



<b>Title:</b> Use of Brushcutters and Mulchers	<b>Policy:</b> Internal/external
<b>Department:</b> Planning and Protective Services	<b>Policy number:</b> PPS009
<b>Approval date:</b> November 15, 2016	<b>Implementation date:</b> Immediate

## BACKGROUND

Due to concern for safety of residents and prevention of damage to property, Council has determined that control of certain types of land clearing equipment and operations is necessary within the limits of the Town of Paradise. Council considered best practices in other jurisdictions, and input from major local developers in drafting this policy.

## PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to outline when and under what conditions clearing permits may be issued for residential subdivision land clearing operations.

## DEFINITIONS

"forestry mulcher" shall mean the type of equipment specifically designed to shred trees and brush which is operated with extensive shielding, and is considered to be the industry standard for safe operation

"brush cutters" shall mean any type of disc-type or drum-type tree and brush shredding equipment that operates without shielding, or is commonly known to be unsafe.

## POLICY STATEMENT

1. The Town of Paradise will permit the use of dedicated forestry mulchers within town limits under conditions set out in a clearing/excavation permit.

2. The Town of Paradise will prohibit the use of unshielded drum-type brush-cutters within town limits as they allow the operator no control of discharge.
3. The Town of Paradise will prohibit the use of disc-type brush-cutters within town limits as they can discharge debris a dangerous distance.

## REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

The Town of Paradise will require the following to be submitted prior to the issuance of a clearing/excavation permit:

1. Proof that clearing machine is a dedicated forestry mulcher.
2. Proof of inspection from certified heavy equipment mechanic within last twelve months.
3. Copy of Occupation Health & Safety submission of Clearing Safety Plan including:
  - Site risk assessment
  - Safe operating procedure

**POLICY REVIEW:** This policy will be subject to review one year following implementation.

Chief Administrative Officer:

