

## Shelterbelt Program Policy

Subject: Shelterbelt

Ref: ASB

CODE: 63

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Replaces: New

The County of Northern Lights believes in supporting healthy ecosystems within our County through the encouragement of shelterbelts.

Shelterbelts provide a windbreak, erosion control, drift protection, aesthetics, carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat for insects and wildlife. The County will administer a cost recovery shelterbelt program in conjunction with an approved supplier.

  
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Chief Elected Official

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The County will encourage the growth of shelterbelts to promote a healthier ecosystem.

## **2.0 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

2.1 Will provide direction, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for carrying out this policy.

## **3.0 AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES**

3.1 Will administer the program and negotiate with an approved supplier.

3.2 Will determine most desirable species and provide information to participants.

3.3 Will collect trees and oversee disbursement.

## **4.0 PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

4.1 Will order, pay for and pick up trees from the County within the allotted times.

4.2 Will follow the guidelines for planting restrictions within the County, as outlined:

- Stay 15 m from a powerline.
- When planting parallel to a roadside a participant will plant a minimum of 30 m from the property line or 40 m from the centre of the road.
- When planting perpendicular to a roadside a participant will plant a minimum of 15 m from the property line or 25 m from the centre of the road.
- When planning shelterbelts plan for the size of farming implements to be able to access land, if applicable.
- Exceptions to the planting restrictions can be approved by Council on an individual basis.

4.3 Failure to adhere to the planting restrictions will render the participant liable for the removal of the shelterbelt.

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**5.0 RECOVERY OF EXPENSES**

5.1 The County will administer a cost recovery Shelterbelt Program.

5.2 Cost recovery will be based on the price established with an approved supplier plus the established fee for the County to administer the program.

5.3 Anyone wishing to participate in the Shelterbelt Program must not be indebted to the County in any amount greater than \$50.00.



## County of Northern Lights

### Shelterbelt Program Application

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LLD OF PLANTING SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out planting plan and return to the County of Northern Lights or mail to:

Attn: Blake Gaugler  
P.O. Box 10  
#600, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Manning, AB  
T0H2M0

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that I have read, understood and agreed to the terms and conditions as outlined by the County of Northern Lights within the Shelterbelt Program Policy.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Please indicate:

- \* Planting site location
- \* Visible erosion areas
- \* Roadways & access points
- \* Powerlines
- \* Major construction or pipeline corridors
- \* Waterways & other shelterbelts
- \* Location of proposed shelterbelt

NW	NE
SW	SE

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Council motion to wave restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_