



**COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING REBATE POLICY
PURCHASE ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS**

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PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to support and encourage urban tree planting to enhance community aesthetics, improve air quality, reduce noise pollution, provide wildlife habitat, increase property values, and achieve energy savings through natural shading.

SCOPE

2.1 This policy applies to all property owners within the boundaries of the District of Hudson's Hope.

DEFINITIONS

3.1 In this policy:

- a) **Applicant** means the property owner submitting a rebate application under this policy;
- b) **District** refers to the District of Hudson's Hope;
- c) **Purchase Receipt** means the original proof of purchase showing the date of transaction, item description and amount paid for the eligible tree; and
- d) **Tree Tag** means the manufacturer's or retailer's tag attached to the tree that identifies its species and growing zone.

POLICY

4.1 Procedures:

- a) To qualify for a financial rebate, only trees purchased after January 1 of the current calendar year will be considered.
- b) Eligible trees must be identified as suitable growing zones 1, 2 or 3.
- c) Shrubs and flowers are not eligible for this rebate.
- d) A maximum of one rebate per property may be claimed annually, with each rebate capped at \$50.
- e) If the purchase price of the tree is less than \$50, the rebate will reflect the actual purchase price paid.

- f) The total annual budget for this initiative is \$1,500 across all participating properties.
- g) Rebates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and will be issued until the annual budget is fully allocated.
- h) The rebate will be issued as a cheque payable to the property owner after the annual budget is approved.
- i) Trees must be planted at the address associated with the property tax account.
- j) Trees may not be planted on public property, rights-of-way, or easements.
- k) The District accepts no responsibility for loss, damages or claims to property arising from or related to participation in the Community Tree Planting Rebate Policy.
- l) The District reserves the right to reverse or deny a rebate if any information provided on the application form is found to be incorrect or untrue.

ELIGIBILITY

4.2 Eligible applicants must:

- a) Have a District of Hudson's Hope property tax account in their name;
- b) Submit a completed rebate form;
- c) Provide the original purchase receipt; and
- d) Include the tree tag indicating the appropriate growing zone (1, 2 or 3).