

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**RE: Tree Removal and Replacement**

Dear Fairfield Gonzales Community Association;

Two trees located on City of Victoria property in the Fairfield neighbourhood have been identified as having conditions that require that the trees be removed, which can't be resolved by pruning.

Street	Address	Tree Species	Reason for Removal
Farifeild Rd	1495	Cornus florida	New Gate installation. Tree will be replanted and relocated.
Fairfield Rd	1495	Stewartia pseudoacameilia	The tree is dead. A replacement tree will be planted in a suitable location near by.

The removal work will occur sometime between and September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and September 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 and will be performed by City arborists.

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,

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