

# **Important Information** **for the** **2019 Tree Planting Season**

Forests Ontario Foundation has announced new tree planting incentive programs. The incentives, which offer significant subsidies per planted tree, will be offered on a first come first served basis for a limited allocation of trees.

The details of the programs are as follows:

## ***The 50 Million Tree Program –***

- Landowners are required to sign a 15 year agreement to basically not remove / intentionally harm the trees.
- The landowners cost will be a minimum of 15 cents per tree. **Should total the project costs exceed the maximum Trees Ontario subsidy the landowner is responsible for the extra costs.** The current subsidy is \$1.50 per tree.
- The minimum requirement is a 2.5 ac “Block” planting.
- Windbreaks will qualify if connected to the original block planting.
- Only “normal” common species (i.e. no exotics) as suggested within Saugeen’s list.
- Vegetation control must be carried out whether it is by us or the landowner.
- The trees must be planted by an approved planting agency such as Saugeen Conservation.

For additional details regarding this program, please read the information on the following pages. To apply for the above program, landowners must complete the **tree planting application form** and submit it to the Conservation Authority.

## 50 MILLION TREE PROGRAM

The Owner of the Property agrees to the following terms:

- 1) To contribute a minimum \$ .15 per tree toward plantation establishment costs beyond any in-kind contribution they may make toward implementing the Site Plan (any costs in excess of the Trees Ontario subsidy (\$1.35) plus the landowner contribution (\$ 0.15) are the responsibility of the landowner). **Any costs exceeding \$1.65 per tree (combined amount of the subsidy of \$1.50 and the landowner contribution of \$0.15 per tree) are the responsibility of the landowner or may be paid by other programs where available;**
- 2) At my expense, to protect the trees from fire, livestock, pests (e.g. mice, insects, disease), machinery damage, and excessive weed growth, to the best of my ability;
- 3) Not to cut, harvest, or otherwise remove the trees from the planted area for a minimum of 15 years after planting;
- 4) To allow the Planting Agency (PDA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR-F) or Forests Ontario Foundation (FOF) representatives entry onto the Property to conduct post-planting inspections and survival assessments. FOF and MNR will not enter any property or project area without permission of the landowner and accompaniment of the PDA.
- 5) Agree to the implementation of a Site Plan prepared by the Program Delivery Agent (PDA).
- 6) To have a sign posted on the Property by the PDA describing the Program;
- 7) The Owner, in applying for this program (herein referred to as the "Program"), hereby agrees to assure in advance of planting:
  - a) That the planting area is adequately fenced from livestock, and;
  - b) That the site is clear of movable debris to allow access for site preparation, planting and tending operations: These provisions will be done at the landowner's expense;
- 8) If the planting location is not fenced or cleared of debris, the PDA reserves the right to not proceed with the planting project and the project will be cancelled.
- 9) The PDA, MNR and FOF are not responsible for the failure of a tree or trees to become established but will make all possible efforts to see that the project is properly designed and carried out.
- 10) To absolve the PDA, MNR-F and FOF, of any liability in connection with projects undertaken through the planting program on the Property;
- 11) To indemnify and save harmless the PDA, MNR-F and FOF from and against all costs, claims, demands, suits, actions, and judgments made, brought or recovered against the PDA, MNR-F and TOF resulting from or arising out of any alleged act or omission by the Owner, in connection with the services provide or purported to be provided pursuant to this Agreement;
- 12) In the event that the seedling stock is unavailable or the PDA is unable to deliver the Program, the planting will be cancelled and the Owner will receive a full refund of the funds paid by the Owner to the PDA.
- 13) In the event that the Owner sells the Property, all obligations of the Owner under this agreement will cease.