

Changes to Policy and Justification

Policy Section	Current Wording in Policy C456B	Proposed Wording in Policy C456C	Justification
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Corporate Tree Management Policy C456B Adopted by City Council April 30, 2019</i> • <i>Community Standards Bylaw 14600</i> • <i>Parkland Bylaw 2202</i> • <i>Traffic Bylaw 5590</i> • <i>Natural Area Systems Policy C531</i> • <i>North Saskatchewan River Valley ARP</i> • <i>Natural Connections Strategic Plan</i> • <i>Integrated Pest Management C501</i> • <i>Urban Forest Management Plan</i> • <i>Breathe Strategy</i> • <i>Open Space Policy C594</i> • <i>Reserve and Equity Policy C217D</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Standards Bylaw 14600 • Parkland Bylaw 2202 • Traffic Bylaw 5590 • Natural Area Systems Policy C531 • North Saskatchewan River Valley Area Redevelopment Plan Bylaw 7188 • Natural Connections Strategic Plan • Integrated Pest Management C501A • Urban Forest Management Plan • Breathe Strategy • Open Space Policy C594 • Reserve and Equity Accounts Policy C217D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed “Corporate Tree Management Policy C456B Adopted by City Council April 30, 2019” as this is just referring to the previous version of the policy which is already mentioned in the section “Supersedes”. • Added the specific name “Area Redevelopment Plan Bylaw 7188” for clarity. • Added the correct reference for the “Integrated Pest Management C501A” for clarity • Added full name of the “Reserve and Equity Accounts Policy C217D” for clarity.
Policy Statement	<i>Trees help purify the air we breathe, contribute to urban biodiversity, provide wildlife habitat, beautify and enrich our</i>	Trees help purify the air we breathe, contribute to urban biodiversity, provide wildlife habitat, beautify and enrich our	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced “stewardship” with “care and attention” as stewardship was recognized to be moved under the purpose of

	<i>lives throughout the year, sequester carbon, and provide a sense of well-being in our urban environment. Therefore, these valuable assets require our dedicated stewardship.</i>	lives throughout the year, sequester carbon, and provide a sense of well-being in our urban environment. These valuable assets require our dedicated care and attention .	the policy as a key guiding principle rather than in the introductory statement.
Policy Statement	<i>The purpose of this policy is to ensure growth, sustainability, acquisition, tree maintenance, protection and preservation of City of Edmonton urban forest (CoE Urban Forest). CoE Urban Forest includes all Ornamental Trees and natural treed areas on City-owned land including, but not limited to, titled City land, Parkland, road right of way, environmental reserve, municipal reserve, public utility lots and urban services zones with the exception of trees and shrubs on land which is under the jurisdiction of senior orders of government.</i>	The purpose of this policy is to ensure growth, sustainability, acquisition, stewardship , tree maintenance, protection and preservation of the City of Edmonton Urban Forest (CoE Urban Forest) and to promote public education and engagement opportunities . CoE Urban Forest includes all Boulevard and Open Space Trees, and Natural Stands . These are located on City-owned land including, but not limited to, titled City land, Parkland, road right of way, environmental reserve, municipal reserve, public utility lots and urban services zones with the exception of trees and shrubs on land which is under the jurisdiction of senior orders of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added “stewardship” to the policy statement to incorporate feedback gathered from the public and stakeholders during engagement surveys, drop-in events, and workshops. Stewardship was an important theme that was consistently referenced during engagement. • Added “public education and engagement opportunities” to the policy statement. Across all engagement sessions, participants expressed the importance of education and engagement opportunities for the public and communities. • Replaced “Ornamental” with “Boulevard and Open Space” to better define all City trees that exist outside of Natural Stands. It was highlighted during engagement sessions that not many people understand what ornamental trees mean and that they are

			<p>limited in their ability to accurately describe all trees on boulevards and open spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated terminology in policy statement from “natural treed areas” to “Natural Stands” to ensure consistency throughout the policy, procedure and guidelines documents.
Policy Statement	<p><i>This policy is in direct alignment with long term objectives of the City of Edmonton Urban Forest Management Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Work on City Trees will be in accordance with the applicable bylaws and policies referenced above concerning boulevards, utility lots, and City Trees on any public place and City properties (with the exception of land which is under the jurisdiction of senior orders of government) within Edmonton.</i></p>	<p>This policy is in direct alignment with objectives of the City of Edmonton Urban Forest Management Plan.</p> <p>Work on City Trees will be in accordance with the applicable bylaws, policies, approved strategies and plans referenced above concerning boulevards, utility lots, and City Trees on any public place and City properties (with the exception of land which is under the jurisdiction of senior orders of government) within Edmonton.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed “long term” before objectives as this policy is meant to align with all objectives including short, medium and long term. Added “approved strategies and plans” to applicable bylaws and policies as work on City Trees needs to be in accordance with not just the applicable bylaws and policies but also other strategies and plans referenced in this Policy.
Purpose of the Policy	<p><i>Ensure the orderly development and growth of the CoE Urban Forest through new plantings, replacement plantings, and inventory from new development</i></p>	<p>Ensure the orderly development and growth of the CoE Urban Forest through new plantings, replacement plantings, and inventory from</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added “policies, approved strategies and plans” to applicable bylaws as the development and growth of the CoE Urban Forest needs to be

	<i>and capital programs in accordance with applicable bylaws.</i>	new development and capital programs in accordance with applicable bylaws, policies, approved strategies and plans.	in accordance with not just the applicable bylaws but also other policies, strategies and plans referenced in this Policy.
Purpose of the Policy	<i>None</i>	Promote stewardship of Natural Stands in accordance with the applicable bylaws, policies, approved strategies and plans referenced above to guide the nature and extent of tree maintenance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added “stewardship” definition to expand upon the use of the terminology in the main policy statement. Public and stakeholder feedback emphasized the importance of responsible care for our natural stands which may involve different levels and type of tree maintenance.
Purpose of the Policy	<i>Adopt research and development, best management practices and innovations that contribute to the goals of urban forestry acquisition, protection and preservation, and Tree Maintenance.</i>	Adopt research and development, best management practices, educational and engagement strategies , and innovations that contribute to the goals of urban forestry acquisition, protection and preservation, and tree maintenance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Across all engagement sessions, participants expressed the importance of education and engagement opportunities for the public and communities to better manage, grow, preserve and protect our Urban Forests.

Changes to Procedure and Justification

Procedure Section	Current Wording in Procedure	Proposed Wording to Amend in Procedure	Justification
Definitions	<i>Acquisition is the act of developing, growing and conserving the CoE Urban Forest. Acquisition can be from a number of processes; including, but not limited to final acceptance of new trees from development or capital projects, new plantings, replacement plantings, transplanted trees, Third Party Funding, trees acquired through land acquisition, dedications or purchases and retention of existing trees on developable lands.</i>	<i>Acquisition</i> can be from a number of processes; including, but not limited to final acceptance of new trees from development or capital projects, trees acquired through land acquisition, dedications or purchases and retention of existing trees on developable lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed “acquisition is the act of developing, growing and conserving the CoE Urban Forest” as “growth” has now been added as a separate definition in the procedure and “conserving” has been added under the definition of “tree preservation”. Removed “new plantings, replacement plantings, transplanted trees, Third Party Funding” as they don’t fit the definition of acquisition accurately. Moved new plantings, replacement plantings, and transplanted trees to the appropriate definitions in the Procedure.
	<i>City Trees is all trees and shrubs growing on City-owned land including, but not limited to, titled City land, parkland, road right of way, environmental reserve, municipal reserve, public utility lots and urban</i>	<i>City Trees</i> means all trees and shrubs located on City-owned land including, but not limited to, titled City land, parkland, road right of way, environmental reserve, municipal reserve, public utility lots and urban services zones.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced “growing” with “located” to include both living or dead trees. Removed “with the exception of trees and shrubs on land which is under the jurisdiction of senior orders of government” as it is

	<i>services zones with the exception of trees and shrubs on land which is under the jurisdiction of senior orders of government.</i>		redundant to specify that the policy doesn't apply to land we don't control.
	None	Additional definition: <u>Corporate Tree Management</u> is a process in which decisions are made about ecological, administrative, social, legal, technical and scientific activities in the CoE Urban Forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added definition to expand upon the guiding principles of Corporate Tree Management.
	<u>Equitable Compensation</u> (a) For Ornamental Trees:	<u>Equitable Compensation</u> (a) For Boulevard and Open Space Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced “Ornamental” with “Boulevard and Open Space” to align with the terminology change made in the Policy.
	None	Additional definition: <u>Growth</u> can be in the form of a number of processes; including, but not limited to new plantings, naturalization efforts, and the expansion and regeneration of natural stands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added definition to provide examples of the various methods for increasing urban tree canopy. Growth is one of the guiding principles of the Policy so it should be well defined. During engagement, growth was a common theme that the public indicated was important.
	<u>Ornamental Trees</u> are all trees and shrubs growing on City-owned property; excluding	<u>Boulevard and Open Space Trees</u> means all City Trees excluding trees in Natural Stand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced “Ornamental” with “Boulevard and Open Space” to align with the terminology

	<i>trees in natural areas that are part of a Natural Stand or naturalized sites.</i>		<p>change made in the Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated the entire definition to make it simpler and clearer.
	None	<p>Additional definition: <u>Sustainability</u> is a process of maintaining ecological, social and economic stability of the CoE Urban Forest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability is referenced in the Policy purpose so it should be well defined. Added definition to expand upon the guiding principles of sustainability.
	None	<p>Additional definition: <u>Stewardship</u> encompasses the responsible care and long-term sustainability of the CoE Urban Forest, which will consist of applying emergent research, ecological principles and best management practices to guide the nature and extent of tree maintenance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added definition to incorporate feedback gathered from the public and stakeholders during engagement surveys, drop-in events, and workshops. Stewardship was an important theme that was consistently referenced during engagement.
	<i><u>Tree Preservation</u> is the act of conserving and protecting City Trees from damage, impacts or loss.</i>	<p><u>Tree Preservation</u> is the act of conserving and protecting City Trees from damage, impacts or loss; including, but not limited to replacement plantings, transplanting, inspecting and maintaining trees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added “including, but not limited to replacement plantings, transplanting, inspecting and maintaining trees” to provide more clarity on what tree preservation means.
Procedures 2.2.5	<i>Identify upcoming projects that may impact City Trees via the “On Street Construction and Maintenance” permit and other</i>	Identify upcoming projects that may impact City Trees and ensure projects follow all applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed “via the On Street Construction and Maintenance permit and other project circulations” as all upcoming

	<i>project circulations. Ensure projects follow all applicable policies, procedures, and guidelines and bylaws related to this Policy.</i>	policies, procedures, guidelines and bylaws related to this Policy.	projects that may impact City tree should be identified, not just the ones from On Street Construction and Maintenance permit and other project circulations.
Procedures 2.2.11.2	<i>Assess the monetary value of Ornamental Trees to determine Equitable Compensation for City Trees using the City of Edmonton Guidelines for Evaluation of Trees (Guidelines for Evaluation of Trees)</i>	Assess the monetary value of Boulevard and Open Space Trees to determine Equitable Compensation for City Trees using the City of Edmonton Guidelines for Evaluation of Trees (Guidelines for Evaluation of Trees).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced “Ornamental” with “Boulevard and Open Space” to align with the terminology change made in the Policy.
Procedures 2.2.11.4	<i>Assist other departments with Tree Maintenance and assessing the monetary value of Ornamental Trees and Natural Stand trees.</i>	Assist other departments with Tree Maintenance and assessing the monetary value of Boulevard and Open Space Trees and Natural Stand trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced “Ornamental” with “Boulevard and Open Space” to align with the terminology change made in the Policy.