

Commemorative Bench & Tree Program

The Bluewater Commemorative Bench & Tree Program (CB&TP) allows residents and members of the general public to memorialize an individual or organization through the donation of a bench or tree for installation/planting on municipally owned property within the Municipality of Bluewater.

The Program operates on a full cost-recovery basis while adding beauty and convenience to the community.

REQUESTS

If you'd like to donate a bench or tree, please complete the CB&TP Donation Form, available on our website at [enter URL], or in hard copy at the municipal offices.

DONATION AMOUNT

The CB&TP operates under a cost recovery system, including the cost for the purchase of benches and trees, plus staff costs for installation/planting.

Donation of Bench: \$3,500. (including laser-cut plaque)

Donation of Tree: \$250.

Full payment and completed request form is required prior to the donation being processed and implemented.

DEADLINES

Due to necessary environmental factors, the installation of benches and/or the planting of trees will take place at the discretion of the municipality between April 1st and September 30th. A minimum of 12 weeks is required between the time of donation and the implementation of the commemorative tree or bench. Donations made after September 30th are available for placement in Spring of the following calendar year.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Lasercut plaques are part of the benches; choice of plaque wording for benches is offered on the Request Form. Plaques for trees are not available at this time.

MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT

In the event of theft or vandalism, commemorative bench and tree repair/replacement will be at the discretion of the Municipality.

PLACEMENT LOCATION

There are a number of possible locations for your commemorative bench or tree, including the downtown areas of Bluewater villages, in cemeteries and parks, on trails or outside facilities. You can specify your preferred location on the Donation form, but due to a number of issues, the final location is at the discretion of municipal staff.

PLACEMENT DATE

We understand that you may wish to have a short dedication ceremony for your bench or tree, and we'll do our best to accommodate your date. Please note, however, we're unable to guarantee installation dates for either benches or trees.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Payment by Cheque: Please make your cheque payable to "Municipality of Bluewater" with "Donation - Bench" or "Donation - Tree" in the subject line, as appropriate. You may drop off or mail your completed form and cheque to: Municipality of Bluewater, 14 Mill Avenue, Box 250, Zurich, ON N0M 2T0.
- Payment by Cash or Debit: Please visit the Municipal Office at 14 Mill Avenue in Zurich with your completed form to make a payment by cash or debit. (Cheques and completed forms may also be dropped off at the administration office.)

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

Commemorative benches and trees are tax deductible: the donor must submit full payment before midnight on the last business day of the calendar year in which the donation takes place.

TYPE OF BENCH

A sample of the commemorative benches is shown below, without the laser cut plaque.



ELIGIBLE TREES

Donors of trees may make their selection from the list of species below:

- Silver Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Tulip Tree
- White Oak
- White Spruce

Trees planted will range in height from approximately 24" to 4'.

For Further Information, Contact:

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