

APPENDIX B

TREE COMPENSATION POLICY

Where the removal or clearing of trees has been approved by the Woodlands Conservation By-law Committee (“the Committee”) via a Committee Exemption, the applicant/landowner will typically compensate for the removal or clearing of trees at a minimum ratio of 1:1, based on the area of the trees that have been approved for removal or clearing. Committee may impose a higher ratio where it is deemed to be appropriate.

Planting replacement trees will generally occur on the same property for which the Committee Exemption has been approved. However, planting replacement trees on another property within the County that is owned by the applicant/landowner may also be considered by the Committee.

Replanting Protocol

The County, in consultation with the Conservation Authority having jurisdiction, will generally encourage the location of compensatory replanting where opportunities exist to:

- establish connections and/or ‘fill in’ areas in identified natural heritage corridors;
- enhance or expand existing natural heritage features such as, but not limited to, designated wetlands, significant habitat or areas of natural and scientific interest;
- retire marginal land; or
- create or enhance riparian buffers, windbreaks and/or shelterbelts.

Replanting Plan

Where compensatory replanting is required as a condition of Committee Exemption, said replanting will be undertaken in accordance with a Replanting Plan prepared to the satisfaction of the Woodlands Conservation By-law Officer or designate. A Replanting Plan shall generally include the following components:

- a map of the site showing existing vegetation and the area(s) proposed to be planted;
- a description of the site preparation required prior to planting;
- a list of tree species to be planted on the site and the source of trees to be used;
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The owner/applicant shall be required to enter into an agreement with the County which sets out all planting requirements together with securities sufficient to ensure the implementation of the Replanting Plan. The said securities will be in a form satisfactory to the County and the release of the securities will generally be in accordance with the following:

- the site will be inspected by the Woodlands Conservation By-law Officer or designate upon completion of the planting as set out in the Replanting Plan;
- a follow-up inspection will be completed by the Woodlands Conservation By-law Officer or designate within two (2) years (but not prior to one (1) year) of the initial inspection;
 - where the replanting as stipulated in the Replanting Plan has maintained a survival rate of not less than 95%, securities will be returned in full;
 - where the survival rate of the said replanting has fallen below 95%, the owner/applicant shall provide additional planting accordingly or alternatively, the County may use all or part of the securities to implement the Replanting Plan.

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