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TREE REMOVAL GUIDELINES

These guidelines are applicable to situations where trees in fair to good condition on public boulevards, parks, or natural areas are requested to be removed. The following are some examples:

- Movie sets
- Private and commercial approaches
- Planned construction, street work, and water and waste projects.

(0 – 10cm)	Trees can be replaced at approximately the same size. Customer is responsible for removal utilizing an approved contractor and is to forward the replacement cost (currently \$740 / tree) to the Urban Forestry Branch.
(10 – 30cm)	Trees are not easily replaced and are valued according to Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisal Formula.
(30cm +)	The Urban Forestry Branch's position is to deny removal and further consultation with the City of Winnipeg Forester is required.

Funding received by The Urban Forestry Branch will be invested back in the form of tree planting within the Ward to maintain the canopy of the urban forest.

Additional Guidelines:

- 1) There shall be no appraised value applicable for trees that are dead or are in decline.
- 2) Trees that are part of emergency water and waste projects shall be priced for removal and replacement cost.
- 3) For new easements Manitoba Hydro shall consult with the City of Winnipeg Urban Forestry Branch prior to any proposed tree removal. During the consultation, all attempts shall be made to minimize tree removal. Trees that are removed shall be compensated at a value of 1 new tree per 10 cm of dbh (ie. 40 cm dbh tree = 4 replacement trees @ \$740 / tree = \$2960). If Manitoba Hydro fails to consult with the Urban Forestry Branch in these matters, then the Council of Tree & Landscape Appraisers, Guide for Plant Appraisal (current edition), shall be used to determine the value of trees.
- 4) Natural stand trees are valued 1:1 ratio for those greater than 5cm dbh. One additional replacement tree will be required for every additional 7.5 cm of dbh (ie. 12.5cm dbh = 2 replacement trees @ \$740 / tree = \$1480). The ISA Species rating will be taken into consideration once a total appraised value has been determined.

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