



Manitoba Sustainable Development has partnered with the Manitoba Forestry Association (MFA) and Trees Winnipeg on the first provincial Heritage Tree Program in Canada. The program was launched in 2015 and is legislated under the *Forest Health Protection Act*.

The aim of this program is to increase public recognition that trees are an important feature of the Manitoba landscape. Some of our trees have major historical significance, are exceptional in size, rare or notable for other reasons.

Trees which are:

- historic or culturally significant – associated with an important historic event or have considerable cultural importance;
- record trees – the largest, broadest, or oldest of their species in Manitoba or an example of a species that is extremely rare in Manitoba; or
- notable – found in a unique location, have unique characteristics or features, or have attracted public or scientific recognition as an example of its species.

... could be considered Heritage Trees!

Anyone may nominate a tree for Heritage Tree designation. Each nomination will be assessed based on established criteria to determine heritage status. Trees which are selected for heritage designation may be highlighted by communities as attractions or as part of public events. All nominated trees will be added to the publicly accessible Manitoba Tree Register and individuals will have the satisfaction of knowing that their unique trees will be a part of our province's collective history.



## **How do I nominate a Heritage Tree?**

Anyone can nominate a tree on Crown, municipal or private property.

**To nominate a tree, please visit our partners' websites to access the online "Manitoba Tree Register" or to download a nomination form.**

[Manitoba Forestry Association](#)

[Trees Winnipeg](#)

Each nomination will be reviewed by Trees Winnipeg or the Manitoba Forestry Association for completeness and accuracy. Once complete, nominations will be assessed based on an established set of criteria and a select number of nominated trees will be recommended to the Director of Forestry and Peatlands for final Heritage Tree designation. While not every tree that is nominated will receive designation under the Heritage Tree Program, those trees that are not designated as Heritage Trees will still remain a part of the Manitoba Tree Register.

There has been much excitement around this program and there could be an influx of nominations in the first few years. Nominated trees may be viewed on the Manitoba Tree Register while information is verified and assessed for Heritage Tree designation.

## **How are Heritage Trees protected?**

*The Forest Health Protection Act* provides protection for designated heritage trees located on Provincial Crown land to prevent their removal for reasons other than forest health, public safety, or necessary infrastructure work (and only with approval of the Sustainable Development Minister). The legislation also encourages municipalities to enact local by-laws to protect designated Heritage Trees located on municipal lands. Protection of trees on all other properties will be encouraged through voluntary measures with the landowner