

## **CARE OF TREES**

### **1. RATIONALE**

The Council of the Resort Village aims to achieve a responsible balance between two objectives:

1. To keep the Village looking tidy and cared-for;
2. To be responsible stewards of our natural environment as per Section 4.2.1 of the Resort Village of Mistusinne Zoning Bylaw.

The Council of the Resort Village has established three areas for the purpose of regulating tree pruning and tree removal:

### **2. PRIMARY TREE CARE AREAS**

- These areas includes:
  - Along both sides of Mistusinne Street until the intersection with Mistusinne Crescent,
  - Along both sides of Sakuhikun Street until the intersection with Sakuhikun Drive,
  - The entrance to Chekepak Crescent, and the middle of Block 6,
  - The playground, and the yard around the Community Centre.
- In the primary areas, trees may be pruned or removed to improve the aesthetics of a park-like setting at the village entrance and in our gathering places.

### **3. SECONDARY TREE CARE AREAS**

- These areas include all of the other tree bluffs on Village green spaces.

#### ***Pruning:***

- In the Secondary Tree Areas , there will be ***no tree pruning*** because:
  - The objective is to develop closed tree stands, shaded ground cover, windbreaks and wildlife cover.
  - Sucker trees are to be encouraged with trees growing randomly once they leave their rows.
  - Undergrowth in tree bluffs will assist with snow collection, as will long grasses.
- The only tree pruning permitted in newly planted tree stands should be for the purpose of peeling out a leader to ensure that there is no forked tree.
- Evergreens (spruce, pine or larch) should not be pruned.

### ***Removal of dead trees***

- In the Secondary Tree Card Areas there will be ***no automatic removal of dead standing trees*** with the following exceptions:
  - Only hazardous dead-standing trees are removed. Dead trees support wildlife and help collect snow.
  - Hazard trees are to be identified by the foreman in charge of the Village forest.
  - Only Village staff members are permitted to take out these hazard trees (example: near property or power line). Other people require a permit to take out dead trees.

### ***Trees on the Golf Course***

- Typically, there is little pruning of trees in the “rough areas” of the golf course except for occasional judicious use of hedge clipper on lilacs or flowering shrubs.
- Dead trees may be removed from the golf course as part of the aesthetics of the course.