



**Parks,
Recreation
and Facilities**

Dear Fernwood Neighbourhood Association,

Mailing Address

1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Location Address

100 Cook St
Victoria BC

Re: 2018 Winter City Tree Removals

The purpose of this note is to advise your neighbourhood association about the upcoming removals of City trees in your area that are at the end of their healthy lifespan.

2018 Winter Tree Maintenance Program

This past fall, the City identified trees as either dead or in significant decline and require removal.

There are 19 trees in your neighborhood that have been identified for removal. The specific trees, their conditions and their locations are as follows:

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Address	Street	Species	DBH (cm)	Reason for Removal
1310	Bay St	Japanese Cherry	31cm DBH	Severe decline
2350	Belmont Ave	Hornbeam	57cm	Severe decline
2225	Chambers St	Black Locust	18cm	Severe decline
1635	Cook St	Accolade Cherry	26cm	Severe decline
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2542	Fernwood Rd	Catalpa	35cm	Severe decline
1415	Gladstone Ave	Japanese Cherry	55cm	Severe decline
1323	Haultain St	Weeping Birch	27cm	Severe decline
1403	Haultain St	Weeping Birch	39cm	Severe decline
1490	Pandora Ave	Nootka False Cypress	143cm	Severe decline
1490	Pandora Ave	Western Red Cedar	10cm	Severe decline
1580	Pembroke St	Styrax japonicus	3cm	Severe decline
1622	Pembroke St	English Hawthorn	22cm	Severe decline
1255	Queens Ave	Black Locust	65cm	Severe decline
2519	Roseberry Ave	Weeping Birch	38cm	Severe decline
2551	Scott St	Weeping Birch	19cm	Severe decline
1138	View St	Accolade Cherry	28cm	Severe decline

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These tree removals will take place between April 12th and June 1st 2018. New trees will be selected and plantings will begin in the fall of 2018.

Caring for Our Urban Forest

Planning for a healthy urban forest is very important to the City of Victoria. We manage 33,000 City-owned trees, most of which are on 300 kilometers of boulevards and in our 137 parks and open spaces.

In addition to being beautiful, these trees help improve air quality, absorb water during storms and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in our environment. They also help shade our streets and buildings, helping to cool our city.

Guided by the Urban Forest Master Plan, our arboriculture team develops plans that involve identifying areas for planting new trees to expand the inventory, as well as identifying existing trees that are at the end of their healthy life. Removing unhealthy trees reduces safety risks and opens up space to plant new, young trees which will grow into our future urban forest.

The City of Victoria Urban Tree Inventory completed in 2012 found that 64% of public trees are in good or excellent condition and 30% are in fair condition and 6% are in poor condition.

This fall, the City identified trees as either dead or in significant decline and require removal. Each tree was identified through our inventory, and was inspected by our Certified Arborists, using an internationally recognized assessment process.

Removal of any tree is always a last resort. Pruning and other options to mitigate the risks of the unhealthy tree are always considered first. Our practice with each removal is for a new tree to be planted, with consideration for the species that will have the best chance for success given a particular location.

We thank you for your understanding as we work to improve the health of our urban trees. Residents that live close to a tree on the removal list will receive a letter and tree removal notices will be posted to each tree.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Parks office at 250.361.0600 or parks@victoria.ca if you have any questions.