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**TREE REMOVAL GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are applicable to situations where public trees in fair to good condition are requested to be removed or have been removed and include, but are not limited to, examples listed below:

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

Compensation related to approved tree removals considers the value of the tree as described below categorized by size of trunk diameter (“dbh”):

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| (0 – 10cm dbh)  | Trees can be replaced at approximately the same size (1:1 replacement) at a cost of \$1,000/tree.  |
| (10 – 30cm dbh) | Trees of this size are considered not replaceable at same size and an appraised value is determined in accordance with the Guide for Plant Appraisal by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisal Formula. |
| (30cm + dbh)    | The position of the Urban Forestry Branch is to deny removal.  |

Compensation received by the Urban Forestry Branch is invested back into tree planting within or near the community to meet a no net loss of canopy.

Additional Guidelines:

- 1) Compensation is not required for approved removal of trees that are dead or in decline.
- 2) Trees that are part of emergency water and waste projects are priced for removal and 1:1 replacement costs.
- 3) For new Manitoba Hydro easements, Manitoba Hydro shall consult with the Urban Forestry Branch prior to any proposed tree removal and with the goal to minimize tree removal. Trees that are to be removed shall be compensated at a value of 1 new tree per 10 cm of dbh (ie. 40 cm dbh tree = 4 replacement trees @ \$1,000/tree = \$4,000). If Manitoba Hydro fails to consult with the Urban Forestry Branch in these matters, the value shall be determined in accordance with the Guide for Plant Appraisal by The Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers (current edition).
- 4) Natural stand trees growing in an “A” and “B” quality habitat are valued 1:1 ratio for those trees greater than 5cm dbh. Trees greater than 10cm dbh are valued at one replacement tree for every additional 7.5 cm of dbh (ie. 17.5cm dbh = 2 replacement trees @ \$1,000 / tree = \$2,000). Natural stand trees growing in a “C” and “D” quality habitat shall be priced for removal.

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