

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

BY-LAW NO. 2019-17

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT A TREE CANOPY POLICY
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY**

WHEREAS Section 270 (1), paragraph 7 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, requires municipalities to adopt and maintain a policy with respect to the manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to adopt a tree canopy policy;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the "Tree Canopy Policy" attached hereto as Schedule "A", be and is hereby adopted.
2. That Schedule "A" is deemed to form part of this by-law.
3. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on March 1, 2019.

By-law read a first and second time this 7th day of March, 2019.

By-law read a third time and passed this 7th day of March 2019.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer

Schedule "A"

Planning Department Policies		
SECTION: Planning	DATE: February 12 2019	POL #TC-01
POLICY: Tree Canopy		

PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance on how the Township of Admaston/Bromley will address the protection and enhancement of the tree canopy and natural vegetation within the municipality.

PRINCIPLE

The Township of Admaston/Bromley supports the Energy Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change policy under the Provincial Policy Statement 2014. This policy supports improved air quality, and climate change adaptation through land use and development patterns which preserve and enhance the level and quality of tree cover and natural vegetation within developed areas of the municipality.

The *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25* has been amended to include the following provisions:

Section 270 (1) A municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the following matters:

7. *The manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality. (2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 32)*

DEFINITIONS

“Natural Vegetation” refers to plants and other flora that make up the plant life in the municipality; refers to plant life of a particular region that has developed in an environment untouched by man and is the combined result of prevailing climate, soil and biotic conditions.

“Tree Canopy” refers to the upper layer or habitat zone, formed by mature tree crowns and includes other biological organisms; refers to the extent of the outer layer of leaves of an individual tree or group of trees.

POLICY

Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley encourages the protection of natural vegetation and tree canopy for environmental and aesthetic reasons. It is the Township’s objective to preserve and enhance the level and quality of tree cover within developed areas of the Township and to optimize the use of native species in order to promote design and development which:

1. Considers the mitigating effects of vegetation; and
2. Maximizes vegetation within settlement areas, where feasible.

MONITORING/ENFORCEMENT

The Clerk-Treasurer, or his/her delegate, in consultation with the County of Renfrew Planning Department, shall be responsible for monitoring the application of this policy and for receiving complaints and/or concerns related to this policy.