

THE VILLAGE OF WARFIELD

POLICY TITLE: BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING POLICY

POLICY #5400

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Council to encourage property owners to maintain boulevards fronting their property.

POLICY BACKGROUND:

Most properties in the Village are separated from the traveled part of the road fronting their property by a boulevard. The boulevard, being on the road allowance, is public property designated for road purposes. In the interest of the appearance of their property, many property owners have landscaped "their" boulevard, and are maintaining it as if it were their own property. In some instances, the boulevard gives the appearance of being an integral part of the adjacent private property. This voluntary effort to maintain and beautify public property is a benefit for the community as a whole, as it contributes in significant way to the appeal of neighbourhoods without adding a cost to the Village. Boulevards also accommodate public service infrastructure (power lines, gas lines, water and sewer lines).

POLICY GOAL:

It is the goal of this policy to balance the public utility purpose and the community interest of individually cared-for boulevards.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

1. To encourage property owners to maintain lawns on their boulevards to achieve the appearance of continuous public space.
2. When the Village damages or disturbs a boulevard for municipal purposes or in the performance of municipal works, the Village's restoration responsibility shall include seeding grass and the repair or replacement of damaged curbing.
3. To allow property owners to landscape the boulevard fronting their property, subject to the owner signing an agreement with the Village on the terms and conditions for the landscaping improvements.
4. To prohibit any development or landscaping on a boulevard that would, in the opinion of the Village, impede the operation or maintenance of a utility or other public work.
5. To decline all responsibility and liability under all circumstances for damage caused to sprinkler heads or other watering devices placed by a property owner on a boulevard.

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