

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Date:	September 2, 2008
Report Number:	Roads Department 2008- 13
Subject:	Tree Replacement Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is respectfully recommended to Council the following:

1. That Report Number Roads Department 2008 – 13 be received.
2. That Council adopts the Tree Replacement Policy as outlined.

BACKGROUND & PURPOSE:

Staff was requested to develop a Tree Replacement Policy for use throughout the municipality.

DISCUSSION:

Staff was requested to develop a Tree Replacement Policy for use throughout the Municipality as we currently do not have one. To assist in establishing a Tree Replacement Policy, Staff contacted senior roads department staff from other municipalities to find out what policies they have in place or whether or not they have a Tree Replacement Policy.

The municipalities contacted include Smith–Ennismore-Lakefield, North Kawartha, Douro-Dummer, Otonabee-South Monaghan and Asphodel-Norwood. Bill Linnen, Operations Manager for the County of Peterborough was also contacted on this matter.

The consensus was unanimous from all parties contacted and no one has a Tree Replacement Policy including the County of Peterborough. They also do not promote or encourage tree replacement or planting of new trees within the municipal right of way for liability reasons.

Trees are a very important part of our environment, but having trees located within the municipal right of way is not only a liability hazard, but also costly. The maintenance program on trees is time-consuming for a Parks Department and the replacement of trees can be costly.

In the past, the Township has followed the County of Peterborough policies and procedures on various matters and Staff is recommending the same practice should be continued with this matter.

For these reasons the following Tree Replacement Policy is being presented for Council's consideration and approval.

That Council does not move forward the development of the Tree Replacement Policy but a policy that states the Township of Cavan Monaghan does not allow, encourage or promote tree replacement or planting of new trees within the municipal right of way.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

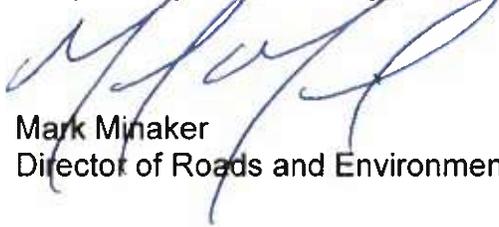
There is no immediate financial impact to the Township.

CONCLUSION:

It is respectfully recommended to Council to adopt the following Tree Replacement Policy:

That the Township of Cavan Monaghan does not allow, encourage or promote tree replacement or planting of new trees within the municipal right of way.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Mark Minaker
Director of Roads and Environmental Services

Reviewed by,



Yvette Hurley
Chief Administrative Officer