

August 17, 2023

FOI No. 2023-43

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VIA EMAIL - Redacted S. 22

Dear Redacted S. 22

Re: Request for Information
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The City of White Rock has reviewed your request for access to the following information pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act"):

- *Arborist reports / photographs from 2019 to present (post construction arborist reports) for 15482 Buena Vista Avenue.*

Access to the records requested is available, however, some of the information in the records is excepted from the disclosure requirements of the Act. I have severed the excepted information so that I could disclose to you the remaining information as attached.

The severed information is excepted from disclosure under section 22 of the Act. Severing under section 22 is necessary to avoid disclosing third-party personal information without permission.

Please contact me at tarthur@whiterockcity.ca or 604-541-2212 if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,



Tracey Arthur
Director of Corporate Administration

If you believe that the City of White Rock has been unreasonable in its handling of your request, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review our response. You have 30 days from receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia
PO Box 9038 Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria BC, V8W 9A4

Telephone 250-387-5629
E-mail: info@oipc.bc.ca

Should you decide to request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with:

1. your name, address and telephone number;
2. a copy of this letter;
3. a copy of your original request sent to the City of White Rock; and
4. the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

Table 1 – Retained trees: 15472 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock BC

Tree #	Type	Observations	Work occurred under arborist supervision	Remediation	Recommendation / Tree Protection Zone Radii
C1	Oak (<i>Quercus sp</i>)	Growing in shared canopy. <i>Improper pruning cuts.</i> <i>Compaction due to machine tracks inside TPZ.</i>	No	Relieve compaction and spread high-quality organic mulch at a depth of 4cm within the TPZ's	Retain. 2.0m
C2	Spruce (<i>Picea sp</i>)	Lean to the south. <i>Stubs in lower crown.</i> <i>Minor compaction inside TPZ.</i>	No	Perform proper pruning cuts. Relieve compaction and spread high-quality organic mulch at a depth of 4cm within the TPZ's	Retain. 2.5m
C3	Douglas-fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	Reduced foliage. Ivy covering the lower 50% of the tree. <i>No construction related impacts noted.</i>	NA	NA	Retain. 3.0m
C4	Douglas-fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	Reduced foliage. Ivy covering the lower 50% of the tree. Asymmetrical to the east. <i>No construction related impacts noted.</i>	NA	NA	Retain. 1.5m
OS1	Cherry (<i>Prunus sp</i>)	Four stemmed. Tree was not located at time of survey so location is approximate. <i>No construction related impacts noted.</i>	Excavation for the proposed house occurred at ~3.5m.	NA	Retain. Dripline

Note: 'OS' refers to Offsite trees and due to restricted access their diameters are approximate. An assessment of offsite trees does not imply they are safe as the restricted access prevented a thorough review. 'C' refers to trees on City property.



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November 7, 2018

City of White Rock
15322 Buena Vista Avenue,
White Rock, BC
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Attention: Steve Whitton, Arboricultural Technician

Re: Tree Impact Assessment: 15472 Buena Vista Avenue

Dear Mr. Whitton,

We attended the above referenced site in September and November of 2018 to review one tree that was reported by City staff to be lacking adequate tree protection. The subject tree is number OS1 and was documented in our Tree Evaluation Report that accompanied the building application for this site. We have conducted the requested review and provide this documentation to address the request for a "Tree Impact Assessment".

The subject tree is located on the neighbouring property along the northeast perimeter. The tree is an approximate 20/20/20cm diameter cherry (*Prunus sp.*) considered to be of good structure and health. The tree protection barriers have been shifted to the edge of the laurel hedge and not at the edge of the underground stairwell wall as required by White Rock staff during the Tree Evaluation Report review process. We can confirm that an arborist was onsite during the demolition and excavation stages. Excavation for the new house is approximately 3.5m from the tree. We observed no significant impacts to OS1 during these stages or at this time. The tree has been pruned on the subject site and is expected to recover well from this work as it has done from earlier pruning on the owner's side.

Excavation for the below ground stairwell extended approximately 1.5m beyond the stairwell therefore there are no roots from the cherry tree in this area. We recommend the tree protection barriers be constructed and maintained at the edge of excavation since constructing them at the edge of the stairwell will provide no additional root protection for the cherry tree.

We also reviewed offsite hedge at neighbour's request and conclude that plants have adapted well to the ongoing pruning on the east side of the hedge therefore it's reasonable to expect west side to recover also.

We reminded the applicant that tree protection fencing must be maintained in good order throughout construction. We anticipate this letter satisfies the tree impact assessment requirements. Photographs are included at the end of this letter. Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely
Mike Fadum and Associates Ltd.



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Figure 1. Impacted area as of September 6, 2018



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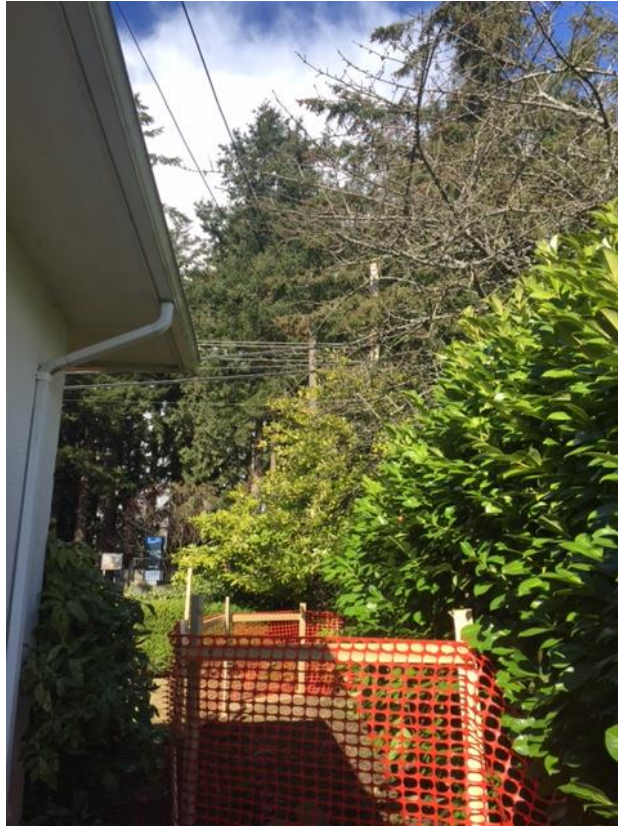


Figure 2. TPZ Pre Demo February 22, 2017



Figure 3. TPZ September 19, 2017



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Figure 4. Construction of temporary tree protection barrier around OS1 September 26, 2017



Figure 5. Excavation of foundation around OS1 September 26, 2017



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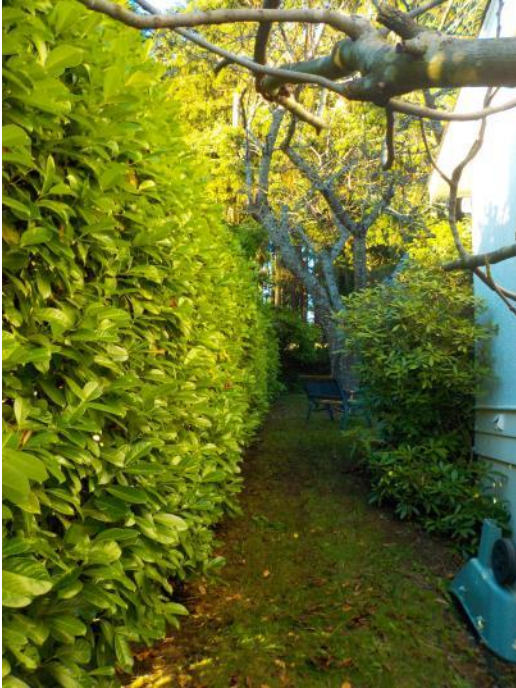


Figure 6: OS Hedge (East side)

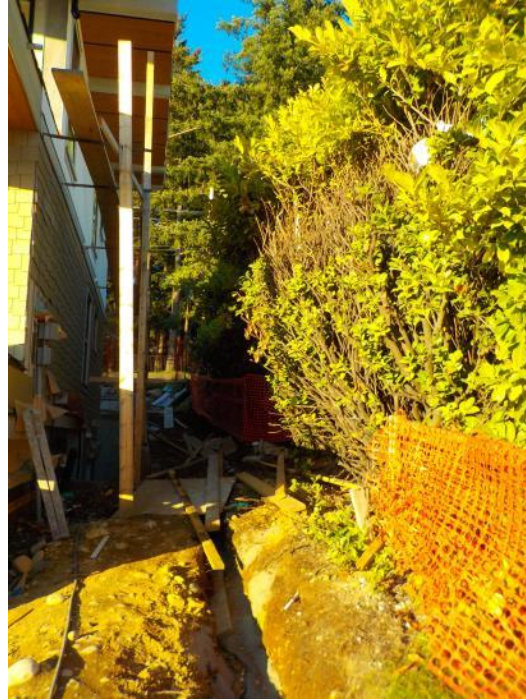


Figure 7: OS Hedge (West side)



Figure 8: OS Hedge (West side). Note: Recent growth from current growing season.



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Figure 9: OS1. Note: Past pruning cuts.

