

Shelterbelt Tree Planting Policy

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Section: 5.0 Environmental and Protective Services
- A. Agricultural Services

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Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) will promote the planting of shelterbelt trees on private land to serve as windbreaks and to enhance the aesthetics and value of farmland.

Purpose

To encourage landowners within the M.D. to plant trees to control wind, water, and soil erosion. This program also provides wildlife habitat, improves aesthetics, and may also improve riparian areas.

Policy

Landowners within the M.D. who wish to plant shelterbelt trees along the roadway where back sloping or clearing of trees along the fence line has been completed may do so under the following conditions:

- (1) The trees will be planted a minimum of 30 metres (100 feet) away from the centerline of any roadway, including undeveloped road allowances. A greater distance is encouraged to facilitate the care and maintenance of the land lying between the shelterbelt and the roadway.
- (2) Trees may be purchased through the M.D.'s (pre-ordered) spring shelterbelt program or from a nursery of the landowner's choice at the regular nursery price. Lists of vendors and order forms are available at the M.D. Agricultural Service Board (ASB) office.
- (3) The planting of trees is the landowner's responsibility. Assistance may be provided from the M.D. at the request of the landowner. A tree planter and/or mulch applicator is available to assist with ensuring the survivability of the trees. These rentals are available from the M.D. office.

Policy Review

Within five (5) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

For administrative use only:

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Related Documentation: (plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)	