

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BONNYVILLE NO. 87

Section: Environmental Development Services
Subsection: Agricultural Service Board
Authority: Director of Agricultural Services **Policy No:**
Title: Shelterbelt Tree Planting **60.63.09**

Policy Statement: The Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 will promote the planting of shelterbelt trees along road allowances to serve as windbreaks and to enhance the aesthetics and value of farmland.

Purpose: To encourage landowners within the M.D. of Bonnyville to plant trees where they have been cut or removed along road allowances.

Procedure: Landowners who wish to plant shelterbelt trees along the roadway where backsloping or clearing of trees along the fenceline has been completed may do so under the following conditions:

1. The trees will be planted a minimum of 30 metres (100 feet) away from the centerline of any roadway, including undeveloped road allowances however a greater distance is encouraged to facilitate the care and maintenance of the land lying between the shelterbelt and the roadway.
2. Trees may be obtained from PFRA at no cost provided the length of the shelterbelt is a minimum of 500 metres (1640 feet).
3. The type of trees that may be ordered through PFRA include: Green Ash, Acute Leaf Willow, Chokecherry, Caragana, Villosa Lilac, Dogwood, Hedge Rose, Silver Buffaloberry, Sea Buckthorn, Snowberry, White Spruce and Siberian Larch.
4. To obtain these trees, an '*Application for Farmstead Trees*' must be completed and sent to Alberta Nurseries (this form can be obtained from the Alberta Agriculture or Agricultural Fieldman's office).
5. The application must be completed and mailed by March 15th of the year in which the trees are to be planted.
6. Other tree varieties may be ordered from a nursery of the landowner's choice at the regular nursery price.
7. The planting of the trees is the landowner's responsibility, however, assistance may be requested from the M.D. for the use of a tree planter and mulch applicator to enable faster planting and better survivability of the trees.
8. The assistance provided will be in the form of labor for the planting of trees and application of mulch to the trees.

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