

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WARFIELD

**POLICY TITLE: Tree Inspection Policy**

**POLICY # 5830**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of Council to provide for the periodical inspection of trees in green spaces, on boulevards and in municipal parks.

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

There are a vast number of trees in green spaces, along boulevards and in Warfield's parks. Many of these trees are full-grown. Windstorms and heavy snow have caused entire trees or branches from trees to break, on occasion causing damage to property.

**POLICY GOAL:**

It is the goal of this policy to reduce the risk of injury to persons and damage to property from falling trees or tree branches.

**POLICY OBJECTIVES:**

1. To perform an annual reconnaissance of trees in green spaces, on municipal boulevards and parks.
2. To undertake an inspection of every tree suspected of being a hazard.
3. To undertake an inspection when alerted by citizens or third parties of a tree on municipal property that may be a hazard.
4. To complete a Tree Hazard Evaluation Form for every hazardous tree inspected.
5. To retain Tree Hazard Evaluation Forms for a period of 3 years, whether or not a tree has been removed following a hazard evaluation.
6. To require the Public Works Foreman to prepare for Council a Tree Hazard Evaluation Report as inspections are completed.

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