

# THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**POLICY TITLE:** TREE PRUNING POLICY

**POLICY #** 6300

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of Council to balance the preservation of trees in residential neighbourhoods of the Village with property owners' desire to retain views from homes that were available at the time their homes were built.

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

Many residential properties were developed or treasured because of the view available from the lot.

Over the years trees have been planted for landscaping purposes and, in some instances, to stabilize steep banks.

Some of these trees have grown substantially, perhaps more so than had been anticipated when some trees were planted, to a point where the vista from some properties is obstructed

**POLICY GOAL:**

It is the goal of this policy to permit the pruning of trees on public property to preserve or restore views.

**POLICY OBJECTIVES:**

1. To consider requests from property owners to have trees pruned for the purpose of preserving or restoring views from their property.
2. To approve the pruning of trees requested by property owners on the condition that the pruning be done by bona fide tree service agencies.
3. To approve the pruning of trees requested by property owners on the condition that the property owner assume the cost of pruning and clean-up.

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Next scheduled to be reviewed on May 6, 2019