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DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

COMMEMORATIVE BENCH AND TREE PROGRAM

Established by Council on July 25, 2005 – Resolution No. 24535
Amended by Council on January 14, 2008 – Resolution No.25956
Amended by Council on March 29, 2016 – Resolution No. 29806

PURPOSE:

The District is providing this program to help in enhancing and beautifying our parks and paths while providing the means for individuals, businesses or organizations to honor a great achievement, an anniversary or other milestone, or to remember someone who has passed away.

POLICY:

The commemorative bench and tree program allows you to contribute to the cost of a specific park bench or tree in the District.

For benches, the donation covers the cost of the bench, the installation, the concrete and the plaque. The donation amount is \$1430 per bench. ~~Ten years after installation there will be a maintenance fee of \$500.~~

For trees, the donation covers the plaque, the cost of the tree, all site preparations, planting and maintenance. The donation amount is \$500 per tree.

Income tax receipts are issued for all donations.

In order to ensure that all community members, including those with disabilities, have equitable access to the commemorative benches, the District will prioritize accessible locations that comply with universal design principles and accessibility standards as updated. The Director of Operations shall approve the location of the commemorative Benches and Trees.

Plaques will be purchased and installed by the Public Works Department. There will be the option to purchase 1 (one) additional plaque per bench, with the added cost plus a 15% administration fee borne by the purchaser. All plaques must be located on the backrest, not on the seat or base. A standard bronze plaque is used on benches (3 inches x 7 inches). Standard plaques allow space for four lines of copy, a maximum of 32 letters/spaces per line (the spaces between words are included in this figure). No profanity may be used in the message on the plaque.

Donations to the District for a bench or tree do not constitute ownership of the item, the land upon which it is situated or the surrounding lands. The District retains the right to use the lands adjacent to donated items as it deems appropriate.