

Procedure 5.AG**Tree Acquisition**

Purpose To allow the County of Stettler No. 6 to set the criteria concerning application, planting, and inspection of trees.

Statement**1. Application:****a) Availability:**

Application forms are available from the County office.

b) Eligibility Requirement:

The eligibility requirements, as set by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration are followed.

2. Fees:

a) Freight charges are the responsibility of the Applicant on receipt of trees at the County of Stettler yard.

3. Site Preparation:

a) It is recommended that the site be summer-fallowed for one year before planting.

b) It is recommended that the Applicant consult the Agricultural Fieldman regarding chemical weed control of the site.

4. Planting:

a) **Trees classified as conservation or habitat planting:**

Under 200 – plant by hand.

Over 200 – may be planted with planter, if required.

b) The Agricultural Fieldman will set up a planting schedule.

c) The Agricultural Fieldman will notify the Applicant of the time of planting.

d) The Planter will be brought to the location, with one or two County employees to help plant.

e) The Applicant will have the site staked and provide a tractor to pull the Planter.

f) The Applicant will have one or two persons available to help plant.

g) Applicants ordering trees are obliged to pay mileage and expenses when County equipment and / or employees are required to make more than one trip to any farm to plant trees.

h) The Tree Planter may be rented by County ratepayers for non-conservation or habitat plantings subject to site inspection by the Agriculture Service Board Staff, for use on their land only (See Use of Equipment – Procedure 6. AGRI).

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- i) Priority for use of the Tree Planter shall be given to conservation or habitat plantings.

5. Inspections:

- a) Trees must be planted 60 meters from the centre of Provincial Highways 12 and 56. It is necessary to apply for a Development Permit from Alberta Transportation before applying for trees.
- b) The County of Stettler No. 6 requires that trees are back 23 meters from the centre of a rural road and 30.5 meters from the centre of a Secondary Highway, and other requirements as set out in the County of Stettler's Land Use Bylaw 704, as revised.
- c) In the case a planting site does not conform to setback requirements, the landowner will be required to transplant the trees to conform to Procedure.
- d) Planting sites will be inspected after planting is complete.
- e) Site inspection fees are payable when trees are received. No refunds.

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