

## TOWN OF LEADER

### BOULEVARD TREE INCENTIVE POLICY

#### PURPOSE

The Boulevard Tree Incentive Policy (BTIP) is an effort to beautify the Town of Leader and to promote mature tree growth in the Town.

#### QUALIFICATIONS & INCENTIVES

1. The Town of Leader will issue an income tax-deductible donation receipt for the cost of purchasing an approved tree to be planted on the boulevard in front of a residential property.
2. The Town of Leader is not responsible for honoring any warranty or loss of a tree associated with the purchase of a tree planted in conjunction with this program.
3. Residents wishing to participate in this incentive must live within the Town of Leader town limits.
4. Tree(s) must be planted on the boulevard in front of the resident's property.
5. The Location of the tree(s) on the boulevard must be agreed upon by the Town and the home owner. The Town will mark the location of any Town utilities prior to planting, to ensure the tree(s) is planted in a location that will not interfere with the supply or maintenance of Town utilities.
6. It is the home owner's responsibility to ensure the tree(s) receive adequate water and maintenance.
7. Tree planting, staking and soil amendments associated with the purchase of a tree are not eligible expenses for the BTIP.
8. Only qualifying varieties of trees will be eligible for the Boulevard Tree Incentive Policy. A complete list of approved tree varieties is attached to this policy as "Schedule A".
9. Any resident wishing to utilize this policy must submit the following to the Town Administrator:
  - a) The original receipt for the tree purchased,
  - b) The tree tag showing the tree variety and the recommended planting zone; and
  - c) Proof that the tree has been planted on the property owner's boulevard.
10. A receipt will be issued in the home owner's name if the Administrator deems that all requirements have been met.

## SCHEDULE “A”

The following is a list of approved variety of trees qualifying for the Boulevard Tree Incentive. This list is not exhaustive and may be amended from time to time. If a tree is not on this list it may still be approved for the Incentive, pending factual information being presented showing the hardiness, rooting system, and longevity of the tree.

### Alder - *Alnus*

#### **Prairie Horizon® Alder**

*Alnus hirsute* ‘Harbin’

Mature Height: 12m (40ft)

Spread: 9m (30ft)

This is a cold hardy tree that will grow in both dry and wet locations. They are fast-growing, have a low canopy and an upright spreading habit. Alders are attractive for their dark green glossy leaves and polished brown-grey bark. Their purple catkins and clusters of small brown cones add winter interest.

### Basswood and Linden - *Tilia*

#### **American Basswood**

*Tilia Americana*

Mature Height: 15m (50ft)

Spread: 8m (26ft)

This attractive large shade tree is easy to maintain and grows at a moderate rate. It is a low-headed pyramidal tree in its youth, becoming more round as it matures. The striking dark green leaves are large and broad, growing up to 20cm (8”) on a mature tree. The leaves are beautiful in autumn when they turn vivid yellow. The basswood also produces fragrant yellow flowers in

#### **Little Leaf Linden**

*Tilia cordata*

Mature Height: varies

Spread: varies

This tree is pyramidal in shape when young and becomes more rounded as it ages. It is an excellent shade tree, well-suited for street planting. It produces white to yellow fragrant flowers.

#### **Mongolian Linden**

*Tilia mongolica*

Mature Height: 10 - 12m (35-40ft)

Spread: 8m (26ft)

This linden has interesting exfoliating bark, fragrant yellow flowers in early summer, and a golden fall colour.

### Birch - *Betula*

#### **Paper Birch**

*Betula papyrifera*

Mature Height: 12m (40ft)

Spread: 9m (30ft)

This moderate growing, upright tree makes a valuable landscape feature. The paper-like bark is attractive throughout the year and the leaf colour in the fall is a brilliant yellow. Paper birch is not drought tolerant and requires more water.

### **Asian White Birch**

*Betula platyphylla*

This is a narrow tree suitable for smaller yards. It is hardier than paper birch, drought tolerant and insect resistant.

*Mature Height: 10m (35ft)*

*Spread: 3m (10ft)*

### **Buckeye - Aesculus**

#### **Ohio Buckeye**

*Aesculus glabra*

This is a low headed tree with an upright oval form. It does best when planted in a sheltered location, but can tolerate most urban environmental conditions. Its leaves are dark green and have an exotic appearance. They may turn red, orange or yellow in the fall. It will produce a large brown nut covered by a prickly husk.

*Mature Height: 6 - 12m (20-40ft)*

*Spread: 6 - 12m (20-40ft)*

### **Cherry - Betula**

#### **Amur Cherry**

*Prunus maackii*

Amur cherry is a fast-growing ornamental tree with attractive copper-orange bark, dark green leaves, and white flowers in the spring.

*Mature Height: varies*

*Spread: varies*

### **Ornamental Crabapple - Malus**

#### **Spring Snow Crabapple**

*Malus x adstringens 'Spring Snow'*

This is an attractive tree that has glossy green foliage and is covered with fragrant white flowers in the spring. It has an oval form and produces little-to-no fruit.

*Mature Height: 6 - 8m (20-26ft)*

*Spread: 6m (20ft)*

#### **Rosybloom Crabapple**

*Malus x adstringens*

This is an outstanding flowering crabapple tree with an oval crown and deep purple leaves. It has delicate rose-pink flowers early in the spring and very small dark red fruit.

*Mature Height: 4 - 6m (13-20ft)*

*Spread: 3 - 5m (10-16ft)*

### **Lilac - Syringa**

#### **Japanese Tree Lilac**

*Syringa reticulata*

This tree features showy plumes of fragrant white flowers in late spring, early summer. It has dark green foliage throughout the season and cherry-like bark.

*Mature Height: 5 - 8m (16-26ft)*

*Spread: 4 - 6m (14-20ft)*

## Maple - Acer

### Manitoba Maple (Boxelder)

*Acer negundo*

Mature Height: 12 - 15m (40-50ft)  
Spread: 12 - 15m (40-50ft)

This is a fast growing, irregular branched tree that produces seed. It is very hardy and able to withstand difficult urban conditions. The bark is dark brown and furrowed.

### Amur Maple

*Acer ginnala*

Mature Height: 3 - 5m (10-16ft)  
Spread: 3 - 5m (10-16ft)

This small low-head ornamental tree has dark green three-lobed leaves. The fall foliage can range from orange to an outstanding red, particularly when planted in full sun. Amur maple produces a two-winged seed that resembles a miniature lobster claw and contrasts nicely with the foliage. It is adaptable to a relatively wide range of soil and pH ranges. Single-stemmed trees are the best form for boulevard use.

### Hot Wings<sup>®</sup> Maple

*Acer tataricum 'Gar Ann'*

Mature Height: 7 - 8m (23-26ft)  
Spread: 6m (20ft)

This attractive maple tree has dark green foliage and showy bright red seeds (samaras). This is a low maintenance maple tree that is considered drought and alkaline tolerant.

### Silver Maple

*Acer saccharinum*

Mature Height: 16 - 20m (52-65ft)  
Spread: 7 - 10m (23-35ft)

This attractive oval-shaped tree has many ornamental attributes. Its deeply lobed leaves are light green on top and silvery beneath. The leaves turn brilliant yellow in the fall. This tree is fast growing and prefers a moist site. It is susceptible to die-back in exposed sites or when under moisture stress.

## Mountain-ash - Sorbus

### European Mountain-ash

*Sorbus aucuparia*

Mature Height: 6 - 8m (20-26ft)  
Spread: 4 - 6m (13-20ft)

This oval-shaped tree has dark green compound leaves with showy white flowers in the spring, followed by bright orange-red fruit in the fall. This tree will attract birds and provide interest to the winter landscape. The single-stemmed trees are the most appropriate for boulevards. The mountain-ash requires well-drained locations.

## Oak - Quercus

### Bur Oak

*Quercus macroncarpa*

Mature Height: 15 - 20m (50-65ft)  
Spread: 10m (33ft)

This is an attractive, long-lived shade tree that is ideal for our prairie environment. It has interesting corky bark and lobed leaves that turn an antique yellow in the fall.

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**Northern Pin Oak**

*Quercus ellipsoidal*

This is a long-lived shade tree that is tolerant of alkaline soils. The dark green lobed leaves turn a spectacular red colour in the fall.

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*Mature Height: 18m (60ft)*

*Spread: 12m (40ft)*