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Policy

Lacombe County will support the establishment of shelterbelts in fields, farmyards, and along roadsides. Lacombe County will assist in the establishment of shelterbelts wherever possible with consideration given to public safety, as well as proper planning, establishment, and care of these shelterbelts. The shelterbelt program will be promoted to parties affected by our road construction program to enhance these projects.

Definitions

A. Farmstead Shelterbelts

Shelterbelts planted on the farmstead site mainly for farmyard protection.

B. Field and Roadside Shelterbelts

Shelterbelts are planted for the purpose of preventing soil erosion, protecting the county road system, and providing wildlife habitat. All ratepayers in the county are encouraged to plant field and roadside shelterbelts.

Regulations

1. Application forms may be obtained from the Manager of Agriculture Services office from June 1 to May 31 of each calendar year.
2. Trees shall be ordered the year prior to planting. A properly prepared seedbed is essential for a successful shelterbelt.
3. Charges:
 - a) Provincial application fee.
 - b) Provincial tree charges as set by the Provincial Tree Nursery.
 - c) Freight charges of \$2.00 per bundle for all tree orders including roadside and field shelterbelts.

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- d) Tree planter charges of \$30.00 per hour for the use of the tree planter, delivery and a crew of two for roadside and field shelterbelts. Charges to commence at the arrival of the planting site and end at the time of departure.

Charges for farmstead planting will be \$45.00 per hour based on arrival and departure times.

Charges will be reduced by \$10.00 per hour if only one County employee is used in the tree planting operation.

4. The tree planter and crew may be available for the following:
- a) Farmstead Shelterbelt - minimum 300 trees
 - b) Field and Roadside - minimum length of 1/4 mile or 300 trees or whichever is less.
5. Setback Requirements:
- a) Local road allowance of 20.1 m. (66 ft.) right-of-way
 - i) Minimum setback of 38.1 m. (125 ft.) from the centre line of the road for the first shelterbelt row.
 - ii) Minimum residential site shelterbelt setback distance of 15.2 m. (50 ft.) from the centre line of the road.
 - b) Secondary roads, designated county main roads with a 30.48 m. (100 ft.) right-of-way or greater
 - i) Minimum setback of 53.4 m. (175 ft.) from the centre line of the row for the first shelterbelt row.
 - ii) Minimum residential site shelterbelt setback distance of 24.6 m. (75 ft.) from the centre line of the road.
 - c) Intersections
 - i) No trees may be planted within 114.8 m. (350 ft.) in every direction from the centre of the intersection.