



Summer Village of Val Quentin Boulevard & Maintenance Policy

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear responsibilities and maintenance standards for boulevards within the Summer Village of Val Quentin. The policy provides guidance for property owners, residents, and the municipality to ensure boulevards are maintained in a safe, attractive, and environmentally responsible manner.

2. Authority

This policy is authorized under the **Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26**, and any relevant municipal bylaws of the Summer Village of Val Quentin.

3. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

- **Boulevard**

Public land located within the municipal road right-of-way that lies between the property line and the roadway, including ditches, slopes, and adjacent vegetated areas not part of the driving surface.

- **Grass-Cutting Cycle**

The designated frequency at which the Summer Village will complete mowing of boulevards under its responsibility.

- **Municipal Boulevards**

Boulevards on municipal road rights-of-way not assigned to private property owners through development agreements or specific local improvement conditions.

4. Responsibilities

4.1 Adjacent Property Owners

Adjacent property owners are responsible for:

- Mowing grass and controlling weeds on the boulevard adjacent to their property.
- **Cutting Cycle:** Every **2–3 weeks** during the growing season (May–September)
- **Target Grass Height:** Not to exceed **15 cm (6 inches)**
- Watering and maintaining vegetation planted on the boulevard, unless otherwise maintained by the municipality.
- Removing litter, debris, and leaves from the boulevard area.
- Reporting any damage to municipal infrastructure (e.g., trees, drainage, signage) located within the boulevard.

Adjacent property owners **shall not**:

- Place landscape materials such as rocks, fences, timbers, or structures that may create hazards or impede maintenance.
- Deposit clippings or yard waste into ditches or roadways
- Alter grading or vegetation in a manner that impedes drainage
- Plant trees or shrubs without prior written approval from the Summer Village
- Use the boulevard for parking, storage, or placement of personal property.

4.2 Municipality

The Summer Village of Val Quentin will:

- Maintain boulevard trees, including pruning, planting, or removal as required for safety and health.
- Undertake repairs to municipal infrastructure located within the boulevard.
- Conduct mowing or vegetation control where required for safety, drainage, or visibility near intersections and signage.
- The Summer Village of Val Quentin will maintain boulevards in a condition that enables adjacent property owners to mow grass as required without causing unnecessary wear or damage to their equipment.

5. Standards

Boulevards shall be maintained in a condition that:

- Provides clear sightlines for pedestrians and motorists.
- Minimizes the spread of noxious weeds.
- Enhances the appearance of the community.
- Prevents obstruction of drainage or public utilities.

Where a boulevard is not maintained to the standards of this policy, the Summer Village may provide written notice to the property owner requiring compliance within a specified time. Failure to comply may result in the Summer Village performing the work at the property owner's expense, as authorized by bylaw.

6. Exceptions

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) may grant written approval for alternative landscaping treatments, decorative features, or maintenance arrangements, provided they do not interfere with municipal services, safety, or accessibility.

7. Review

This policy shall be reviewed every **three (3) years** or sooner if deemed necessary by Council or Administration.

8. Effective Date

This policy shall come into effect upon approval of Council.

Signed:

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CAO Marlene Walsh