



## LAC LA BICHE COUNTY POLICY

TITLE: Urban Forestry Policy	POLICY NO: CM-71-023
RESOLUTION:	EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2018
LEAD ROLE:	NEXT REVIEW DATE: May 1, 2019
SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE:	AMENDMENT DATE:

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

To ensure the Urban Forest is properly maintained as an asset of Lac la Biche County and its residents, an effective and efficient Urban Forestry Management Program and Policy needs to be established in Lac la Biche County.

1. All trees within the Urban Forest on property held by Lac La Biche County are classified as public trees. Responsibilities will include care, reforestation, maintenance and total inventory.
2. All trees planted in Lac La Biche County should be of a species that are suited to this climatic zone, and maintained to sustain a health urban forest.
3. Trees planted shall provide the appropriate purpose and offer characteristics to provide a natural aesthetic to Lac La Biche County.
4. Pruning will be undertaken by Lac La Biche County in order to keep the Urban Forest in the best possible condition as established by good arboriculture standards.
5. The Lac La Biche County shall enforce the requirements of the municipality under Alberta regulations as well as any municipally enforced policies related to pest control and/or management.
6. Removal consideration will be given to each individual tree on the merits of the request and the impact its removal would have on the surrounding neighborhood. Removal shall be considered as the last option in all cases. Removal shall be made in writing and an assessment will be completed.
7. The purpose of reforestation in the Urban Forest Environment is to replace trees and supplement the existing forest population with additional trees where the population is low. Where possible, Lac La Biche County will endeavor to maintain a positive tree planting to removal ratio. Each year the Lac La Biche County will plant new trees in designated areas within Lac La Biche County.

“Original Signed”  
Chief Administrative Officer

May 11, 2018

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Mayor

May 15, 2018