

TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

**POLICY**

*POLICY NO. PW-RDS-005*  
*SUPERSEDES NO.*

TITLE: *Tree Planting*

APPROVAL DATE: **April 27, 1992**

EFFECTIVE DATE: **April 28, 1992**

PURPOSE:

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The objectives of the tree planting program along town roads are:
  - (a) To enhance street landscape
  - (b) To reduce headlight glare and snow drifting
  - (c) To improve the environment through the abatement of traffic noise and provision of additional vegetation
  - (d) To prevent erosion.
2. The types of plantings selected shall include trees which are adaptable to roadside conditions, resistant to chemicals, quick growing, hard and which blend in well with the surrounding landscape.
3. The preferred tree species are:
  - (a) crimson or red maples
  - (b) london plane
  - (c) locust
  - (d) other approved species
4. Trees shall be planted at the rate of
  - (a) 15-20m spacing
  - (b) one tree per lot in residential subdivisions, except for corner lots, where one is required at each side
  - (c) spacing of one per 30m frontage in industrial/commercial area
  - (d) two trees for each tree removed.
5. Tree size - a minimum bole diameter of 40mm at a point of 500mm from the ground
6. Funding - the annual road budget will provide an allocation for tree trimming, tree removal and tree planting on town public road allowances.