



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES
Phone 519-867-2651

Commemorative Programs

A donation through St. Clair Townships commemorative program is a lasting and rewarding way to honor the memory of a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or recognize an accomplishment.

Your donation becomes a special tribute for your occasion, as well as an enduring gift to all users within our public parks. Donations provided through the commemorative program are eligible for a charitable receipt.

St. Clair Township offers two types of commemorative features including benches and trees.

Commemorative benches

Commemorative benches offer a place for peaceful reflection. The donation amount for a commemorative bench is \$5000.00. The donation covers the costs of the bench, plaque, installation, maintenance, and repair of the bench for a duration of the lifetime of the bench which is estimated at about ten years. Commemorative benches will be installed in pre-approved locations only.

Applications will open annually in the fall and the application will be available online at www.stclairtownship.ca or at the Moore Sports Complex.

1. A maximum of 10 commemorative bench applications will be accepted by St. Clair Township per year.
2. The applicant's donation covers the costs of the bench, plaque, installation, maintenance, and repair of the bench for a duration of the lifetime of the bench which is estimated at about 10 years.
3. St. Clair Township will replace a commemorative bench if necessary, during the lifetime of the bench. If a commemorative plaque has been vandalized or severely damaged, the St. Clair Township will pay for one replacement plaque within the lifetime of the bench. Additional plaque replacements will be an additional cost to the donor.
4. Commemorative plaques will be ordered by St Clair Township once proofs have been approved by the donor and St Clair Township has received payment.
5. Once a donation has been made, the bench becomes the property of St. Clair Township.
6. The payment deadline for a commemorative bench is March 31 annually.
7. Installations of commemorative benches will occur annually in the spring and is weather dependent.
8. Commemorative benches are to be installed in pre-approved locations only.

9. The placement of flowers, wreaths, or any other memorial item on, or near the bench is prohibited.
10. If required, St. Clair Township has the right to remove and relocate a commemorative bench. St. Clair Township will do all their efforts to contact the donor prior to removal and relocation.

Commemorative Trees

Help enhance our municipality by making a donation to plant a commemorative tree in one of our parks.

St. Clair Township is part of the Carolinian eco-region. Carolinian trees improve air quality, provide food and habitat for insects and animals, create shade, and look beautiful too.

The donation amount for a commemorative tree is \$550.00. The donation covers the cost, installation, and maintenance of the tree.

Locations may be determined based on individual park needs and optimal tree growth. Commemorative trees can be added in most parks throughout St. Clair Township. Plaques cannot be installed with commemorative trees.

St. Clair Township only offers native deciduous trees (50mm caliper) and offers selected species only.

Commemorative tree applications will open annually in the spring and the application will be available on www.stclairtownship.ca or at the Moore Sports Complex.

Program details

1. A maximum of 20 commemorative tree applications will be accepted by St. Clair Township per year.
2. The applicant's donation covers the cost, installation, and maintenance of the tree.
3. If the tree dies within two years of the initial planting, it will be replaced under warranty. Any replacements after five years will be an additional cost to the donor.
4. Commemorative trees do not include plaques. Plaques cannot be installed in the future by St. Clair Township, donor, or a third party.
5. St. Clair Township only offers native deciduous trees (50mm caliper) and offers selected species only.
6. St. Clair Township will examine the applicant's requested location for a commemorative tree to ensure there are no conflicts with utility, recreation uses, or future improvements to the park. Please note that not all parks are available for commemorative trees and St. Clair Township has the right to make the final decision as to the location.
7. The payment deadline for commemorative trees is June 30 annually.
8. Installations of commemorative trees will occur annually in the fall and is weather dependent.

9. The placement of flowers, wreaths, or any other memorial item on or near the tree is prohibited.
10. If required, St. Clair Township has the right to remove and relocate a commemorative tree. St. Clair Township will do all their efforts to contact the donor prior to removal and relocation.

Tree species options

St. Clair Township is located in the Carolinian Life Zone, one of the most diverse natural environments in Canada. To help support and enhance this environment, certain tree species are recommended for Commemorative Trees. These tree species are native to our region and have the best chance for survival while maintaining a healthy and diverse public park system.

List of recommended tree species

- **Basswood/Linden (*Tilia americana*):** A large tree than can grow up to 35 metres tall. Its leaves are large and heart-shaped with toothed edges. The fragrant yellow flowers and round graying-brown fruit hang from the centre of a leaf-like bract. When released, the bract acts like a helicopter wing and carries the seeds away in a breeze.
- **Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*):** A large, fast-growing tree that can grow up to 35 metres tall, with a thick trunk up to 160 centimetres in diameter. Its leaves are light green and turn yellow in the fall. This tree produces beautiful yellow-green flowers that bloom in the spring.
- **Northern Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*):** The largest native hackberry that can reach up to 15m tall. Its asymmetrical leaf have long pointed tips that turn yellow in the fall. Single, reddish-purple fruits hang below the leaves and may persist into winter.
- **Ironwood (*Ostrya virginiana*):** This medium size tree can reach up to 12m tall and has alternating oval-shaped leaves with sharp teeth that turn a yellow-orange in the fall. Male flowers, called catkins, hang in early spring to release pollen.
- **Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*):** This is a small tree with alternating oval-shaped leaves that turn a yellow-orange-red in the fall. Clusters of white flowers appear in the spring, and berries ripen early to mid-summer.
- **Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*):** A medium-sized oval tree that can grow up to 25 metres tall, with a trunk that's 60 centimetres in diameter. Its green lobed leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. Seeds of maples are contained in "keys" that float down from the tree's branches.
- **Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*):** A large tree that can grow up to 35 metres tall, and can live for more than 200 years. The shape of its leaves are well known – it is found on the Canadian flag as the Sugar Maple is the national tree of Canada. In the fall, its leaves turn yellow, brilliant orange, or red.
- **Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*):** A large, fast-growing tree that can grow up to 35 metres tall with a trunk that's more than 100 centimetres in diameter. The silver maple is similar to the red maple – except that its leaves turn pale yellow or brown, not red, in the fall.

- **White Oak (*Quercus alba*):** A large tree that can grow to be more than 35 metres tall and can live for several hundred years. It drops acorns in the fall which serve as food for birds, squirrels, and other animals. Leaves are typically bright green on top and paler green underneath. They turn red-purple in the fall before falling off. Oaks are best planted in spring.
- **Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*):** A large tree ranging from 15-30 metres tall and is the most common oak in Ontario. Its large leaves are shiny green on top and pale and hairy underneath. Its leaves turn yellow-brown in the fall and drops acorns during this time.
- **Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*):** A large tree that can grow up to 22 metres tall. Its shiny dark green leaves have pale green fuzzy undersides and rounded lobes which turn coppery-bronze in the fall. As the name suggests, it prefers to be grown in wet and heavy soils, it does not like drought.

Commemorative Program Application Form



Please fill in the following information *(please print clearly)*:

SECTION 1: CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

Name (First and Last Name):	
Complete Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:	Email:

SECTION 2: COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES – DUE MARCH 31ST ANNUALLY

Bench Information

Donation Amount: \$5,000.00 - covers the cost of the bench, plaque, installation, maintenance and repair of the bench for a duration of approximately 10 years. Includes 1 replacement bench and plaque within the lifetime of the bench.

Location Requested: Commemorative benches are to be installed in pre-approved locations. If required, St. Clair Township has the right to remove and relocate a commemorative bench. **Please select the location you would like the bench to be installed.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VanDamme Park | <input type="checkbox"/> MacDonald Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sombra Community Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilkesport Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brigden Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Courtright Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Brigden Optimist Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Parkdale Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corunna Athletic Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewart Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Brigden Jane St Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sifton Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Clair Heights | <input type="checkbox"/> Astor Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Moore Sports Complex | <input type="checkbox"/> Vroom Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtright Emi Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Cameron Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Courtright Community Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Duggan Park |

Other: _____

Plaque Information: Enter your text on the lines below using upper- and lower-case lettering to suit your message. Please print clearly. Commemorative plaques will be ordered by St Clair Township and proofs will be provided for donor approval.

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

SECTION 3: COMMEMORATIVE TREES – DUE JUNE 30TH ANNUALLY

Tree Information

Donation Amount: \$550.00 - covers the cost of the tree, installation, and maintenance. Includes 1 replacement tree within 5 years of being planted.

Location Requested: Commemorative trees are to be installed in pre-approved locations. If required, St. Clair Township has the right to remove and relocate a commemorative tree. **Please select the location you would like the tree to be planted.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brander Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Sombra River Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Branton Cundick Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Cathcart Park |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Centennial Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Courtright Emi Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Courtright Waterfront Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Park |
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