



August 30<sup>th</sup>,2021

Urban Forest Services - Park Division  
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**RE: Tree Removal and Replacement**

Dear Gonzales Community Association,

Multiple trees located on City of Victoria property in the Gonzlaes 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.

363	RICHMOND AVE		Paper birch	36	Significant decay
848	SOMENOS ST		Quaking aspen	43	Multiple cavities
916	WILMER ST		European white birch	28	Tree is in severe decline
920	WILMER ST		Northern European hawthorn	36	Crack in trunk and weak branch unions
937	BANK ST		Cherry plum	28	Tree is in severe decline
945	COWICHAN ST		Kobus magnolia	8	Tree is dead
1071	RICHMOND AVE		European white birch	46	Tree is in severe decline
1700	FAIRFIELD RD	Hollywood Park	Douglas fir	13	Tree is dead.

The removal work will occur sometime between September 14<sup>th</sup>,2021 and October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:parks@victoria.ca) if you have any questions.

Regards, Rob Hughes Supervisor of Parks Operations, Arboriculture