

Dear Gonzales Neighborhood Association,

Re: 2018 Summer 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.

There are 15 trees in your neighbourhood that have been identified for removal. The specific trees, their conditions and their locations are as follows:

| Address: | Species: | Diameter: | Condition: |
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| 112 Beechwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 51cm DBH | Internal decay in the base. |
| 141 Beechwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 44cm DBH | Internal decay in the base. |
| 151 Beechwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 45cm DBH | Internal decay in the base. |
| 209 Beechwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 41cm DBH | Internal decay in the base. |
| 304 Beechwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 63cm DBH | Internal decay in the base |
| 304 Beechwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 59cm DBH | Internal decay in the base |
| 1657 Fairfield Rd | Purple Leaf Plum | 50cm DBH | Internal decay in the base |
| Hollywood Park | Weeping Willow | 103cm DBH | Internal decay throughout trunk |
| 235 Irving Rd | Sorbus aria | 53cm DBH | Low vitality and decaying limbs. |
| 951 Maddison St | Garry Oak | 55cm DBH | Extensive decay and lean. |
| 121 Wildwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 41cm DBH | Internal decay in the base. |
| 209 Wildwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 42cm DBH | Internal decay in the base. |
| 217 Wildwood Ave | Purple Leaf Plum | 43cm DBH | Large wound with decay in the trunk and base of the tree. |
| 277 Wildwood Ave | Tulip Tree | 104cm DBH | Canopy decline with decay in the trunk. |

These tree removals will take place between and August 9th and September 28th 2018. New trees will be selected and plantings will begin in the fall of 2019.

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.