

## 1. Policy Statement

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, subsection 270(1) of the Municipal Act requires that each municipality adopt and maintain policies with respect to the protection and enhancement of the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality.

## 2. Purpose

The Tree Canopy Protection Policy is intended to prevent or minimize unnecessary damage or destruction of mature trees during land development, construction work, and maintenance activities.

## 3. Definitions

**Significant Tree** – means any tree that meets one or more of the following conditions:

- Is identified by a qualified professional who is the author of an approved Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Is identified by a qualified professional retained by the Municipality or County; or
- were planted as a condition of approval of a development application (e.g. appear on an approved site plan and/or landscape plan);

## 4. Policy

This policy applies to all significant trees situated on lands subject to a Planning Act application.

All significant trees subject to a Planning Act application may not be removed, injured, pruned or destroyed in any way without approval by the Municipality.

Significant trees that are identified to be protected by an approved EIS must be protected to the satisfaction of the Municipality during site alteration and construction.

Excavation and construction must be a minimum of 4.5 m (15') from existing significant trees, unless measures are in place to ensure the protection of the tree and subject to the approval of the Municipality.

Planning Act Development Applications submitted to the Municipality that are deemed complete on, or after, the date of approval of this Policy shall be subject to this Policy.

## 5. Consequences of Non-Compliance

Anyone failing to adhere to this policy, will be financially responsible for any damage to or destruction of any significant trees. Damaged or removed trees shall be replaced with trees of suitable quantity, type, and location to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

## 6. Review Cycle

This policy will be reviewed on an as needed basis.

This Policy was previously referred to as AD-65.

## 7. Related Information

Revisions to this document may impact the following policies, procedures, and/or by-laws.

#	Document Title
N/A	No related documents were identified at the time the policy was passed

## 8. Policy Revisions

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1	February 19, 2019	B2019-016