

Corporate Policy

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Section:	Planning and Development	13
Sub-Section:	Development Projects	6630
Title:	Tree and Vegetation Retention	03

Related Policies

Number	Title
12-6300-2019-01	Tree Management on City Property
13-6870-2019-02	Bird Nest Protection

Approvals

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Policy

1. The initial phase of land planning will concurrently analyze the potential for tree retention and servicing and land development requirements to determine and map vegetation retention possibilities in conjunction with servicing and land development plans.
2. The analysis required by section 1 of this Policy will:
 - a) show whether vegetation of either single, or groupings of trees, or other vegetation, can be realized;
 - b) in the case of the tree and vegetation retention plan, be completed by a qualified arborist or other experienced professional; and
 - c) indicate how both tree and vegetation retention and efficient servicing can be achieved.
3. Retention suitability will be based upon considerations of soil type, tree and vegetation species, rooting patterns, safety, presence of disease, and protection of certain stands which may be worthy of retention due to their heritage quality.
4. Once preliminary approval has been granted by the City for internal roadways, servicing corridors, etc., which plans are based upon the results of the analysis required by sections 1 and 2 of this Policy, clearing of vegetation can commence in those areas.
5. Once agreement has been reached between the City and applicant for the final development plan, the remainder of approved clearing on the development parcel can be completed.
6. During vegetation clearing and during the period of construction, snow fencing shall be installed and maintained so as to protect those areas not to be cleared.
7. Builders shall not be permitted to place their construction spoil at the base of trees or any other areas of vegetation designated for retention.
8. Replanting schemes may be required where a particular parcel is totally or virtually cleared, in which case the developer shall be required to give financial guarantees in order to ensure completion.

Monitoring/Authority

Delegated to the General Manager of Environment and Parks and the General Manager of Development Services.