

TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

POLICY

POLICY NO. PW-RDS-014
SUPERSEDES NO. PW-RDS-006

TITLE: *Tree Trimming*

APPROVAL DATE: **April 22, 1996**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **April 23, 1996**

PURPOSE:

Tree shall be trimmed in order to:

- (a) Remove dead, damaged or diseased limbs and brnaches to maintain structural integrity and safety
- (b) Provide adequate visibility for pedestrians and/or drivers
- (c) Remove limbs and branches which restrict clearance or otherwise present a hazard to the travelling public.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. When considered necessary for public safety, Town will trim trees on or overhanging Town road allowances. Trees requiring trimming will receive attention as soon as required to protect the travelling public and property owners from possible injury or damages. Every effort will be made to cooperate with owners when trees adjacent to their property are to be trimmed.
2. Inspection - All trees requiring trimming shall be inspected by the Works Department prior to the commencement of any work. This inspection shall generally include location of the limit of the right of way to ensure that the tree is within the road allowance. A second opinion may be requested to provide recommendations as to the action required. The final decision regarding the extent of the work to be completed shall be made by the Director of Public Works or his designate.