



**CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL**

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Sub-Section:	Environment - Trees - General	6780
Title:	DESIGNATION OF HERITAGE TREES	1

**POLICY**

**The District considers it appropriate to afford significant or heritage trees a high level of protection. To ensure that the correct trees are designated in the Tree Protection Bylaw as Heritage Trees the following process and criteria has been adopted by the District.**

**REASON FOR POLICY**

To ensure that Designated Heritage trees are of an appropriate significance to warrant inclusion in the Tree Protection Bylaw as a Heritage Tree.

**PROCEDURE**

The procedure to nominate a tree for consideration to be added to the Tree Protection Bylaw as a Designated Heritage tree will require the submission of a tree permit application together with the prescribed fee. The Environmental Protection Officer will assess the nominated tree for suitability for inclusion as a Designated Heritage tree having regard to the following criteria and prepare a report to Council with an appropriate recommendation regarding inclusion in the list of Heritage Trees.

**Criteria for consideration of Heritage Tree**

- A. Minimum standards - the proposed candidate tree must meet all of the following criteria:
  - i. Future life expectancy of more than 50 years;
  - ii. A sound trunk whereby the largest portion of the trunk radius is free from decay;
  - iii. No less than 70% live crown ratio;
  - iv. Suffer from no insects or related infestations and/or host diseases that could affect any of the above two conditions; and
  - v. Be located such that designation of the tree shall not cause hardship to any person, including the owner of the land on which the tree is located.
  
- B. Additional criteria - one or more of the following criteria must also apply to the proposed candidate tree:
  - i. Be of a size eligible for registry with the British Columbia Register of Big Trees, or of size comparable to an existing tree in the Register;
  - ii. Be of a rare species unique to the North Shore or the Metro Vancouver Region;
  - iii. Be 150 years old or in excess of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of that specific tree's expected natural life span;
  - iv. Be a vital component of an ecosystem unique to the North Shore or the Metro Vancouver Region; or
  - v. Possess some memorial or historic uniqueness where a tree is demonstrated to have a strong sentimental value.

**AUTHORITY TO ACT**

Delegated to Council and Staff as specified.

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