### The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake



## **COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL**

Subject:

Memorial Tree Program

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December 16, 2013

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1830-13

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#### 1.16 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide protocol with respect to a Memorial Tree Program for the Municipality of Red Lake.

#### GENERAL

- 1.1 A Memorial Tree Program is a unique way to provide a living tribute in commemoration of a friend or loved one. It can provide a sense of comfort and a site of reflection for the community.
- 1.2 The program will take place at Centennial Park and Rahill Beach.
- 1.3 The social benefits include the harmonization of parks with the surrounding nature, as well as adding character and beauty to parks.
- 1.4 The cultural benefits include providing commemoration of the municipality's past community members, as well as showcasing Red Lake's natural environment in a protected setting.
- 1.5 There are many environmental benefits to this program. Trees filter and remove pollutants, carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide. Trees use run-off water that would normally flow into our storm system and waterways. They provide homes, food and protection for birds and mammals. Trees also allow the elimination of monoculture that can devastate parks and forests.
- 1.6 The economic benefit of this program is subscription revenue which would create a permanent reserve to ensure tree replacement, as required.

### 2. POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 The subscriber will pay a fee as per the current Tariff of Fees By-Law. The Municipality will create a reserve with the revenue.
- 2.2 The subscriber will receive:
  - A vinyl plaque (5"x7") mounted on a 4"x4" PWT post elevated 12" above ground.
  - The plaque will be replaced if damaged or destroyed as long as subscriber is active in the program.
  - Each plaque will be inscribed with up to three (3) lines of note, which shall be approved by the Operations Superintendent.



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- A guarantee of ten (10) years of tree life. If a tree is not alive within ten years it will be replaced by the Municipality.
- A right of tree replacement with a renewal subscription if the tree dies after 10 consecutive years of life, as per the current fees.