



TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK POLICY



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Title: MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC AREAS		

Policy Statement

The Town of Pincher Creek shall provide guidelines for the maintenance of public areas by groups and individuals.

The Town of Pincher Creek understands the importance of providing public areas that allow the public the opportunity to partner with the Town to plant trees, make improvements or special projects for the betterment of our community.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 **Council** shall mean the Council for the Town of Pincher Creek, in the Province of Alberta.
- 1.2 **Superintendent of Public Works** shall mean the person employed by the Town of Pincher Creek as the Superintendent of Public Works.
- 1.3 **“Public Area”** means publicly owned and/or operated facilities, parks, playgrounds, natural areas, streets and significant public landmarks.

2. Responsibilities

2.1 Town Council

- 2.1.1 Designate individuals or community groups to provide recommendations to Council for the improvements in public areas.

2.2 Superintendent of Public Works

- 2.2.1. Review the applications made by the public.

2.2.2. The approval of all public area improvements and the respective locations shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent of Public Works; criteria to include :

- benefit to community
- aesthetics
- need for improvement
- maintenance costs
- appropriateness of improvement.

2.2.3. Assist with the establishment/enhancement of an existing public area.

2.2.4. Irrigating if necessary.

2.3 Groups or Individuals

2.3.1. Make application to the Superintendent of Public Works.

2.3.2. Provide details on the location and design of the improvement to public areas

2.3.3. Fertilizing, pruning and spraying if necessary.

2.3.4. Removal or replacement of the trees, shrubs, or flowers if necessary

2.3.5. Annual maintenance ie. staining, painting, etc. if necessary

2.3.6. Make arrangement for location of all underground utilities, and supply documentation to the Superintendent of Public Works.

3. Conditions and Regulations

3.1 All trees planted under this policy must be at least five feet from ground level to top of tree when planted.

3.2 Fruit bearing trees will not be allowed

3.3 The group or individual making application must specify the type of tree, shrub, flowers to be planted, or structure they will be placing on public areas.

3.4 All structures shall be in accordance with the Town of Pincher Creek's Land Use Bylaw #1547 showing in detail correct setbacks and easements.

3.5 If any trees, shrubs or flowers become unsightly or diseased, the Town of Pincher Creek Reserves the right to remove without compensation or notification.

3.6 Any improvement not properly maintained or becomes unsightly in the opinion of the Superintendent of Public Works, shall be removed without compensation or notification.

4. End of Policy