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Date: June 22nd, 2018

Dear Resident;

RE: Beechwood Avenue - Immediate Tree Removals

We are writing to inform you that two City-owned street trees in your neighbourhood are needing to be removed.

The street trees located at 141 and 151 Beechwood Avenue have been identified as having severe internal trunk decay caused by Ganoderma a wood decay pathogen. Unfortunately the location and extent of the decay make both trees a high risk for complete tree failure. These trees require immediate removal.

This work will take place today, Friday June 22nd.

Please ensure that vehicles are not parked under or across from the tree during the removal process. The wood produced will be left on the boulevard in manageable sizes pieces for the public to take, on a first come, first serve basis.

Caring for Our Urban Forest

Managing a healthy urban forest is a high priority for the City. We manage over 33,000 City-owned trees, most of which are on 300 kilometers of boulevards and in our parks.

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.

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 replacement tree to be planted, with consideration for the species that will have the best chance for success given a particular location. Replacement trees will be planted starting in the fall of 2019.

We thank you for your support and understanding as we work to improve the health of our 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RHU", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rob Hughes
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