

TREE TRIMMING

Tree maintenance is important for a number of reasons, including traffic visibility, pedestrian safety, maintaining clear roadways and walking paths, and protecting municipal infrastructure.

To help our Public Works department keep up with this work more efficiently, the Village purchased a sickle bar attachment for our skidsteer, which is a tree trimming tool. This has made a significant difference in the amount of staff time required to complete tree trimming. Work that previously took considerably more time and labour can now be completed much more efficiently.

This is a great example of how investing in the right equipment can improve efficiency. There will always be trees that need attention, but this attachment will be an important tool going forward and will help us stay ahead of tree maintenance rather than continually falling behind.

There is still work to be done throughout the Village, and this year has been a particularly quick growing season. In some areas where trees were already trimmed earlier, the growth has come back quickly, which means this is an ongoing maintenance task rather than something we can simply complete once and be finished with.

Also worked on this year, was trimming/clearing shrubs and trees that surround fire hydrants. This work was completed to ensure the hydrants remain visible and readily accessible for emergency responders. We are required to clear vegetation, with a 1 metre radius of adequate clearance maintained around them so they can be accessed quickly during emergency or for maintenance.