



Memorial Tree and Bench Program

Purpose

The Township of Minden Hills strives to preserve and protect its natural landscape for its many residents and visitors alike. The Memorial Tree & Bench Program is one way for relatives and friends to take part in this important cause. The gift of a tree is a lasting tribute that benefits the community and natural environment, and memorial benches offer a unique remembrance of a loved one in one of Minden Hills' many beautiful settings.

The Program will operate on a full cost-recovery basis while contributing to the "greening" of Minden Hills and increasing park and cemetery amenities.

Requests

Any person wishing to donate a tree or bench to a Township park, cemetery or facility must complete a [Memorial Tree and Bench Program Request Form](#).

For spring planting the application deadline is April 1.

For fall planting the application deadline is September 1.

Donation requests may be forwarded to Community Services Department, 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 Telephone: 705-286-1936 ext:200
Email: communityservicesbookings@mindenhills.ca

Plaques

Memorial Trees will receive a plaque recognizing the donor, type of tree and where the tree is located which will be located on the Memorial Tree Plaque located in a Township Building like Nature's Place or a Community Centre.

Plaques will be provided for Memorial Benches and will be affixed after installation is complete. Benches will have the plaque placed on the back rest.



Bench plaques may contain the words "in honor of" or "in memory of" as appropriate. Please note that there may be extended lead time to allow for the installation process.

Trees

The gift of a tree is a lasting tribute and will benefit the community, off-set carbon footprints and be appreciated by visitors for decades to come.

Cost per tree is \$500.00 plus HST which includes materials, planting and maintenance.

In the event that the tree should die, become diseased or vandalized, the Memorialized Tree will be replaced by the Township, at no charge to the applicant, within three years of the original planting date.

The Township reserves the right to determine and limit the species requested in the Memorial Tree program. Tree species are determined by availability and design plans for the park. Trees will be 50 mm caliper or larger. Trees are required to be a native species to the area. The following are acceptable species for the Memorial Tree Program;



Sugar Maple



Red Maple



Red Oak



White Birch



White Pine



White Spruce



White Cedar



Eastern Hemlock

Benches

Memorial benches have increased in popularity as a special remembrance of a loved one.

Cost per bench is \$2,000.00 plus HST which includes customized bench, materials, memorial label and installation.

Memorial benches and associated plaques will be maintained by the Township for a maximum of 5 years, at no cost to the applicant. Bench and plaque repair/replacement after 5 years will be charged to the applicant if they wish to continue supporting the Memorial Bench Program.

Location

The Township has several parks, cemeteries and facilities available for donation of trees and benches where they will be well looked after. Not all park or cemetery areas are suitable for dedicated planting or bench placement. Every effort will be made to accommodate the request of the donor. The Township reserves the right to determine and limit the number and locations of a benches and trees.

Locations include:

- Riverwalk
- Panorama Park
- Harrington Park (Wild Water Preserve)
- Rotary Park and Beach
- Snowdon Park
- Furnace Falls Park
- Lutterworth Park
- Minden Community Centre
- Lochlin Community Centre
- Irondale Community Centre
- Minden Cemetery
- 12 Mile Cemetery
- Bethel Cemetery
- Gelert Cemetery

