

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

SECTION NO.	SECTION NAME:	POLICY NO.
5000	PARKS	5003.2

SUBJECT: TREE CUTTING - UNAUTHORIZED TREE-DAMAGING ACTIVITIES

1. Where unauthorized topping, pruning, cutting, trimming or removal of trees has occurred, the property owner will be required to financially compensate the District of North Saanich based on the following costs:
 - a. All costs associated with a field survey that may be required to determine ownership of trees;
 - b. The cost of an ISA Certified Arborists tree evaluation report to determine the current condition and hazard potential of the trees in question;
 - c. All costs associated with any further remedial work that may be required to remove any further hazards as recommended by an ISA Certified Arborist;
 - d. All costs to re-establish replacement trees of the same species over a five year maintenance period;
 - e. Costs of loss of amenity value to the community as established by an ISA Certified Arborists.
2. For the purposes of this policy the following terms are defined as:
 - a) Topping – The cutting back of a trees top leader.
 - b) Pruning – removal of no more than ¼ of trees foliage.
 - c) Cutting – The cutting of live branches no more than 1/3 the diameter of the main stem.
 - d) Trimming – Minor pruning to improve health or to cultivate a Hedgerow.
 - e) Removal – The complete cutting of a tree’s main stem near ground elevation.
3. The District reserves the right to allocate any replacement trees to an alternate location at its sole discretion.