

## POLICY REGISTER

**TITLE:** TREES –WATERING TREE PLANTING POLICY

**STRATEGIC PROGRAM:** NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

**DIVISION:** INFRASTRUCTURE & SERVICE DELIVERY

**POLICY:** That the Municipal Engineer's report on watering of street trees and street tree planting policy modifications be adopted by Council as follows:

1. Street tree planting will only be undertaken during the period of April to November (inclusive) each year – irrespective of owner/resident guarantees to care for the new tree(s). This period can be modified under the authority of the Municipal Engineer to adjust for climatic changes.
2. During the period December to March (inclusive) when planting is stopped. Council's resources shall be directed towards watering, weeding and mulching of new street tree plantings, undertaken in the proceeding period. (All plantings will be logged and scheduled for regular maintenance).
3. Watering shall be undertaken by utilising a 2160 litre fibreglass tank (with motor, hoses etc) to be purchased and fitted onto our existing street tree planting truck at a total estimated costs of \$3,500. This tank is to be readily removable –if necessary from the tray during the planting period. Watering shall be a 2 person operation and will include weeding, remulching, restaking etc. of the trees.  
  
Liquid fertiliser will also be used in the water take to promote growth.
4. Resident/owner requested for street tree planting during the December to March period will be noted (and replies to correspondence sent) for inclusion in the proceeding planting works.
5. Because of an accumulated backlog of street tree planting requests during the affected period, street tree planting project (initiated by the Committee for example) should be scheduled for commencement no earlier than June each year. (Currently there are approximately 70

outstanding planting requests, about half of which require sawcutting and path excavation, and therefore requiring about 1.5 to 2 months to complete.

6. The net results of the above is intended to:
- Increase the survival rate of newly planted trees
  - Ensure there is no increase in Council's recurrent expenditures
  - Provide a forward operational plan for overall street tree planting operations.

**RESOLUTION: Minute No. C211/91 (T8/91) of Ordinary Meeting 21 May 1991**