

THE HERITAGE TREES OF
REGINA PROGRAM

Trees are an important part of Regina's natural history. The City recognizes the unique and irreplaceable value of our landmark trees and proposes the establishment of a Heritage Trees of Regina Program.

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of The Heritage Trees of Regina Program is to locate, designate, catalogue and preserve for as long as possible the heritage trees of Regina. The trees must be within the city limits and may be located on public land or private property.

2.0 Protection of Public and Private Heritage Trees

2.1 Public Land

Heritage trees located on public land where feasible will be protected under the Heritage Tree Program. Landmark trees on public land must be identified on development plans and permit applications and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board in cases where the tree could be impacted by construction.

2.2 Private Land

Heritage trees located on private property will be designated with the owners consent. While the City cannot enforce protection of heritage trees on private property it is believed that conferring heritage status will afford the tree some protection by making the owner aware of its value to the community. The Urban Forestry Section, if requested, may provide the owner with assistance in caring for the tree. This could be in the form of maintenance advice or actual help in caring for the tree.

3.0 Categories of Heritage Trees

There are three categories of heritage trees: record trees, historical trees and notable trees.

3.1 Record Trees

This category includes the largest and oldest tree of the various species growing in Regina.

3.2 Historical Trees

Historical trees are those associated with a notable historical event such as a royal tour, centennial and anniversary celebration. The category also includes trees planted by visiting or local dignitaries on special occasions, and trees recognized as distinctive landmarks in the history of our city.

3.3 Notable Trees

Trees in this category include those with unique characteristics such as distinctive shapes or forms. Also included are trees that are genetic mutations and hybrids or may be unique because they have adapted to adverse conditions.

4.0 Public Participation in the Program

Public participation is important in locating and preserving heritage trees. An organization or an individual may nominate a tree or a group of trees. The Forestry Technician will conduct an on-site visit to assess the heritage merits of the trees nominated for heritage status. A Heritage Tree Selection Committee comprised of the Superintendent of Urban Forestry, the Forestry Technician, the Horticultural Extension Officer and a representative of the public will review nominations and determine which trees warrant heritage status. Those trees selected as heritage trees will be catalogued in An Honour Roll of Special Trees and may be identified with a plaque or other suitable form of identification. The description in the honour roll will give credit to the person nominating the selected tree.