



# Return of Tree Protection and Replacement Security Bond

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## **Introduction:**

The City of White Rock holds tree protection securities to ensure that retained trees are protected, and that those trees that are removed are appropriately replaced in accordance with their Tree Management Permit. This document is intended to inform applicants and consulting arborists of the steps required to have their tree protection securities returned; briefly summarizing but not replacing Tree Protection Bylaw, 2021, No. 2407.

## **Summary of Process:**

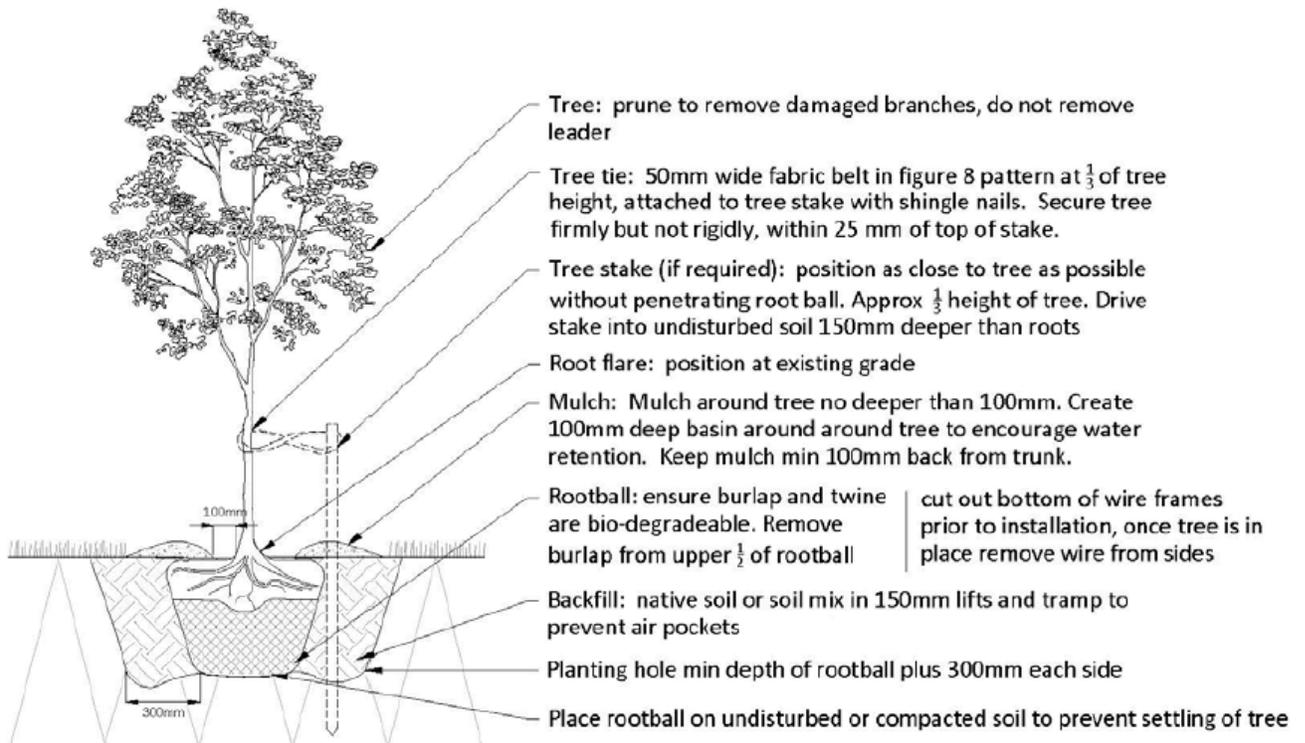
1. Tree Protection Securities are paid in accordance with Part 7 Section 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 of the Tree Protection Bylaw, 2021, No. 2407.
2. The arborist and the applicant must work together to follow their Coordinated Site Development Plan (CSDP).
3. After construction, plant your replacement trees with your arborist. Submit the first Tree Protection and Replacement Report. The arborist must complete a detailed report describing what they supervised (and potentially what they did not) and the outcome of any works near protected trees. It should address all items listed in the CSDP. This report will confirm to the City that trees were not damaged during building. This report additionally includes confirmation of the planting of replacement trees as per the tree management permit, with photographs and details of each tree installed. **Submit one-of-two Tree Protection and Replacement Reports.**
4. **One year** after the City receives the arborist's report confirming that retained trees are vigorous and replacement trees have been planted correctly (following final occupancy), the arborist is to return to the site to confirm that replacement trees are well-established and healthy as are the trees that were retained during construction. The arborist will prepare a report and photographs with their findings. **Submit two-of-two Tree Protection and Replacement Reports.**
5. The applicant submits the arborist report and requests a return of securities.
6. The City will review submitted documents, assess, and return securities, if allowable.

- The City may keep tree protection securities when a protected tree has been damaged. If all of the replacement trees cannot be planted due to site constraints, securities for those trees not planted or deemed unacceptable will be taken as cash-in-lieu.

### **Requirements of Reports and Documentation:**

The report must clearly state when the project arborist was (and potentially was not) on site as required in the CSDP, summarize specifics of the work that was undertaken under supervision of the project arborist, and include pictures. The report must also state the size, location, and species of all replacement trees, confirm that the trees have been planted correctly, comment on the health and long-term survivability of the trees, and include a photo of each tree showing its location.

### **Tree Planting Standard:**



**Notes:**

- Protect tree from damage during transportation.
- Tree staking may only be required in windy locations
- If weed whacker tree guards are installed, ensure they are monitored and adjusted regularly.