

MUNICIPALITY OF BIFROST-RIVERTON

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

TREE REMOVAL ON PUBLIC RESERVES

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PREAMBLE

The Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton is responsible for the maintenance of Public Reserves, streets and parks located within the Municipality. Due to the vast amount of Public Reserves, the removal of dead-fall, dead standing tree(s), and healthy standing tree(s) that are dangerous to the public or private property has become difficult for staff to maintain. Many ratepayers have requested permission to remove the specified tree(s) on the Municipality's behalf.

POLICY

This policy only applies to areas of concentrated population. These areas include: The Lake Winnipeg Developments, Okno, Morweena and Riverton.

Ratepayers must complete a form (Schedule "A") to request permission to remove standing tree(s) that are dangerous to the public or private property. The Public Works Manager will inspect, mark the tree(s), and provide written approval if granted. No standing tree(s) are to be removed from Public Reserve land without written permission from the Municipality.

Dead-fall is to be removed solely for the purpose of firewood. The dead-fall must be completely removed from the public property; piling of deadfall on public reserve land is not permitted.

Any tampering with standing tree(s) is not permitted. Tampering includes, but is not limited to, scoring, notching, salting and burning.

If tampering or unauthorized removal occurs the Municipality will pursue those responsible with monetary fines and potential RCMP involvement. Fine amounts are to be determined by the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton's current Fees & Charges By-law.

Tree Removal on Public Reserve
Schedule "A"

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Location of Tree(s): _____

Include Diagram

Tree Concern(s) Please select one or more of the boxes below:

- Dangerous to the Public (low branches, leaning, split limb)
- Dangerous to Private Property (leaning over fence, shed, house)
- Split limb in tree trunk
- Other: _____

Waiver:

I, _____, know and voluntarily accept the risks of tree removal at (above location). I agree to waive all liability claims against the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and its employees. This waiver includes, but is not limited to liability for personal injuries suffered by myself or others assisting myself while removing the tree(s) located at (above location). This waiver also includes all injuries resulting from natural disaster or inclement weather, accidental death, and all premises liability claims. This waiver also includes all damages to personal property as a result of cutting trees. I will not remove any tree(s) other than that which is approved by this form.

Signature

Date

Public Works Manager:

Inspected on (date): _____

Approved Denied

Signature

Date