

**Policy statement**

Leduc County recognizes the importance and value of trees along rights-of-ways and supports compensation when impacted by road and bridge construction.

**Definitions**

*Administration* means the staff of Leduc County under the direction of the county manager.

*Council* means the duly elected Council of Leduc County.

*County Manager* means the Chief Administrative Officer.

**Policy authority**

*Legislative implications:*

- *Municipal Government Act (MGA), RSA 2000*

**Policy standards**

That consideration be given to the following in negotiating the compensation for shelterbelts and trees removed/lost as a result of road construction:

1. Compensation will not be provided for native trees, unless they are within a yard site or defined shelterbelt.
2. To obtain quotations from a nursery/tree farm to determine a base price for shrubs and trees.
3. Consider a “sentimental” value in instances where it is apparent that the trees and/or shelterbelt are being maintained.
4. Attempt to identify or determine the value of the farm or property with or without the trees and/or shelterbelt.
5. Maintain uniformity by determining the superior, as compared to the least valuable trees and shelterbelt developed properties. Negotiate the high and low bounds for compensation respectively and the remainder of the property to be negotiated within this limit.
6. The preference where possible is to:
  - Negotiate a lump sum payment, or,
  - Offer/provide replacement trees of native or alternatively, nursery stock.

**Policy responsibilities**

*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Compensation – Shelterbelts and Trees policy.

**Monitoring and updating**

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County’s website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every four years.

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