

Dear Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association,

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's Arboriculture Section identified trees within our municipality as either dead or in significant decline and require removal.

There are 69 trees in Fairfield and Gonzales neighbourhoods that have been identified for removal. The specific trees, their conditions and their locations are as follows:

Address	Street	Species	DBH (cm)	Reason for Removal
851	BROUGHTON ST	Prunus serrulata	15	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1031	BURDETT AVE	Acer pseudoplatanus	34	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1303	CARNSEW	Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'	77	Extensive decay at the base of the tree with decline in the canopy.
1215	CHAPMAN ST	Malus species	34	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1247	CHAPMAN ST	Malus species	34	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
427	CHESTER AVE	Prunus serrulata 'Shirofugen'	57	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
918	COLLINSON ST	Prunus accolade	36	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1053	COLLINSON ST	Prunus blieriana	12	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
97	COOK ST	Betula papyrifera	27	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
100	DALLAS RD	Acer rubrum	15	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
100	DALLAS RD	Sorbus aucuparia	21	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.

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100	DALLAS RD	Sorbus aucuparia	14	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
100	DALLAS RD	Magnolia macrophylla	21	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
100	DALLAS RD	Acer macrophyllum	53	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
100	DALLAS RD	Abies grandis	55	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
436	DURBAN ST	Aesculus carnea	53	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
909	FAIRFIELD RD	Prunus yedoensis	38	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1350	FAIRFIELD RD	Acer circinatum	16	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1350	FAIRFIELD RD	Prunus serotina	9	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1350	FAIRFIELD RD	Prunus yedoensis	26	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1350	FAIRFIELD RD	Prunus yedoensis	45	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1495	FAIRFIELD RD	Cornus nuttallii	80	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1495	FAIRFIELD RD	Prunus subhirtella	14	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1495	FAIRFIELD RD	Prunus serrulata	48	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1594	FAIRFIELD RD	Cercidiphyllum japonicum	46	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1594	FAIRFIELD RD	Cercidiphyllum japonicum	37	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1476	HAMLEY ST	Liriodendron tulipifera	63	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.

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978	HEYWOOD AVE	Magnolia kobus	6	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
980	HEYWOOD AVE	Prunus yedoensis	12	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1145	HILDA ST	Prunus serrulata 'Shirofugen'	63	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
340	LINDEN AVE	Magnolia kobus	15	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1161	MCCLURE ST	Sorbus aucuparia	28	Decline in the canopy with an unstable root plate.
1121	MCKENZIE ST	Prunus sargentii	58	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
56	MOSS ST	Prunus yedoensis	57	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
95	MOSS ST	Prunus yedoensis	47	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
130	MOSS ST	Prunus yedoensis	55	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1005	OLIPHANT AVE	Prunus serrulata	37	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1026	OLIPHANT AVE	Prunus serrulata	55	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1229	OSCAR ST	Betula papyrifera	86	Extensive decay at the base of the tree with decline in the canopy.
1130	OXFORD ST	Prunus yedoensis	16	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1173	OXFORD ST	Crataegus oxyacantha	32	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
600	QUADRA ST	Prunus sargentii	15	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
975	QUADRA ST	Prunus serrulata	46	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.

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975	QUADRA ST	Prunus serrulata	36	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1120	RICHARDSON ST	Betula papyrifera	9	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
850	RUPERT TERR	Prunus serrulata	44	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
850	RUPERT TERR	Prunus serrulata	26	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
602	TRUTCH ST	Prunus yedoensis	43	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1131	TRUTCH ST	Quercus coccinea	49	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
710	VANCOUVER ST	Prunus accolade	24	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
38	WELLINGTON AVE	Acer pseudoplatanus	69	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
102	WELLINGTON AVE	Betula papyrifera	92	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
939	COWICHAN ST	Sorbus aucuparia	14	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1700	FAIRFIELD RD	Laburnum x watereri	37	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1700	FAIRFIELD RD	Prunus cerasifera	42	Decline in the canopy with large previous branch failures.
338	FOUL BAY RD	Prunus accolade	13	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1889	GONZALES AVE	Quercus garryana	46	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.

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312	IRVING RD	Prunus cerasifera Linsayiae	25	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
820	LAWNDALE AVE	Betula pendula	27	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1540	MONTGOMERY AVE	Prunus serrulata	34	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	30	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	25	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	15	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	20	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	22	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	23	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	17	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
1855	RICHARDSON ST	Prunus emarginata	33	Dead or in severe decline where pruning is not an option.
340	RICHMOND AVE	Betula papyrifera	26	Decline in the canopy with previous branch failures.

These tree removals will take place between February 6, 2018 and March 21, 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, 251 trees were identified 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.