

September 8, 2023

FOI No. 2023-43

*** Additional Response to the August 17 & 23, 2023 items forwarded.**

Redacted S. 22

VIA EMAIL - Redacted S. 22

Dear Redacted S. 22

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

Attached is additional information in order to complete FOI 2023-43. The following has been provided directly by the City Arborist who noted:

There are no arborist reports for 15482 Buena Vista. The builder was not required to submit a report for that address, instead, the report was to focus on address 15472 Buena Vista and include the cherry tree on 15482 BV referred to as OS1. The builder sold the property and did not submit the reports as required. He did not fully comply with TMP to hire the arborist.

Staff did get the Project Arborist to inspect and report on the post construction because the new owners damaged city trees during a landscaping project. Only part of that report discusses Tree OS1 that resides on 15482 Buena Vista. Please find that attached.

Due to the original request as follows: "Arborist reports / photographs from 2019 to present (post construction arborist reports) for 15482 Buena Vista Avenue." This has posed some issues in staff getting to the bottom of the information needed and we appreciate your patience as we worked through the file.

Attached are the additional responsive records, however, some of the information in the records is excepted from the disclosure requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. I have severed the excepted information so that I could disclose to you the remaining information as attached.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur", with a small dot at the end.

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.

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March 25, 2022

City of White Rock
15322 Buena Vista Avenue
White Rock, BC
V4B 1Y6

Attention: Alanna Claffey – Arboricultural Technician

Re: Site Review - 15472 Buena Vista Avenue

Dear Ms. Claffey,

We attended the site on March 16, 2022 for a final review of the retained and replacement trees as per the associated Tree Management Permit for the site.

Our findings related to retained and replacement trees condition, damage(s) along with remediation measures and recommendations are included in the Table 1 and Table 2 respectively (attached hereto).

Our involvement during the construction stages was limited to monitoring excavation around tree OS1, a preconstruction meeting with the landscape contractors to discuss proper working procedures around retained trees and walkway installation around tree 2403. Table 1 below includes details on both works supervised and works neither recommended or supervised.

Please let us know if you require any additional information. Photographs of works supervised, and current site conditions are attached at the end of this document.

Sincerely

Mike Fadum and Associates Ltd.



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&
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Attachment(s)

- 1) Photos
- 2) Table 1- Retained trees review
- 3) Table 2 – Replacement trees review
- 4) Current site condition tree plan



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Figure 1. Excavation of foundation around OS1 - September 26, 2017



Figure 2. Asphalt driveway and ivy to be removed from within TPZ of tree 2403.



Figure 3. Old stairs and other debris to be removed.



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Figure 4. Removing asphalt – April 2, 2020.



Figure 5. Asphalt removed – April 2, 2020.



Figure 6. Old concrete stairs removed – April 2, 2020.



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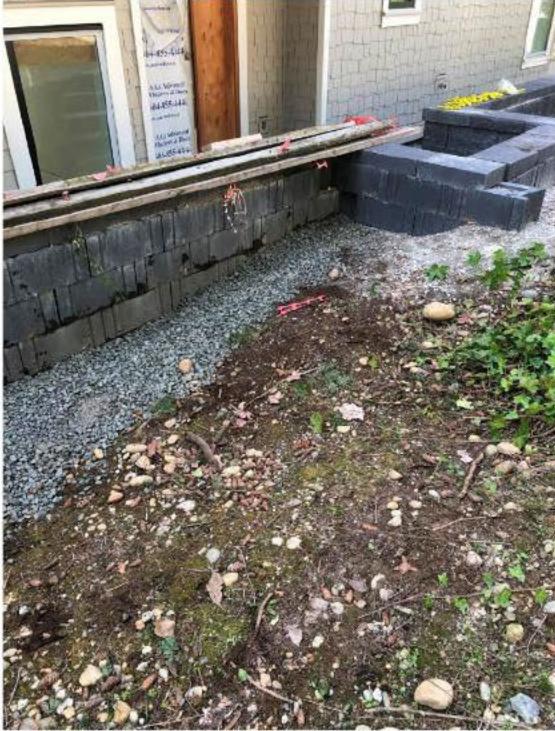


Figure 7. Crushed rock along retaining wall
– April 2, 2020.

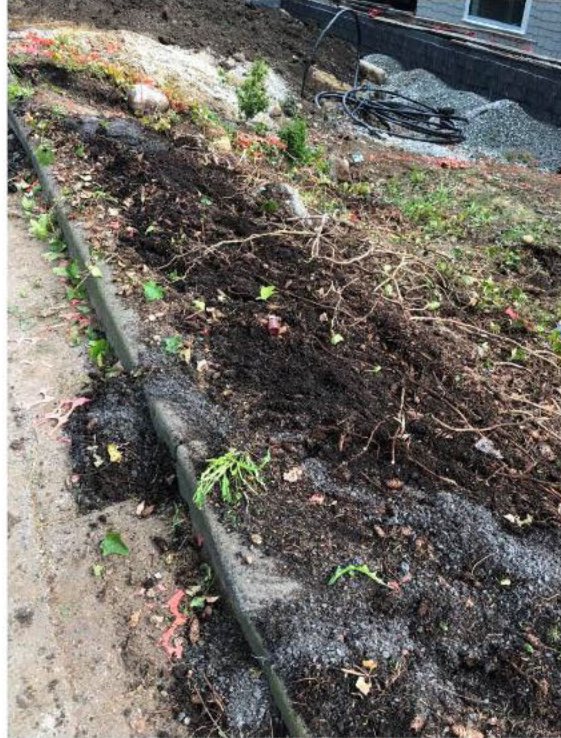


Figure 8. Ivy removed from along roadside
– April 2, 2020.



Figure 9. Path of walkway at edge of TPZ
– April 2, 2020.



Figure 10. TPZ's spray painted to mark
machine 'no-go' zones – April 2, 2020.



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Figure 11. Completed walkway – May 8 2020.



Figure 12. Tree 2403 – March 16, 2022.



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Figure 13. RT 1 & Tree OS1 (left to right) – March 16, 2022.



Figure 14. RT3, RT2 & RT1 (left to right) – excessive mulch from the base should be removed – March 16, 2022.



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Figure 15. RT4, RT5, Tree 100 and 2405 (left to right) – March 16, 2022.



Figure 16. RT4 – poor pruning cuts and mechanical injuries – March 16, 2022.



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Figure 17. Tree 2405 (located under utility lines) – Improper pruning – March 16, 2022.



Figure 18. Tree 100 – improper pruning – March 16, 2022.



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Figure 19. Trees 2406 & 2407 (left to right). Note: Improper pruning cuts and mechanical injuries – March 16, 2022.



Figure 20. Tree 2409 – improper pruning cuts and grade disturbance – March 16, 2022.



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Figure 21. Base of tree 2408 – Compaction inside TPZ – west side – March 16, 2022.



Figure 22. Tree 2408 & 2409 – Retaining wall installed south side at 2.0 and 1.0m respectively – March 16, 2022.



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Figure 23. Compacted area inside TPZ of trees 2405-2407 and C1. Relieve compaction using mechanical aeration method and install mulch – March 16, 2022.



Figure 24. Canopy of trees C1 (improper pruning) & C2 (left to right) – March 16, 2022.



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
2403	Douglas-fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	Previously pruned for utility lines clearance. No recent growth buds were observed. Foliage colour differing from neighbouring douglas-fir trees. The difference in the growth pattern could be attributed to warmer soil conditions on the other side of Buena Vista whereas the subject tree is shadowed by the house likely experiencing colder soil conditions and could have delayed foliage break. Isolated dieback resulting due to insect damage. <i>Stairs installed at 3.0m south side.</i> <i>Grade change inside TPZ.</i> <i>Walkway installed at ~5.5m west side.</i>	Removal of the old concrete staircase, asphalt driveway, overburden and other debris within the TPZ. Contractors placed two blocks depth of crushed rock along the edge of retaining wall they said was needed for design specifications and we gave instructions for no more than 4" of topsoil across the rest of the TPZ.	Reassess for health into growing season after first week of June, 2022.	Retain and reassess in following growing season. 5.5m
2405	Hawthorne (<i>Crataegus sp</i>)	Asymmetrical to the south. <i>Improper pruning cuts.</i> <i>Tree location requires repeated topping for utility lines and sight lines clearance.</i>	No	NA	Remove and replace with suitable species for location or to a slightly improved location. 1.5m
2406	Douglas-fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	Asymmetrical to the east. Stubs in lower crown. <i>Compaction due to machine tracks inside TPZ.</i> <i>Improper pruning cuts.</i>	No	Perform proper pruning cuts. Relieve compaction and spread high-quality organic mulch at a depth of 4cm within the TPZ's.	Retain. 5.5m



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2407	Holly (<i>Ilex sp</i>)	Fused at the lower meter with multiple attachments. Shade suppressed on the south. <i>Compaction due to machine tracks inside TPZ.</i> <i>Improper pruning cuts.</i> <i>Multiple mechanical injury to the trunk.</i> <i>Retaining wall installed at 2.0m east side.</i>	No	Perform proper pruning cuts. Relieve compaction and spread high-quality organic mulch at a depth of 4cm within the TPZ's	Retain. 3.0m
2408	Holly (<i>Ilex sp</i>)	Fused at the lower meter with multiple attachments. Open grown symmetrical canopy with dieback in the lower 40% of the crown. <i>Retaining wall installed at 2.0m south side.</i> <i>Grade disturbance and compaction inside TPZ.</i>	No	Restore grade and relieve compaction inside TPZ. Removal of retaining wall will cause more harm to the tree. Height of the wall should not exceed more than 4.0m.	Retain. 3.0m
2409	Apple (<i>Malus sp</i>)	Open grown symmetrical canopy. Form typical for species. <i>Retaining wall installed at 1.0m south side.</i> <i>Improper pruning cuts.</i> <i>Grade disturbance and compaction inside TPZ.</i>	No	Perform proper pruning cuts. Restore grade and relieve compaction inside TPZ. Removal of retaining wall will cause more harm to the tree. Height of the wall should not exceed more than 4.0m.	Retain. 2.0m
100	Douglas-fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	Stubs in lower crown. Ivy in lower 1/3 rd . <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



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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

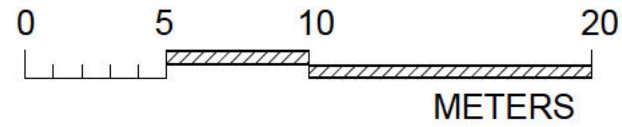
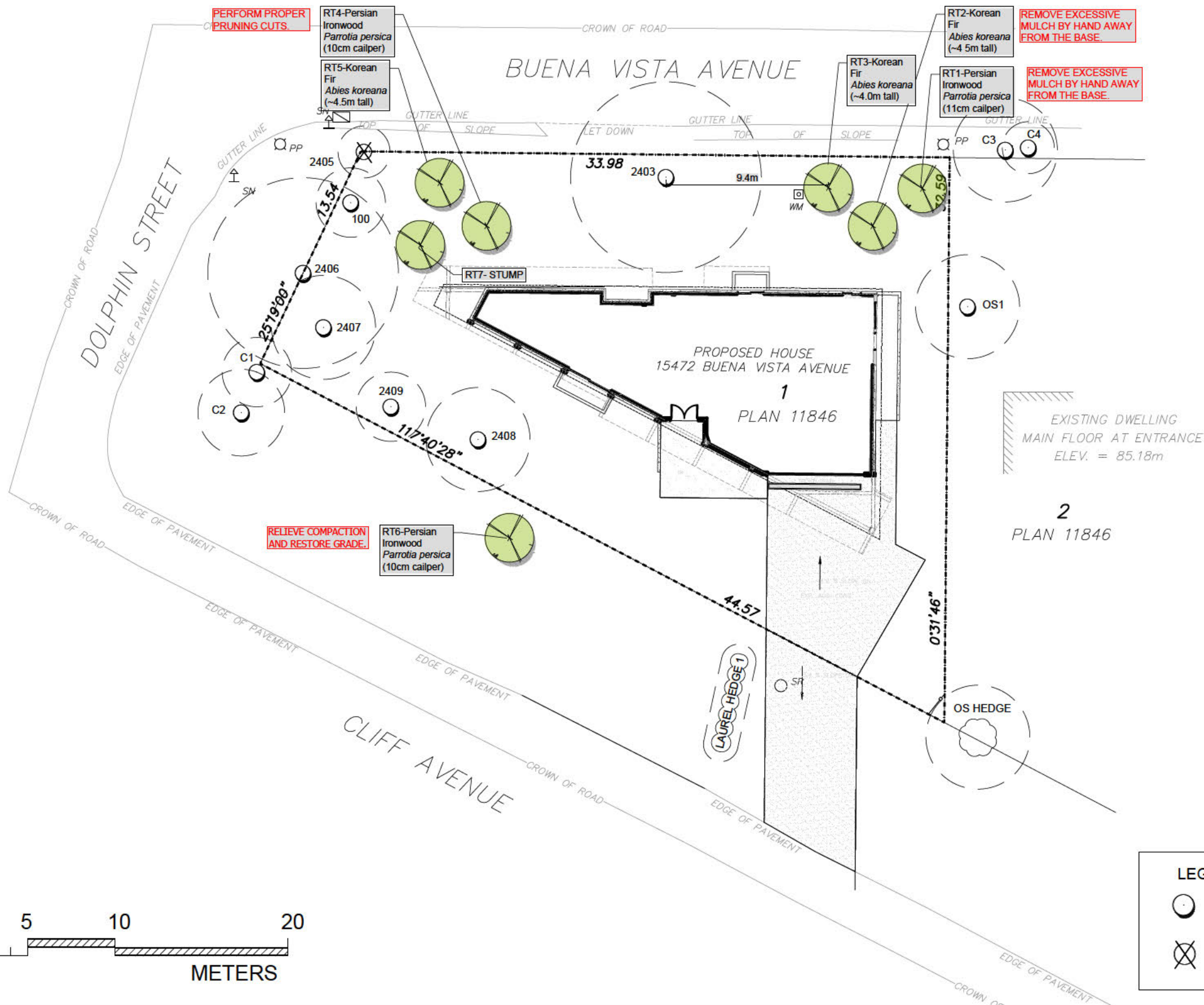
Note: 'OS' refers to Offsite trees and due to restricted access their diameters are approximate. An assessment of offsite trees does not imply they are safe as the restricted access prevented a thorough review. 'C' refers to trees on City property.



Date: March 25, 2022

Table 2 – Replacement trees: 15472 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock BC

#	Species	Size	Condition	Remediation
RT1	Persian Ironwood (<i>Parrotia persica</i>)	11cm caliper	Good.	NA
RT2	Korean Fir (<i>Abies koreana</i>)	~4.5m tall	Good. Excessive mulch at the base.	Remove excessive mulch by hand away from the base.
RT3	Korean Fir (<i>Abies koreana</i>)	~4.0m tall	Good. Excessive mulch at the base. Crown raised.	Remove excessive mulch by hand away from the base.
RT4	Persian Ironwood (<i>Parrotia persica</i>)	10cm caliper	2.8m from tree 5. Poor pruning cuts and mechanical injuries to the trunk.	Perform proper pruning cuts.
RT5	Korean Fir (<i>Abies koreana</i>)	~4.5m tall	Good. 2.8m from tree 4.	NA
RT6	Persian Ironwood (<i>Parrotia persica</i>)	10cm caliper	Compaction inside TPZ.	Relieve compaction and restore grades.
RT7	Korean Fir (<i>Abies koreana</i>)	NA	Removed	NA



LEGEND	
	TREE TO BE RETAINED
	TREE TO BE REMOVED
	MINIMUM NO DISTURBANCE ZONE
	REPLACEMENT TREE

NO.	DATE	BY	REVISION
1	SEPT10/20	MK	REPLACEMENT TREES

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PROJECT TITLE
15472 BUENA VISTA AVENUE
WHITE ROCK, B.C.

SHEET TITLE
T3 - REPLACEMENT TREE REVIEW PLAN

CLIENT

DRAWN MK
SCALE AS SHOWN
DATE MARCH 28, 2022

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SHEET 1 OF 1