Commemorative Tree and Bench Program

The Commemorative Tree and Bench Program is available for anyone who wishes to give a lasting legacy in the Township of Tiny. The gift is yours to give, whether it is to honour a loved one, a deceased animal, an experience, an organization, or perhaps to recognize an important event in your life. Some may also wish to honour an important event for the planet, such as Earth Day, or National Wildlife Day. Whatever your reason, your commemoration will be a beautiful addition to the Township of Tiny.

The Commemorative Tree and Bench Program has three options:

- Commemorative Bench & Plaque ($550.00)
- Commemorative Tree & Plaque ($350.00)
- Commemorative Stewardship Project (varies)

Applications are due by April 1st for the Spring Program (Installation in May/June).
Applications are due by September 1st for the Fall Program (Installation in Oct./Nov.)
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Commemorative Tree and Bench Program Policy

- The Recreation Department in conjunction with Parks Operations will coordinate and maintain this Program.
- Commemorative trees and benches become the property of the Township of Tiny.
- Participants will submit specific text for a plaque that will be affixed to the bench. In the case of a tree donation, a plaque will be placed on the Living Legacy Tree located at the Municipal Offices. Plaques for both trees and benches will have character maximums.
- Buying a tree or a bench does not entitle the participant to any right to priority use of the bench or tree.
- Participants can select an existing undedicated tree or bench or request to have a new bench or tree installed. The Township has the final determination for approving a new installation/planting.
- The bench or tree must not interfere with general maintenance and use of the park.
- Every attempt will be made to notify the participant if circumstances arise that require the tree or bench to be relocated. The Township has the final determination to proceed with or without notification.
- The maintenance of the bench will be the responsibility of the Township for a time period of 10 years. After 10 years, the Township holds the right to remove the bench if it becomes unsafe or unsightly. The bench and plaque will be replaced or repaired if vandalized within 5 years of installation.
- A Commemorative Bench Care Program is available to all participants wishing to maintain their own benches (i.e. regular painting and upkeep of bench). Participants will be required to register as volunteers for the Township of Tiny and complete training through the Township’s Volunteer Management Program.
- Commemorative trees are guaranteed for up to five years of the original planting date, or subsequent replanting date if required. The tree will be replaced or repaired if vandalized within five years of planting.
- Tree planting or bench installation dates cannot be specified due to weather, grower supply, parks maintenance/construction and special event situations. Trees available in the program may be planted in the spring or the fall; the Township has the final determination when scheduling a planting time or bench installation time.
- Written confirmation will follow after the planting of tree/installation of bench is completed.
Commemorative Bench Program

Commemorative benches are made in Tiny with concrete arms and wooden seats and backs.

Benchs are approximately 8 feet long by 2 feet wide. The benches are heavy and will not be secured; the Township may decide to tie-down the bench in some areas.

Plaques are 2” by 8” with a 120 character limit and will be affixed to the centre on the top board of the bench.

Guidelines

1. Complete the Commemorative Tree and Bench Program Request Form (Appendix A). The form is also available as a PDF at www.tiny.ca or by visiting the Township offices at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, ON.

2. Drop the completed form at the Township Offices at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, ON. Payment must be submitted along with your completed form.
   Payment options include: certified cheque, cash, debit, or money order.

3. The Recreation Department will follow up with a phone call or email to confirm receipt of the completed form and may request a site meeting or discussion regarding the installation of the commemorative bench.

4. Installation will occur when weather and ground conditions permit and may take up to 12 months. Every attempt will be made to notify the participant of the installation time.
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**Commemorative Tree Program**

Commemorative trees are locally sourced native species. Trees are purchased as a 40-60 mm caliper tree.

Each purchase comes with a plaque that will be added to the Living Legacy Tree, a wall commemoration located in the Municipal Office at 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny. Plaques are 1” by 2 1/4”.

Tree species available for the Program will vary depending on the preferred location. Additional species may be available upon request. Every effort will be made to accommodate the choice of location and species however changes may be made at the Township’s discretion.

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3. The Recreation Department will follow up with a phone call or email to confirm receipt of the completed form and may request a site meeting or discussion regarding the planting of the commemorative tree.

4. The planting will occur as weather and ground conditions permit and may take up to 12 months. Every attempt will be made to notify the participant of the planting time.
## Available Locations & Tree Species

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Other: To be determined based on site

The following species are available through the program:

**White Pine** (*Pinus strobus*)
Nick Name: Ontario Love
*Pinus strobus* is the provincial tree of Ontario. During colonial times, the tall and strong trunks were used as ship masts by the Royal Navy.
Height: 30m, Fruit: Yellowish cones, Age: 200 years

**White Cedar** (*Thuja occidentalis*)
Nick Name: The Tree of Life
*Thuja occidentalis* is an important source of shelter and food for small mammals, insects and birds. Traditionnally a highly valued medicinal plant that is still used today in some medicines and perfumes.
Height: 15m, Fruit: Green-brown cones, Age: 300+ years
### White Spruce (Picea glauca)
Nick Name: The True North Strong
*Picea glauca* grows across the Canadian north from Newfoundland to the Yukon, this tree stands tall and strong against the true Canadian north. *Picea glauca* has great capacity to grow in a variety of conditions and does not always take on a characteristic form.
Height: 24m, Fruit: Light-brown, Age: 200 years

### Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum)
Nick Name: Sweet Canadian Chameleon
*Acer saccharum* produces the sweetest maple syrup and is famous for its variety of bright colours each fall. The Sugar Maple leaf appears on the Canadian Flag.
Height: 16-20m, Flower: Greenish yellow, Fruit: Maple keys, Fall Colour: yellow/orange/red, Age: 200 years

### Red Maple (Acer rubrum)
Nick name: Bright Red Beauty
*Acer rubrum* flowers early in the spring, providing food for wildlife before other sources of food are available. In the fall, the leaves turn a majestic bright red.
Height: 25m, Fruit: Maple keys, Fall Colour: Red, Age: 100 years

### White Oak (Quercus alba)
Nick name: Stately Shape-Shifter
*Quercus alba* is a stately tree that is very often used to make wine and whiskey barrels, furniture, paneling, flooring, railroad ties, fence posts, mine timbers, caskets, barrels, shingles, baskets and firewood. It does best as a tree – providing shelter and food for hundreds of species. Even humans can snack on the delicious acorns!
Height: 35m, Flower: Light brown, Fruit: Acorns, Fall Colour: Orange to reddish purple, Age: 600+ years

### Red Oak (Quercus rubra)
Nick Name: Soul Survivor
*Quercus rubra* have been recorded at over 800 years of age! They can easily re-sprout from the base of their trunks. If the tree is cut down, or falls over, it may not be fully dead and new sprouts may regenerate from the stump; a true survivor!
Height: 25m, Flower: Yellowish, Fruit: Acorn, Fall Colour: Red/brown, Age: 300+ years

### Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis)
Nick Name: Purple Sugarberry
*Celtis occidentalis* produce pea-sized fruit that look like a berry. Ripe fruit are dark purple and edible. Hackberries can be used to make jam, seasoning, flavouring, and additives to pastries and bread.
*Hackberry is often planted in replace of the majestic Elm*
Height: 12-18m, Flower: Bright green, Fruit: Orange/red berry, Fall Colour: Soft yellow, Age: 150 years

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**Sources for Tree images:**
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Commemorative Stewardship Project

Occasionally, a resident of Tiny may wish to commemorate an event or loved one with a legacy project rather than a single tree or bench.

Some examples may include:

- Restoration of a shoreline area, such as a dune or a riparian area
- Habitat creation project in a park area, such as a butterfly or pollinator garden
- Beautification project, such as a memorial garden or a rock garden

To complete a commemorative stewardship project, a full application is required. Recreation staff may be able to assist with the application.

- Stewardship projects are volunteer driven; Township staff will be available to assist but will not be coordinating the project. Applicants are strongly encouraged to gather neighbours, family members, and local community groups to assist with the project.
- The cost of a commemorative stewardship project will vary and will be entirely the responsibility of the applicant.
- A completed application does not guarantee project approval.
- Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Master Plans available for: Balm Beach Park, Jackson Beach Park, Woodland Beach Park, Bluewater Beach Park, Lafontaine Beach Park, Trails Master Plan, Wyevale Park Master Plan to align their project idea with the approved vision for these parks.

Guidelines:

1. Contact the Recreation Department to request a Stewardship Project Application Form and to discuss the project vision.

2. Drop the completed form at the Township offices located at 130 Balm Beach Road, Tiny, to the attention of the Recreation Department.

3. Staff will review your application and contact you with a final determination within 2 months of receiving the application. You may be contacted with questions or be requested to meet with staff at the site of your project.

4. If your project is approved, staff will provide you with specific instructions on how to proceed.