

**CITY OF ELK RIVER
SAFETY COMMITTEE
ACCIDENT REVIEW SUMMARY FORM**

NAME (this will not be given to Safety Committee):	DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation
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ACCIDENT INFORMATION

DATE (OF ACCIDENT): 1-22-16	TIME: 11:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Baily Point	TYPE OF VEHICLE (IF INVOLVED):
INJURY? (YES OR NO) Yes	WORK COMP CLAIM FILED? (YES OR NO) Yes
PROPERTY DAMAGE? (YES OR NO. IF YES, DESCRIBE) No	
NATURE OF ACCIDENT (be specific, include work activity at time of accident): Crew took down large stem of multi-stemmed tree. Stem became hung up in remaining portion of the tree with base in contact with ground. Crew attached chain to tree and skid loader to pull base of tree free from being hung up. After connecting tree to skid loader, crew moved what was believed to be a safe distance from the intended direction of impact. Tree released and fell in unintended direction toward staff member striking him in head and leg.	
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS: None	
UNSAFE CONDITIONS: Large tree branch caught (hung up) in tree. Note - Employee was wearing all required PPE.	
ACTION TAKEN: All employees were advised of the two points of failure – failure to properly estimate a safe distance from tree prior to skid loader pulling tree from hung up position and loader operator failure to properly identify that all staff were a safe distance from the tree.	

SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (to be filled out by Committee): Andy Bentzen advised the committee that the crew had already met to discuss the incident. He indicated that the proper actions were taken to prevent any similar incidents in the future. He did add that it would be a good idea to have a “tailgate talk” prior to projects like this in order to discuss what could possibly go wrong. The committee agreed that this would be a good idea. (February 17, 2016 meeting)
