

Village of Midway Policy

Policy No. 368

Dangerous Tree Removal

Whereas, The Village of Midway is concerned about public safety regarding dangerous trees on Village property;

The following procedures are to be followed on every complaint of a potentially dangerous tree on Village property including all road allowances:

1. A core sample of the tree is to be taken by a forestry expert to verify the extent of rot, if any.
2. The expert is to provide a recommendation to Staff on the extent of potential danger to the public.
3. Council will decide on whether to remove the tree.
4. Staff will engage a fully qualified tree removal contractor that has adequate liability insurance indemnifying the Village as well as Workers' Compensation benefits.

For complaints about potentially dangerous trees that are partially on Village property and partially on private property, reasonably accurate measurements are to be taken to the extent of the tree on public property. If the tree is indeed partially on Village property or road allowance, the same procedures above (1-4) are to be followed once it is ascertained who will be sharing in the cost and by how much. Unless Council stipulates otherwise, the cost should be shared on a simple prorated basis on the measurement of the tree on each side of the property line at the ground level of the trunk.

All complaints must be received in writing to be valid.

Every three years, Staff will conduct a dangerous tree assessment for all Village-owned property being used or occupied by the public using a reputable company as budget funds are available.

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Date approved by Council