

PUBLIC TREE BY-LAW FAQs

1. Can I prune or remove a public tree?

No, if a tree is dead or dying tree you can contact 311. If development/construction related you may apply for a public tree permit.

2. What triggers a public tree permit?

Any activity above or below ground that may injure or destroy a public tree

3. Who will enforce the Public Tree By-law?

Public Tree Officer through tree permit process and complaints received

4. How does this By-law protect Public trees?

Triggers tree permit process, allows for tree securities and ensures tree replacement to recover canopy loss

5. What is the cost to taxpayers?

No cost to the taxpayers. Net zero cost to the City

6. What are the fines associated with the Public Tree By-law?

Individuals – 1st conviction \$2500/tree; subsequent convictions \$5000/tree
Corporations - 1st conviction \$5000/tree; subsequent convictions \$10,000/tree

7. Who does this proposed Public Tree By-law affect?

Utility companies, Developers, Residents, Municipal departments

8. What if the tree is on the both private & public property?

The tree is a boundary tree and is subject to Public tree by-law. Written consent will be required by both property owners in order to remove a boundary tree.

9. Can a resident plant a tree on public property?

The City of Mississauga's Urban Forestry Department is responsible for the species selection, location and installation of street trees on municipal property. Replacement plantings decisions are made based on standards designed to promote representation of a wide variety of trees; including native species, where possible and to discourage monocultures of the same tree species, and to enforce the necessary spacing guidelines between trees and adjacent municipal and private infrastructure, including underground utilities. Trees are selected based on their size at maturity and complete shape and form in order to eliminate or minimize conflicts between their anticipated growth with existing trees, hydro wires, signs, light standards and other structures and infrastructure

10. Can I remove firewood, logs or debris from a city owned woodlot or naturalized area?

No, Logs debris and branches help the natural ecosystem and environment. Decomposing trees slowly add nutrients into the soil over time.