



Summer Village of Silver Beach

Administrative Policy

Number	Title		
#07-2023	Hazardous Tree Policy		
Approval	Originally Approved	Last Revised	
(CAO initials)	Resolution No:	2023-022	Resolution No:
	Date:	April 17, 2023	Date:

Policy Statement

Trees bring value to the community and yet there are hazards with decaying or damaged trees. This policy will establish processes for the safe and lawful disposal of hazardous trees on municipal property.

Procedures

- Hazardous trees will be identified during a five-year review in the fall season, when trees can be clearly assessed, or through complaints or concerns of residents.
- Following significant storms, the municipality shall check for fallen or compromised trees, and determine when tree removal is necessary.
- If a complaint is made to administration, the tree will be reviewed by the public works volunteer and a local tree arborist to assess the potential hazard and how soon a tree should be removed.
- Tree hazard abatement work should consider the possibility of leaving a fallen tree to decompose naturally.
- Hazardous tree removal expenses on municipal property are based on a budget approved by Council, and when possible, tree cutting will be done on a day contract to ensure the best rate. Most tree removal will occur in the fall so it is easier to identify dead trees.
- If a tree falls and damages residential property, administration shall instruct the resident to contact their own insurance company.
- Private insurers may contact the Summer Village’s insurer if an investigation is necessary.
- The Summer Village Councillors and administration will not assign fault or promise compensation.
- No payments for property damage will be made without the consent/approval of the Summer Village’s insurer.
- Council shall not authorize payment unless approved by the insurer.