

TREE SPECIES

The following trees have been selected for the commemorative tree planting program. Donors can select a tree from the list below for their dedication. Some alterations to this list may occur depending on the season or location of the prospective commemorative planting.

- ☒ Red Oak (spring planting only)
- ☒ English Oak (spring planting only)
- ☒ Gingko (spring planting only)
- ☒ Honey Locust (spring planting only)
- ☒ Kentucky Coffee Tree
- ☒ London Plane Tree
- ☒ Little Leaf Linden
- ☒ Hackberry
- ☒ Red Chestnut
- ☒ Red Maple
- ☒ Freeman Maple
- ☒ Sugar Maple
- ☒ Mountain Ash
- ☒ Tulip Tree



TULIP TREE



RED MAPLE TREE
(FALL COLOUR)



RED CHESTNUT



KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE



HACKBERRY



MOUNTAIN ASH TREE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like further information, or if you wish to make arrangements for the purchase of a commemorative tree or bench, please visit our website at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/dedicationprogram or contact Customer Service at 905-478-4282



Celebration Tree Planting & Bench Dedication Program



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PURPOSE

Trees are symbols of life, growth and the beauty of the natural world. Benches offer a spot to sit, relax, and reflect, while taking in the various sights around the Town. The Town has created a Celebration Tree Planting and Bench dedication program as a way to:

- honour significant life events;
- honour the memory of a valued friend, loved one or important community member;
- or as a way to mark an important achievement or accolade.

Through the program, special commemorative trees and/or benches will be professionally placed within the boundaries of municipally-owned or managed properties. Not only will the trees/benches beautify and enhance the property and perform a valuable environmental purpose, but will also be a living memory for you, your family or your organization.

DEDICATION LOCATION

Many possible sites for trees or benches exist including community parks, community centres, the library, or the Civic Centre. Parks staff will work closely with each donor or contributor to find the most appropriate location. Ultimately, the final determination will be made by the Parks Supervisor, who will take all factors under consideration.

TREE PLANTING & BENCH PLACEMENT

To ensure the optimal health and long-term survival of the tree, installation will take place during either the spring or fall planting season. Requests received from September 1 to March 31 each year will be planted in the spring. Requests from April 1 to August 31 will be planted in the fall.

The tree will be planted in accordance with municipal standards and specifications. When making a request

for a commemorative bench, contributors must submit a formal request at least two months prior to the time when they would like it placed. Park benches will only be installed from April 1 to November 15 of every year, as long as there is no frost in the ground. Only an approved Town of East Gwillimbury standard park bench will be allowed.

If the contributor wishes to host a special ceremony or event in conjunction with the planting or bench installation, the family is welcome to do so once the bench has been installed or the tree has been planted. The Parks Supervisor will make arrangements to carry out the installation or planting as soon as possible, and notify the family once it is complete.

TREE PURCHASE

Each tree measures between 50 to 60 mm (2 to 2.5 inches) in thickness and includes the cost of planting. Donors will be responsible for the cost*, regardless of species. There is also a two-year warranty on each tree.

*Tree cost is based on market value for the current year.

BENCH PURCHASE

The park bench is constructed of black enameled steel, and features a seat and back rest. All benches will be anchored to a concrete pad. The donor/contributor is responsible for the entire cost* of the bench, pad and installation. Each bench features a five-year warranty.

*Bench cost is based on market value for the current year.

OPTIONAL DEDICATION PLAQUE AND BASE

Beside the tree or bench, there is also the option of a commemorative plaque. The plaque may be purchased* and placed next to the tree or bench. The bronze plaque is six inches high and nine inches wide. The bronze plate is a quarter inch thick with etched out background and raised text with a high resolution digital printed graphics. It will be installed on a small concrete base at an appropriate distance from the trunk of the tree or adjacent to the bench. The wording on the plaque will be determined in consultation with the donor with the municipality having final approval.

The cost to replace the plaque due to theft or vandalism will be the responsibility of the original contributor. Placement of memorial wreaths, flowers or other items are not permitted.

*plaque cost amount based on market value for the current year

CERTIFICATE & PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Town Council will be notified of the donation and the donor/contributor can request to have the commemoration publicly recognized on the Town's website, as well as request a special certificate suitable for framing.

TREE & BENCH MAINTENANCE

Parks staff will maintain the tree and bench to the same standards as other trees and benches on municipal property. The decision to replace a damaged commemorative tree or bench after the warranty period has expired will be at the discretion of the Town.

