



Common Terms

Administrator	The Manager of By-law Enforcement, the Director of Operations, or the Director of Planning or their designates.
Boundary Tree	A Tree where any part of its trunk or root flare grows or encroaches beyond a defined parcel line.
Building Permit	A building permit issued under the <i>Building Code Act</i> , 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23, as amended, or any successor thereto.
Dead or Dying Tree	As determined by a Qualified Tree Expert, a Tree with no living tissue, a Tree where seventy-five (75) percent or more of its crown is dead, or a Tree infected by a lethal pathogen.
Destruction	The removal, ruin, harm, or interference with a Tree, its branches, roots, or water supply, including causing irreversible Injury to a Tree, but does not include the pruning or removal of branches for maintenance purposes provided any such pruning or removal is in accordance with Good Arboricultural Practices.
Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)	The diameter, measured outside the bark of the stem or trunk of a Tree, and shall be measured at a point 1.37 metres above the existing grade of the ground adjoining its base or, where there are multiple stems to a Tree, measure each stem at 1.37m and use the quadratic equation to determine the sum of the square root to equal effective DBH, that is, multiply each stem measurement by itself, add up all of the stems, and calculate the square root of the total to find the number to record as DBH.
Good Arboriculture Practice	The proper implementation of removal, renewal, or maintenance of Trees, based on generally accepted industry standards and best practices.
Hazard Tree	A Tree or part of a Tree that is severely damaged to the extent that it is, or poses, an immediate safety threat to human life or property, as determined by a Qualified Tree Expert.
Injury	Whether accidental or not, acts that cause damage to a Tree including its branches, roots, or water supply, but does not include the pruning or removal of branches for maintenance purposes provided any such pruning or removal is in accordance with Good Arboricultural Practices.
Nursery	Lands on which the principal business carried on is the propagation and selling of plants, shrubs or Trees, and includes a Tree farm, but does not include any lands which are not devoted to the propagation and selling of plants, shrubs or Trees;
Owner	A Person having any right, title, interest, or equity in land or property, including an occupant, tenant or lessee, and any such Person's authorized representative.
Permit	Permission or authorization given in writing by the Administrator to Injure or Destroy a Tree.
Qualified Tree Expert	A person who has graduated from an accredited college or university with a diploma or degree in forestry, arboriculture, or equivalent and satisfies at least one of the following requirements: (i) is certified either by Skilled Trades Ontario or the International Society of Arboriculture; (ii) is currently accepted as a consulting Arborist with the American Society of Consulting Arborists; (iii) is a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified arborist; (iv) is a Registered Professional Forester (R.P.F.), as defined in the Ontario Professional Foresters Act, 2000, S.O. 2000, c.18; or (v) has comparable qualifications to those set out under clauses (i) to (iv) above and is approved by the Administrator.
Tree	Any species of woody perennial plant, including its root system, which has reached or can reach a height of at least 4.5 metres at maturity, and where multiple above grade stems grow from the same root system and share the same root flare they shall be considered a single tree.
Tree Preservation Zone	The area where construction related activities are prohibited to prevent Injury to Trees being preserved during construction and where barriers, fencing either vertical or horizontal hoardings are installed to City standard as per approved drawing detail.
Woodland	Land at least 1 hectare in area and with at least: (i) 1,000 Trees, of any size, per hectare; (ii) 750 Trees measuring over five (5) centimetres DBH per hectare; (iii) 500 Trees measuring over twelve (12) centimetres DBH per hectare; or (iv) 250 Trees measuring over twenty (20) centimetres DBH per hectare; but does not include a Nursery, a cultivated fruit or nut orchard, or a plantation established for the purpose of producing Christmas trees or Nursery stock.
Woodlot	Land at least 0.2 hectares in area and no greater than 1 hectare in area, with at least: (i) 200 Trees, of any size, per 0.2 hectares; (ii) 150 Trees, measuring over five (5) centimetres DBH, per 0.2 hectare; (iii) 100 Trees, measuring over twelve (12) centimetres DBH, per 0.2 hectare; or (iv) 50 Trees, measuring over twenty (20) centimetres DBH, per 0.2 hectare; but does not include a Nursery, a cultivated fruit or nut orchard, or a plantation established for the purpose of producing Christmas trees or Nursery stock.

BY-LAW 2023-164: SECTION 8: PERMITS

Any Person who intends to Injure or Destroy a Tree or whose conduct may reasonably result in the Injury or Destruction of a Tree, including a Dead or Dying Tree or a Hazard Tree, shall apply for a Permit by submitting the following to the City as required by the Administrator:

- a completed Permit application form as prescribed by the City;
- an application fee as prescribed by Fees By-law 2002-276, as amended, and/or Licensing, Permit and Service Fees By-Law 2012-137, as amended;
- a photo of the Tree;
- for the Injury or Destruction of a Private Boundary Tree, the written consent of the other Owner(s);
- for the Injury or Destruction of a Public Boundary Tree, the written authorization of the City;
- an Arborist Report in a form satisfactory to the Administrator;
- a detailed drawing showing the location of the Tree and other nearby trees, buildings, or structures;
- a Tree Management Plan;
- any mitigation measures, site inspection details, or other specifications; and/or
- any information or documentation as required by the administrator