

**SECTION 4 – OPERATIONAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS**

**4.3.2.1 (b) PRUNING/TRIMMING SHRUBS**

1. **Safety and Clearance Pruning:** The Contractor\* is responsible for performing all pruning and trimming activities related to Safety and Clearance of all shrubs on the Lands within the boundaries of this Contract. These activities include maintenance pruning techniques (e.g.; rejuvenation pruning, shearing, hedge trimming, candling, etc.), removing hazardous or dangerous branches, establishing clearance corridor so that persons and vehicles can easily see all signage, safely use circulation corridors (e.g. trails, pathways, roads, sidewalks, etc.) and safely use urban/recreational infrastructure and spaces (e.g. lampposts, benches, picnic tables, public parks and spaces, vistas, etc.).
2. **Time Frame:** The Contractor must perform all pruning/trimming activities within a time frame which is appropriate given the nature of the risk each specific shrub represents. Branches, shrubs which represent an obvious and immediate danger to persons or property must be secured immediately and pruned/trimmed within 24 hours.
3. **Structural, Aesthetic and Maintenance Pruning:** The Contractor will be responsible for all pruning of shrubs on the Lands within the boundaries of this Contract. Those activities are related to the appearance and the growth habit of a woody plan and its development and health. This includes controlling size, rejuvenating, removing dead branches, trimming hedges, candling, etc., for both deciduous and coniferous shrubs. All shrub pruning must be done in a way that maintains the natural growth habit of the plant.

\* All pruning to be performed by personnel who are familiar with ISA Best Management Practices. Refer to clearances specified in special requirements (1, 2 and 3).

Class A	Class B	Class C	Class N
All shrubs are pruned annually or as required to maintain size, natural growth, safety and clearances.	All shrubs are pruned annually or as required to maintain size, natural growth, safety and clearances.	As required for safety and clearances.	As required for safety and clearances.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Roadway clearances: 1.5 metres wide on each side and 5 metres high over roadways.
2. Pathway/sidewalk clearances: 1.5 metres wide on each side.
3. Turf area clearances: 2 meters high over area, except where natural where natural form of tree/shrub is affected.
4. The CMO shall establish if any wood debris shall remain in forested areas. If so, wood shall be cut in 1 meter long lengths before being dispersed or chipped.
5. Clean up and remove all debris from site after each work day.
6. Special attention shall be paid to shrubs in all public parks, open spaces and linear corridors including playgrounds; all branches to be trimmed well back to avoid eye injury.
7. Emergency pruning/trimming shall be undertaken immediately.
8. The CMO shall approve the methods and timing of all shrub pruning.