



HELP International

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ATTENTION LANDOWNERS

Free Trees, Plastic Mulch, Drip Irrigation Program (Contingent upon federal approval of HELP's proposal)

The RM of Cana No. 214 has passed a council resolution showing moral support for HELP International's proposal for funding submitted to the federal government's Two Billion Tree Program. The R.M. will now be accepting applications to a maximum of seven (7) landowners to be pre-qualified for the program. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The next available programming year at this time is 2027. Dependent upon the timing of this RM meeting the number of required applicants and submitting to HELP, the programming years could be pushed back to 2028.

Each landowner receives:

- 1,000 woody species 2 year old trees of your choice – both coniferous/deciduous; 50 brush trees (lilac, cariganna, chokecherry, dogwood, buffalo berry, buckthorn, sand cherry) 25 saplings 5-7 ft (willow and poplar) sufficient for over 3,000 meters of tree line.
- 1,500 meters of ½ inch drip line with pre-installed emitters or 7/8 inch drip line plus emitters; accessories – valves and union elbows & filters
- 1,500 meters of free 3.2 mil plastic mulch film (Note that each landowner is given sufficient mulch film and drip line for roughly half of the 3,000 meters of tree line. The landowner is expected to utilize traditional weed control and irrigation for the half of the tree lines where mulch film and drip line is not installed.)
- training session and support from coordinator prior to planting
- contractor information available at landowner's expense if you cannot plant the trees yourself
- additional supplies can be purchased from HELP International
- All free forestry materials delivered free of charge from Weyburn to RM drop off point at a date requested by the group of seven applicants in the year they are approved for.

Your commitment:

APPLY as soon as possible to qualify for the 2027 program year. The program application is posted on the website and available at the R.M. office.

If the program funding is approved and this RM pre-qualifies by submitting seven applications, successful applications will:

- Prepare a site schematic and planting site (plant at 2.5 to 3 meters tree spacing ie. Rows of 3 x 1,000 meter rows, 4 x 750 meters, 6 rows x 500 meters. etc)
- Pick up free materials (and any additional purchased materials) at pre-planned drop-off site
- Plants trees
- Water and weed around trees until well established.

Options:

- Get all 1,075 trees, dripline and mulch at one time for yourself
- Share the 1,075 trees, 1,500 meters of mulch film and 1,500 meters of drip line with another landowner (Each landowner applies for their specific quantity of trees – but it has to equal the above totals). Submit the applications together to the R.M. and state that you are sharing the materials.

Other:

- HELP International has a wealth of valuable information on shelterbelt planning on their website. HELP will also provide free telephone advice to landowners to assist in the planning of shelterbelt and planting for any other purpose ensuring to match the most appropriate trees for the landscape and soil conditions.
- Should producers or acreage owners require an on-site assessment and planning session, HELP will provide a one to two hour on-site for a cost of \$250.

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Landowner Application Form

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

RM Name and Number: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

What describes my land base: (Circle or check all that apply)

- 1) Grain Farm
- 2) Cattle Farm
- 3) Both Grain and Cattle
- 4) Other Farm Type (Describe): _____
- 5) Small Holding _____ Acres
- 6) Municipal Facility in RM (park, landfill, golf course, lagoon etc.)

I, _____, hereby declare my interest in the HELP proposed program under the Federal Governments 2-Billion Tree Program.

I have access to machinery to pre-work by deep fine tilling 3,000 meters for tree lines (Example: 1,000 meters x three tree lines or four tree rows of 750 m or five rows of 600 m etc.). I will ensure I can sink up to my ankles in well worked garden texture soil with fiber removed or totally incorporated.

YES NO

Application Co-submission for Properties that cannot accommodate 3,000 meters of trees.

My property or capacity is smaller so I would like to co-submit this application with the following landowner who also resides in this R.M. and who has agreed to co-submit with me:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell: _____

The percentage of free forestry resources that I have agreed the above person to utilize is:

_____ Woody Trees out of the 1,000; _____ habitat brush plants out of the 50;

_____ potted saplings out of the 25; _____ m of the plastic mulch film out of the 1,500;

_____ m of the irrigation drip line out of the 1,500 m.

Above landowner should also submit a full application showing this same co-submission sharing

My situation for planting, mulch laying and drip line installation:

- A) I am totally capable of installing the following free materials (valued at \$7,500) on my own: 1,000 trees on 3,000 meters of tree lines; 25 potted saplings; 50 brush plants; 1,500 m of plastic mulch film; and 1,500 m of irrigation drip line:

YES NO

- B) I can install on my own with HELP's website & free call-in advice if necessary to educate myself more.

YES NO

- C) I intend on paying \$250 to access HELP's on-site assessment and planning session at my land location.

YES NO

- D) I will prioritize application of the 1,500 m of mulch film and 1,500 m of drip line on the half of my 3,000 m of tree planting that is most drought prone and promise to use more traditional forms of weed control and watering for the 1,500 m that will not have mulch film and drip line:

YES NO

- E) I would rather contract HELP's affiliate GRDC to contract install 3,000 m of trees plus 1,500 m of plastic mulch and 1,500 m of drip line and construct manifolds etc. with me providing tractor/driver and two assistants and a quad plus one 5-10 lb. stone for each seedling and to work with GRDC's technical team who comes with free materials plus tree planter, mulch machine, and drip line reels etc. I understand that contracting GRDC to assist in installation will cost me \$4,500. I probably intend to contract these GRDC services.

YES NO

- F) I am committed to carrying out diligent deep fine pre-tilling, installations plus four years of the following: residual weed control, inter-row cultivation or inter-row shallow root turf grass seeding, ensuring watering 10 liters per seedling per week May through mid-September; spraying warm mild detergent water (or safely used pesticides) on trees when necessary to control spider mites, sawfly worm and other common pests.

YES NO

- G) I will participate in a HELP/RM coordinated meeting when required to plot the way forward and to receive leading edge technical tips in successful strategies for installing forestry in semi-arid landscapes.

YES NO

- H) I will allow pre-arranged access if requested by HELP, to pre-approve land preparation, and to verify installations, and to assess replanting needs. YES NO

The reasons for my tree planting apart from sharing the 2 Billion Tree's priority in Carbon Sequestration includes the following: (Mark an X or circle all that apply)

- 1) Shelterbelt
- 2) Habitat Development
- 3) Field boundaries
- 4) Snow Trapping to Fill Dug outs
- 5) Converting Cultivated Stream Margin to forest buffer
- 6) Salinity Control
- 7) Other: Describe: _____

End of Landowner Application

Note that participation does depend upon approval of HELP's proposal by the federal government. To show HELP's goodwill, should the program not receive federal government funding HELP will provide a special 30% discount off any trees, plastic mulch and drip line and accessories to any 2-Billion Tree Program applicant who wishes to purchase the materials if HELP is not provided by federal government. HOWEVER, HELP is confident that federal government funding will be achieved. This promise recognizes the investment of hundreds of hours by RMs and landowners in RM and landowner mobilization, landowner planning and call-ins for consultations and education regarding this proposed program.

Please Note:

This program is contingent upon funding from the federal government. If the funding is approved, the earliest that the R.M. of Cana can access this program is 2027. HELP International has already received applications to meet their capacity for the years 2025 and 2026.

Mail completed applications to: R.M of Cana No. 214
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