

COUNCIL POLICY:

Heritage Tree Designation Policy

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Upon the recommendation of Communities in Bloom or the Historical Society or some other Town committee, community organization, or a private citizen, Town Council may choose to designate a certain tree or group of trees in the community as Heritage trees. Heritage Tree designations will serve to recognize a tree for its historical significance in the Town of Cardston.

This designation can be made by a simple resolution of council stating the location of such tree or trees, the species of tree(s), the reason the tree(s) are to be designated as heritage trees, the date the trees were planted if known, and any other interesting historical information.

Once the Heritage tree designation has been made, the requesting body may provide signage for the designated trees at their cost. If the trees are on public property, the Town will designate or provide a mounting for the signage. The signage must be of a professional and permanent nature such as a plaque. If the tree is on private property then the request must come from the property owner, and the property owner must arrange, or give permission for any signage to be attached.

Heritage trees on public property will be maintained by the Town through the Town's regular tree maintenance program. Heritage Tree designations will not necessarily protect the tree from future development or removal; discretion will be given to the property owner. If any of these trees on public property need to be removed due to disease or damage, the Town may consider replacing it with a successive tree of similar type to carry on the designation. Care of trees on private property will be the responsibility of the property owner in accordance with the Town's unsightly property bylaw. If a designated tree is removed for any reason, and not replaced, then the signage associated with that tree may be donated to the Historical Society.



