

Wellington North Power Inc. Policy & Procedures

2060 Vegetation Management		
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1 PURPOSE:

- 1.1. The purpose of this procedure is to define the vegetation management responsibilities for Wellington North Power Inc. staff to maintain a safe and reliable distribution system.

2 SCOPE:

- 2.1 This policy is applicable to the operations staff of Wellington North Power Inc.

3 DEFINITIONS:

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4 APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:

- 4.1 *Electrical Utility Safety Rules (EUSR) published by Infrastructure Health and Safety Association of Ontario (IHSA), (Most Recent Version)*
- 4.2 *ESA Reg. 22/04 more specifically Section 4(4)*
- 4.3 *ESA Bulletin DSB-02/09*
- 4.4 *Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) Safe Practice Guide 8: Line Clearing Operations*

In addition, other regulations as issued and legislation as enacted, from time to time.

5 RESPONSIBILITIES:

Refer to the Electricity Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects for the complete comprehensive list.

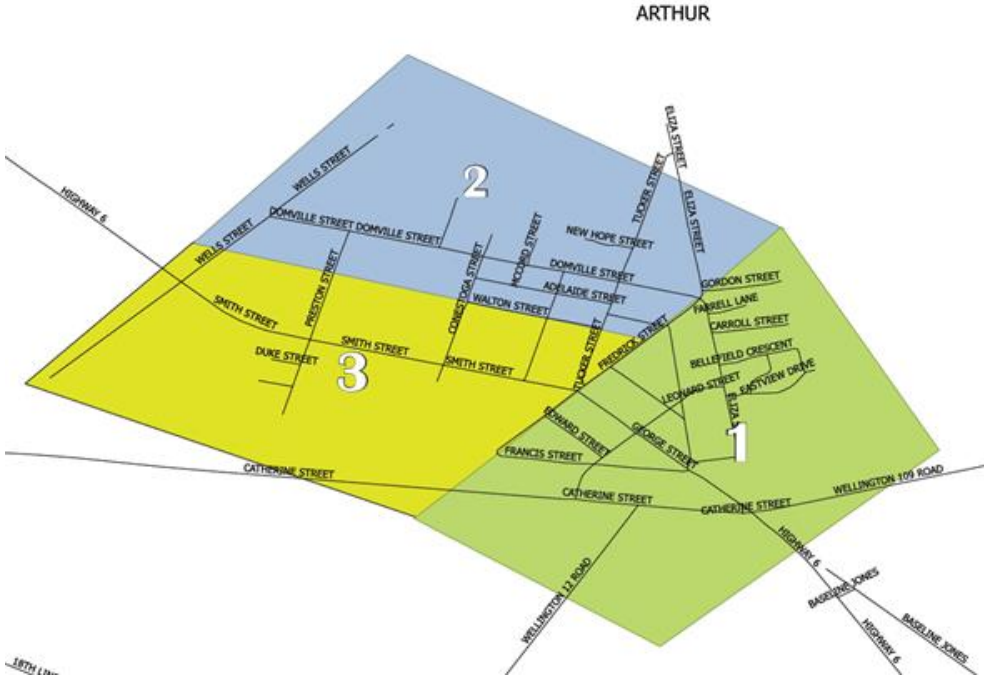
- 5.1 Wellington North Power Inc. has the responsibility to maintain safe minimum clearances between trees and power lines as well as service lines that feed homes and businesses. Wellington North Power Inc. is responsible to trim trees both within the municipal roadway and on private lands to ensure safe clearances from power lines. Wellington North Power Inc. will only remove a tree outside this safe limit when the tree poses a danger of falling into the line causing a hazard.
- 5.2 In addition to the Electricity Act granting access for Wellington North Power Inc. to “enter and maintain any land for the purpose of cutting down or removing trees, branches or other obstructions”; customers of Wellington North Power Inc. are required to sign a Connection Agreement that allows for access, before service connections are made.
- 5.3 Customers are responsible for trimming trees encroaching on customer owned power lines. Tree trimming around customer owned power lines is subject to Electrical Safety Authority Regulations. If customer owned lines are not properly cleared by the customer Wellington North Power Inc. may disconnect the privately owned line from the main distribution system to preserve the power reliability experienced by all other customers connected to Wellington North Power Inc.’s power lines.

6 PROCEDURES:

- 6.1 Wellington North Power Inc. will trim trees on a three year cycle. See attached map of the three zones (year 1, year 2, and year 3 zones) of our service area.
- 6.2 Wellington North Power Inc.’s Operations staff will follow the EUSR “Line Clearing Operations” safe practice guide when performing vegetation management operations.
- 6.3 Notification will be provided to residents when planning to work on trees or other types of vegetation located on private property. It is best practice to notify residents where vegetation management activities are planned along public right of ways. Notifications should be issued one week prior.
- 6.4 A three (3) meter clearance must be maintained around a pad-mounted transformer. Vegetation will be removed to allow access if required. Wellington North Power Inc. is not responsible for replacing anything removed or damaged by Wellington North Power Inc. during the maintenance or repair of a pad mount transformer.
- 6.5 When trees and branches are removed from power lines due to storm damage or an emergency situation, crews will take every effort to leave the area safe from electrical hazards. All debris may be left for disposal by the property owner.

6.6 Periodically, Wellington North Power Inc. will receive calls from customers requesting trimming or notifying the utility of potentially dangerous trees or over hanging limbs. A work order will be generated and the issue assessed by Operations to determine risk and responsibility.

Line Clearing Schedule Arthur



Line Clearing Schedule Holstein



Line Clearing Schedule Mount Forest

