basis in accordance with the program's budget.

### Tree Species Selection

The City of Kamloops will determine species selection in consultation with participating residence to ensure tree sustainability with a suitable species for each site.

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Boulevard Tree Planting Program Schedule (Schedule could change based on availability and budget)

September/October/November	Begin new campaign promotion Commence current campaign planting
December	Preliminary budget confirmation for new campaign
January	New campaign application deadline
February/March/April	Review new applications Confirm approved neighbourhoods for new campaign Order trees for new campaign Continue current campaign planting
May/June	Complete current campaign planting
August	Year end - complete current campaign (report and review)

**Disputes**

In case of dispute the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director will review and render a final determination.

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May 22, 2008

### City of Kamloops – Boulevard Tree Planting Program Role of the Neighbourhood Representative

The neighbourhood champion plays a vital role in the boulevard tree planting program in the role of a link between the applying neighbourhood and the City of Kamloops.

The Boulevard Tree Program’s Policy defines the Neighbourhood Representative as:

A volunteer representative from the applying neighbourhood acting as a liaison between the City of Kamloops and the neighbourhood residents to promote the boulevard tree planting opportunity and determine resident support.

The Neighbourhood Representative does not replace the role or responsibility of the City but allows for neighbourhoods to maintain community involvement in the process of planting trees along the city roadways within their neighbourhoods.

The City will provide guidance and support to the Representative by providing required documentation and information to hand out to the residents (IE: letter to residents and the petition form).

Residents who are opposed to tree planting adjacent to their property will have their wishes respected and simply do not sign the petition.

Questions regarding the program can be directed to:

Shawn Cook, Parks Operations Supervisor 828-3695  
scook@kamloops.ca

Greg Houghton – Crew Leader - Arboriculture 828-3516  
ghoughton@kamloops.ca

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Please return completed form to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Department of the City of Kamloops. For further information contact Shawn Cook at 828-3695.

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