



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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Directed To:	Mayor and Members of Council	Attachments:	
Department:	Public Works	Policy References:	
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Subject:	Tree Removal Process – Public and Private Trees		

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive this information.

REPORT:

This report is prepared in response to a Council question regarding the process the Town follows with respect to removal of private and public trees.

Public Trees

A public tree is defined as a tree that is wholly or partially on Town owned property. In these cases, the Town takes full responsibility of the health and care, trimming and removal of these trees as required from time to time.

Private Trees

A private tree is defined as a tree wholly on private property. In these cases, the determination of tree health lies with the owner of the property in which the tree is situated on. Trimming and removal of decayed private trees lies with the respective property owners.

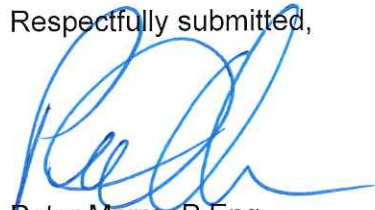
The Town in the past under the provision of the Municipal Act has carried out trimming of private trees only in the case that the said tree poses a danger to a public highway under the Town's jurisdiction. This process is not carried out in a proactive nature and is solely based on complaints or reports of tree health from the public. This work has never been charged back to the ratepayers.

In some circumstances, after hours calls are required to attend to private trees falling onto a public highway during storm events. The Town will tend to removal of the portion of the tree fallen onto Town property and will notify the owner of the property of the remainder of the tree to be removed. This has also never been charged back to the ratepayers.


The Town currently does not have any bylaws relating to tree removal nor does the Town have any charges spelled out in our current fee and charges by-law to charge for these services.

At this time, this information has been prepared for Council information and for Council to receive this information.

Respectfully submitted,



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