



September 2nd 2021,

Urban Forest Services - Park Division
 Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department
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RE: Tree Removal and Replacement

Dear Downtown/ North Park Community Association,

Multiple trees located on City of Victoria property in the Downtown/ North Park 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.

1300	WHARF ST		Austrian pine	35	Tree is dead
615	YATES ST		Paper birch	24	Tree is dead
1810	BLANSHARD		Red maple	20	Tree is dead
1810	BLANSHARD		Red maple	14	Tree is dead
1810	BLANSHARD		Red maple	10	Tree is dead
1810	BLANSHARD		Red maple	13	Tree is dead
1810	BLANSHARD		Red maple	13	Tree is dead
1810	BLANSHARD		Red maple	20	Tree is dead
640	JOHNSON ST		Fastigate hornbeam	24	Tree is dead
1619	STORE ST		Higan flowering cherry	19	Tree is dead
777	BURDETT AVE		Red maple	10	Tree is dead.
625	BAY ST		Serbian spruce	25	Tree is dead
755	CALEDONIA AVE		Northern red oak	11	Tree is dead
2405	VANCOUVER ST		Paper birch	8	Tree is dead

The removal work will occur sometime between September 17th and October 29th, 2021 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 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, Rob Hughes Supervisor of Parks Operations, Arboriculture