

SECTION 4 – OPERATIONAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS

4.3.2 TREES/SHRUBS DECIDUOUS/CONIFEROUS (continued)

4.3.2.1 (a) PRUNING/TRIMMING TREES

1. **Safety and Clearance Pruning:** The Contractor* is responsible for performing all pruning and trimming activities to ensure the maintenance of Safety and Clearance requirements around all trees on the Lands within the boundaries of this Contract Safety and Clearance. These activities include dead-wooding i.e. removing dead or decaying branches (whether resulting from but not limited to the tree’s normal aging/evolution, the elements, a disease, accident or an infestation caused by pests), 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.). Pruning includes cutting back branches or trees that encroach on or are too close to neighbouring sites. The Contractor is also responsible to maintain and clear existing vistas annually. However, the Contractor will not be required to prune/trim the dead or decaying branches of trees which are located in a forested area provided that they do not constitute a safety hazard (e.g. are far enough from circulation corridors, recreational infrastructures and neighbouring sites that, if/when one of their branches falls, said corridors, infrastructures and neighbours will not be affected).
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 tree represents. Branches, trees which represent an obvious and immediate danger to persons or property must be secured immediately and pruned/trimmed within 24 hours.

* All pruning to be performed by certified arborists and in accordance with arboriculture practices (International Society of Arboriculture). Exceptions will be on a limited basis and the work shall be performed by personnel who are familiar with ISA Best Management Practices for tree pruning. Refer to clearances specified in special requirements (1, 2 and 3).

Class A	Class B	Class C	Class N
As required for Safety and Clearance.			

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 and 3 metres high over pathways and sidewalks.
3. Turf area clearances: 2 metres high over area (except where natural form of tree is affected).
4. The CMO shall establish if any wood is to remain in forested areas. If so, wood shall be cut in 1 metre long sections before being dispersed or chipped in accordance with CMO directives.
5. Clean up and remove all debris from site after each work day.
6. Special attention shall be paid to trees 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.