

July 29th, 2022

RE: Tree Removal and Replacement

Dear Burnside Gorge Community Association,

Multiple trees located on City of Victoria property in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood have been identified as having conditions that require that the trees be removed, which can't be resolved by pruning. For safety reasons, these trees require removal as part of our ongoing tree removal and replacement program.

| Address | Street | Species |
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| 3096 | BALFOUR AVE | Betula papyrifera (Paper birch) |
| 3091 | CARROLL ST | Crataegus species (Hawthorns) |
| 3100 | CECELIA RAVINE PARK | Nyssa sylvatica (Black tupelo) |
| 416 | CECELIA RD | Pyrus species (Pear) |
| 3100 | CECELIA RD | Acer truncatum 'Urban Sunset' (truncatum) |
| 560 | DAVID ST | Prunus serrulata kwanzan (Japanese kwanzan cherry) |
| 2220 | DOWLER PL | Prunus cerasifera (Cherry plum) |
| 646 | DUNEDIN ST | Prunus cerasifera (Cherry plum) |
| 2900 | GALLOPING GOOSE | Populus nigra (Black poplar) |
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| 797 | HILLSIDE AVE | Prunus subhirtella (Higan cherry) |
| 2804 | IRMA ST | Magnolia x Galaxy (Galaxy magnolia) |
| 114 | MADDOCK AVE E | Betula pendula (European white birch) |
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| 2516 | PLEASANT ST | Thuja plicata (Western red cedar) |
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| 335 | WATERFRONT CRES | Betula papyrifera (Paper birch) |

The removal work will occur sometime between August 15th and October 15th and will be performed by City arborists or a contractor authorized by the City of Victoria.

Removal of any tree is always a last resort. Pruning and other methods of reducing safety risks of unhealthy or structurally weak trees are always considered first.

Every Tree Removed is Replaced

The stump of the removed tree will remain in place until a replacement tree is planted. There are several considerations when we select a replacement tree, such as soil conditions and drainage, other trees on



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the street, allergens, availability, and the likelihood of successful growth at the location. Tree species are selected months in advance and cared for in our nursery until planting season.

Maintaining and enhancing a healthy urban forest is a key priority for the City. We manage over 33,000 trees on public property, most of which are on 300 kilometres of boulevards and in over 130 parks and open spaces.

Guided by the Urban Forest Master Plan, our urban forestry team identifies areas for planting new trees to expand the inventory, as well as identifying existing trees that are reaching the end of their healthy life. Removing unhealthy or structurally weak trees reduces safety risks and opens space to establish young trees vital to Victoria's urban forest.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to improve the health of Victoria's urban trees. Please don't hesitate to contact the Parks office at 250.361.0600 or parks@victoria.ca if you have any questions.

Regards,

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