

	Council Policy		
	Classification Agriculture		Policy No. 3.4
	Policy Title Tree Acquisition		
	Approved By: Council	Effective Date: January 15, 2014	Revisions:

Purpose

To set the criteria concerning application, planting, and inspection of trees.

Statement

To annually select a shelterbelt tree supplier, to have application forms available for ordering trees and to provide an option of planning assistance and guidelines relating to the planting of trees.

Procedure

Application:

1. Availability
Application forms are available from the County office.
2. Fees
 - a. All costs for the purchase of trees will be covered by ratepayer and paid for before their order is placed.
 - b. The County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Service Board will cover all charges related to the freight of the trees, this is done as a service to the ratepayers of the County.
3. Site Preparation
 - a. It is recommended that the site be worked a number of times by cultivator or rototiller to maximize the establishment and growth of trees.
 - b. It is recommended that the Applicant consult the Agricultural Fieldman, or Fieldman's designate, regarding chemical weed control of the site.

4. Planting:

- a. A minimum of 200 trees must be purchased for the County to offer tree planting services.
- b. The Agricultural Fieldman or Fieldman’s designate will set up a planting schedule.
- c. The Agricultural Fieldman or Fieldman’s designate will notify the Applicant of the time of planting.
- d. The Planter will be brought to the location, with one or two County employees to help plant.
- e. The Applicant will have the site staked, provide and drive the tractor to pull the Planter.
- f. The Applicant will have one or two persons available to help plant.
- g. Trees must be planted in accordance with Provincial regulations and County Bylaws.
- h. In the case a planting site does not conform to setback requirements, the landowner will be required to transplant the trees to conform to bylaws and regulations.

Policy Authorization

Reeve Signature	Effective Date	Resolution Number
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