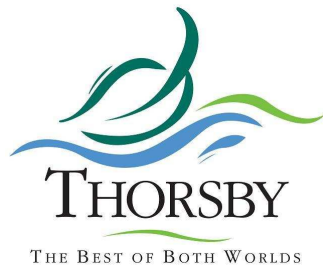




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<b>Policy Title: GREEN SPACE POLICY</b>	<b>Policy # 2015-003</b>
<b>Adopted by Council: 2015-July-14</b>	<b>Resolution # 2015-237</b>
<b>Department Responsible: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>Replaces n/a</b>
<b>Policy Statement:</b>	<p>Thorsby enjoys many hectares of green space not only for urban design, but for recreation, environment, and esthetics. It is important to maintain these spaces at a rate that does not destroy them from over cutting, or provide the impression that green spaces are neglected.</p> <p>This policy outlines the green spaces and sports fields and their schedules for optimum esthetics and efficient use of machinery and manpower in Thorsby.</p>
<b>Definitions:</b>	<p><b>“Active Open Space”</b> means Thorsby boulevards, water treatment plant, municipal buildings, lagoons, reservoirs, et.al and playgrounds and community recreation outdoor venues including the trail system.</p> <p><b>“Buildings and Entrance Signs”</b> means the main signs announcing the Village and any buildings that are not used by the Village but are in a contract agreement for cutting and maintenance which may include schools.</p> <p><b>“Open Space”</b> means all grass spaces that are controlled by Thorsby or are on Thorsby’s right of way’s or are outlined in an agreement with the County or Alberta Transportation.</p> <p><b>“Passive Open Space”</b> means large “pasture” areas, road allowances within the Village, railway allowance et.al that aren’t used or perhaps encompass a walking trail but are not generally used by the public. These spaces can also be called “naturalized” and can be exempted by planting natural grasses and plants and trees and signed as a conservation area.</p> <p><b>“Sports Fields”</b> means all spaces whereby sports are played including soccer, baseball, football et.al or where impromptu community sports may be held</p> <p><b>“Village Property”</b> means real property, personal property and other property interests.</p>
<b>Inventory of Space:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Outdoor Playgrounds</li> <li>• Arctic Spas Recreation Complex - 4901-48 Avenue</li> <li>• Lions Campground - 55th Avenue &amp; 50th Street</li> <li>• 4 Baseball Diamonds</li> <li>• 4 Soccer Fields</li> <li>• 2 Outdoor Basketball Courts</li> <li>• 2- Active Open Space/ Boulevards</li> <li>• 3- Buildings – Public Works shop, fire hall, water treatment plant</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Cutting Schedule:</b></p>	<p><b>1. Sport Fields</b></p> <p>The grooming and cutting of sports fields represents the most concerns and potential liability to any municipality and Thorsby is no different. Due to safety concerns they are cut more frequently: either once a week or when growth is over 2.5 cm</p> <p><b>2. Active Open space/ Boulevards</b></p> <p>These spaces can be monitored more colloquially. The recommended cut rotation is cut 3 inches or on rotation 10-14 days. Heavy rain events can accelerate growth and during times of wet summers, this schedule will need to be monitored and provided more frequently.</p> <p><b>3. Buildings/Entrance signage</b></p> <p>This space is the entrance and first view of the Village and must be maintained in a rotation of once per week. Buildings must also be groomed and clean cut as they are also a representation of the village. Once per week is provided as the optimum standard and again should a wet summer ensue, a more rigorous schedule can be developed.</p> <p><b>4. Passive Open Space</b></p> <p>This space is the Village open fields, rail right of ways etc. These spaces only require 4 times a year for “ruff” cut treatments.</p>
<p><b>Enforcement of this Policy:</b></p>	<p>This policy can be amended at any time as Thorsby grows or retracts from hectares.</p>