



August 25, 2025

RE: Tree Removal and Replacement

Dear Burnside Neighbourhood Association

Eleven trees located on City of Victoria property in the Burnside neighbourhood have been identified as having conditions that require the trees to 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	Diameter Est		Planting Date	Reason For Removal
	31 LOTUS ST	Prunus yedoensis (Yoshino flowering cherry)	43	40+		Tree is in severe decline
	36 LOTUS ST	Chamaecyparis lawsoniana (Port Orford-cedar, Lawson Cypress)	43	5-20		Dead juvenile tree
	2649 DOUGLAS ST	Betula papyrifera (Paper birch)	38	21-40		Tree is in severe decline
	GALLOPING GOOSE REGIONAL 2900 TRAIL	Betula pendula (European white birch)	22	5-20		Dead juvenile tree
	WATERFRONT 327 CRES	Betula pendula (European white birch)	19	5-20		Dead juvenile tree
	2220 DOWLER PL	Prunus cerasifera (Cherry plum)	12	5-20		Dead juvenile tree
	CECELIA 3100 RAVINE PARK	Acer macrophyllum (Bigleaf maple)	5	5-20		Dead juvenile tree
	CECELIA 3000 RAVINE PARK	Acer macrophyllum (Bigleaf maple)	4	Less than 5 years		Dead young tree
	410 GARBALLY RD	Liriodendron tulipifera 'Arnold' (Arnold Tulip Tree)	3	Less than 5 years		Dead young tree
	714 DISCOVERY ST	Betula nigra 'Dura Heat' (Dura Heat River Birch)	2	Less than 5 years		Dead young tree
	WASHINGTON 2925 AVE	Acer macrophyllum (Bigleaf maple)	2	Less than 5 years		Dead young tree

The removal work will occur prior to the end of December 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 the street, allergens, availability, and the likelihood of successful growth at the location. Tree species are selected months in advance.

Maintaining and enhancing a healthy urban forest is a key priority for the City. We manage over 34,000 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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