Building Division INFORMATION

CONSIDERATIONS FOR BUILDING ON A SITE WITH TREES

January 2012 Building division

Tree Protection Bylaw, 2006 No. 16100 The bylaw is available in its entirety at the City of Surrey website at www.surrev.ca/treeprotection

<u>Purpose</u>

ALL building or development sites require tree cutting permits for trees which require removal and tree protection barriers for trees which require retention. Awareness of tree issues and requirements is important at every stage from planning, design, engineering and construction, to landscaping.

Background

Trees present on-site, on adjacent properties or on City property must be considered prior to design.

On-site:

Heritage trees, significant trees, specimen trees, protected trees and healthy groups

of trees are candidates that must be considered for retention.

Off-site:

Trees on neighbouring properties must be protected. Tree removals may be considered when the trees fall within the removal criteria of the bylaw and the

owner agrees.

City trees: Boulevard and park trees (regardless of size) must be protected with tree protection barriers unless removal has been authorized by the Parks Department

(604-501-5050).

Tree Survey

A legal survey must be stamped by a registered BC land surveyor or professional engineer. The City of Surrey has specific guidelines for what must be included in a survey (see City Bulletin: Tree Survey Guidelines). Errors in this information can slow the building or development permit process when an incorrect survey requires resubmission, or can result in delaying actual construction and require payment of fines for tree damage occurring during the development/construction process due to incorrect information.

Arborist Report

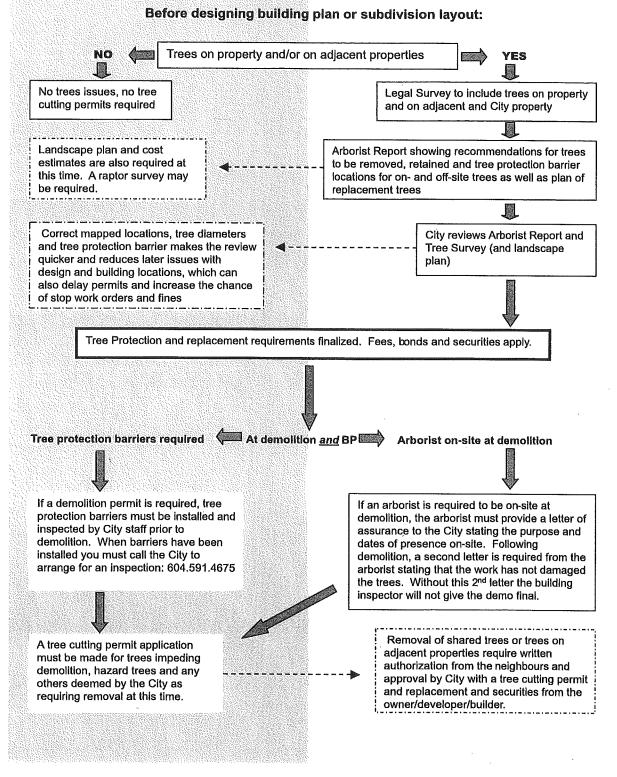
The Arborist Report is necessary to professionally assess the trees on the site. The City of Surrey has specific guidelines for what must be included in a report, including tables and maps. The requirements are listed in City Bulletin: *Arborist Report Specifications*. Errors or incomplete submissions of this information will also result in requests for resubmission. Missing trees and incorrect location of tree protection barriers can also result in delay of actual construction and require payment of fines for tree damage due to building design calculations based on incorrect information.

Any recommendations for retention must provide detailed descriptions of mitigation measures for the retained trees. These measures must include the tree protection barriers with the location and dimensions of the barriers shown on the site plan, as well as provide detailed descriptions of mitigation measures for the retained trees and other site-specific measures as deemed necessary by the arborist. This may include, but not be limited to: relocation of retaining walls and perimeter drainage; hand-digging; root pruning; construction of tree wells; relocation of utility installation or connections; tunneling; placement of gravel/structural soil/mulch/planking; require presence of an arborist during work in the vicinity of tree; other methods required to successfully retain a tree; or any maintenance such as watering; etc.

Building Plan

When designing for any site construction, including house, driveway, garage and deck additions, trees suitable for retention must be considered. Design amendments may be needed such as:

- Modifying building designs;
- Modifying sidewalk/driveway designs;
- Limiting size of excavations;
- Alternative shoring;
- Alternative excavation techniques;
- Trenchless technologies;
- Alternative site access; or
- Alternative location for utility location/connections.



Fees

- Tree Cutting Permit fees: depends on property but for in-fill sites: \$63 for the fee and \$24 for each tree
- Refundable tree replanting securities: \$300 for each regular-sized tree to be planted (5 cm caliper)
- Refundable tree retention bonds: typically \$3000/tree for trees on-site or on neighbouring properties

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TREE SURVEY REQUIREMENTS



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Purpose

Information to all applicants submitting development applications (i.e. rezoning, subdivisions, development, development variances, building permits) to also submit a site survey with the application.

Background

- The tree survey must be completed by a registered BCLS surveyor or professional engineer.
- All dimensions included on the tree survey must be metric.
- The scale of the drawing must permit detailed information to be legible. Information, especially tree identification numbers and information must be in a legible font that is readable when photocopied once onto 11"x17" paper.
- The tree survey must be a scaled drawing and include the following:
 - The locations and type of all existing and proposed utilities entering or immediately adjacent to the subject site.
 - 2. Legal description; rights-of-way, easements, existing and proposed property lines; building footprints and excavation zones; walkways, patios, driveways and access; existing and proposed grades at each of the four corners of the subject site; water, storm and sanitary sewer lines; Hydro, telephone and gas lines; plus any proposed or existing service kiosks must also be shown.
 - The location and diameter of:
 - (a) All trees on the subject site having a trunk diameter (DBH) of 30 cm ($11^3/4^{\circ}$) or greater, or a multiple-stemmed tree whose cumulative DBH for 3 largest stems added together is 30 cm ($11^3/4^{\circ}$) or greater.

- (b) A tree of any size which:
 - i. has been planted as a replacement tree;
 - ii. located within an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) *;
 - iii. is specimen quality or is on the Significant Tree List;
 - iv. has evidence of nesting use by raptors, osprey or herons; and
 - v. is one of these species: arbutus, Garry oak, pacific dogwood, pacific yew, coast redwood, dawn redwood, giant redwood, gingko or monkey puzzle.
- (c) All off-site trees or hedges within 4 m of the property line on adjacent lots.
- (d) All off-site trees whose diameter would require tree protection barriers on the subject property or at the property line.
- (e) All trees or hedges (regardless of size) on any City boulevard or lane allowance adjacent to the subject site to the same standards as described in items (c) and (d).
- 4. All surveyed trees identified in #3 must be consecutively numbered, including protected trees existing within a hedge. Non-permit-sized hedge trees can be numbered as a group with a single number.
- 5. The type (i.e. coniferous or deciduous) of all trees identified in #3.
- 6. The base elevations (tree grades) of all trees identified in #3.
- 7. All power lines on or adjacent to surveyed property.
- 8. A title block with north arrow, scale, date, surveyor or professional engineer's seal and company name. A legend to identify symbols is required. Revised plans must be dated.
- * If an Environmentally Sensitive Area is dedicated to the City as park, the trees in the area do not need to be surveyed. All trees within this area would be retained.

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ACCPEPTABLE REPLACEMENT TREE LIST AND PLANTING REQUIREMENTS

Website: www.surrey.ca/treeprotection
Email; treebylaw@surrey.ca
Phone: 604-591-4675

ALL PLANT MATERIAL AND PLANTING TECHNIQUES MUST COMPLY WITH THE LATEST EDITION OF THE BCSLA/BCNTA "LANDSCAPE STANDARD" AS THIS WILL EFFECT REFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSITS

- Trees must be planted in accordance with the "Tree Planting Guidelines" in this brochure. All ball and burlap root ball strings must be severed before the tree replacement inspection.
- Western red cedars, Hemlock and Douglas fir trees will not be an acceptable species for planting in small back yards or small front yard areas.
- Upsized trees (8 cm. caliper for deciduous or 4 metres tall for conifers) must be staked or guyed when planted in locations where site conditions will result in excessive movement of the root ball.
- Trees with mature heights of more than 3 metres are not to be planted under BC
 Hydro lines. Taller trees must be planted a minimum of 5 metres from the wires.
- Small growing or medium growing trees (8 metres or less) are not to be planted within 2 metres of foundations or outbuildings and large growing trees (over 8 metres) are not to be planted closer than 3 metres from building foundations.
- Most trees are acceptable as replacement trees as long as they are not hedging material, weeping, grafted standards, dwarfs or shrubs. The attached list is to be used a guide for sizes and species.
- When the tree(s) have/has been planted as per the requirements set out in this information brochure, please call 604-591-4675 for a first inspection. The first 50% refundable security deposit will then be released, and the balance of the security will be refunded after 1 year if the tree is still viable. Please call the above noted phone number for the second inspection.



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COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	PLANTING SIZE	ТҮРЕ
Hedge Maple	Acer campestre 'Queen Elizabeth'	5 cm caliper	S
Vine Maple	Acer circinatum	5 cm caliper	S
Amur Maple	Acer Ginnala	5 cm caliper	S
Bloodgood Japanese Maple	Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood'	5 cm caliper	S
Globe Maple	Acer platanoides 'Globosum'	5 cm caliper	S
Silk Tree	Albizia julibrissin	5 cm caliper	S
Young's Weeping Birch	Betula pendula 'Youngii'	5 cm caliper	S **
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	5 cm caliper	S
Eddie's White Wonder Dogwood	Cornus 'Eddie's White Wonder'	5 cm caliper	S
Chinese Dogwood	Cornus chinensis	5 cm caliper	S
Kousa Dogwood	Cornus kousa	3 cm height	S
Cornelian Cherry	Cornus mas	3 cm height	S
Cockspur Hawthorn	Crataegus crus-galli inermis	5 cm caliper	S
Washington Hawthorn	Crataegus phaenopyrum 'Treeform'	5 cm caliper	S
Lavalle Hawthorn	Crataegus x lavallei	5 cm caliper	S
Amur Maackia	Maackia amurensis	5 cm caliper	S
Caerhays Bell Magnolia	Magnolia 'Caerhays Bell'	5 cm caliper	S
Elizabeth Magnolia	Magnolia 'Elizabeth'	5 cm caliper	S
Galaxy Magnolia	Magnolia 'Galaxy'	5 cm caliper	S
Vulcan Magnolia	Magnolia 'Vulcan'	5 cm caliper	S
Waddas Memory Magnolia	<i>Magnolia</i> 'Waddas Memory'	5 cm caliper	S
Yellow Cucumber Tree	Magnolia cordata	3 m height	S
Oyama Magnolia	Magnolia sieboldii	3 m height	S
Saucer Magnolia	Magnolia soulangiana	3m height	S
Japanese Crabapple	Malus florabunda	5 cm caliper	S
Prairiefire Crabapple	Malus x 'Prairiefire'	5 cm caliper	S
Calocarpa Ornamental Crabapple	Malux x Zumi 'Calocarpa'	5 cm caliper	S
White Mulberry	Morus alba	5 cm caliper	S
Sourwood	Oxydendrum arboreum	5 cm caliper	S
Persian Ironwood	Parrotia persica	5 cm caliper	S
Shore Pine	Pinus contorta	3 m height	S **
Japanese Flowering Cherry	Prunus serrulata	5 cm caliper	S
Staghorn Sumac	Rhus typhina	3 m height	S
Japanese Stewartia	Stewartia pseudocamellia	5 cm caliper	S
Japanese Snowbell	Styrax japonica	5 cm caliper	S
Fragrant Snowbell	Styrax obassia	5 cm caliper	S

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Cappadocian Maple	Acer cappadocicum	5 cm caliper	M
David's Maple	Acer davidii	5 cm caliper	M
Rocky Mountain Maple	Acer glabrum	5 cm caliper	M
Paperbark Maple	Acer griseum	5 cm caliper	M
Manitoba Maple	Acer negundo	5 cm caliper	M
Striped Maple	Acer pensylvanicum	5 cm caliper	M
Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	5 cm caliper	M
Crimson King Maple	Acer platanoides 'Crimson King'	5 cm caliper	M
Crimson Sentry Maple	Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'	5 cm caliper	M
Drummond Maple	Acer platanoides 'Drummondii'	5 cm caliper	M
Royal Red Maple	Acer platanoides 'Royal Red'	5 cm caliper	M
Schedler's Maple	Acer platanoides 'Schwedleri'	5 cm caliper	M
Pacific Sunset Maple	Acer truncatum x A. platanoides 'Warren Red'	5 cm caliper	M
Red Horsechestnut	Aesculus x carnea	5 cm caliper	M
Ruby Red Horsechestnut	Aesculus x carnea 'Birotti'	5 cm caliper	M
Tree-of-Heaven	Alianthus altissima	5 cm caliper	M
Japanese Angelica Tree	Aralia elata	5 cm caliper	M
Pacific Madrone	Arbutus menziesii	3 m height	M
Jacquemontii Birch	Betula jacquemontii	5 cm caliper	M
Weeping Birch	Betula lanciniata	5 cm caliper	M
River Birch	Betula nigra	5 cm caliper	M
Paper Birch	Betula papyrifera	5 cm caliper	M
European White Birch	Betula pendula	5 cm caliper	M
Asian White Birch	Betula platyphylla	5 cm caliper	M
Katsura Tree	Cercidiphyllum japonicum	5 cm caliper	M
Nootka Cypress	Chamaecyparis nootkatensis	3 m height	M
Drooping Nootka Cypress	Chamaesyparis nootkatensis 'Pendula'	3 m <u>he</u> ight	M
Finge Tree	Chionanthus virginicus	5 cm caliper	M
Giant Dogwood	Cornus controversa	5 cm caliper	M
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	5 cm caliper	M
Pacific Dogwood	Cornus nuttallia	5 cm caliper	M
Handerchief Tree	Davidia involucrata	5 cm caliper	M
Autumn Applause Ash	Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Applause'	5 cm caliper	M
Autumn Purple Ash	Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple'	5 cm caliper	M
Flowering Ash	Fraxinus ornus	5 cm caliper	M
Raywood Ash	Fraxinus oxycarpa 'Raywood'	5 cm caliper	M

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Patmore Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Patmore'	5 cm caliper	M
Summit Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Summit'	5 cm caliper	M
Urbanite Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Urbanite'	5 cm caliper	M
Mountain Silverbell	Halesia monticola	5 cm caliper	M
Japanese Walnut	Juglans ailantifolia	5 cm caliper	M
Butternut	Juglans cinera	5 cm caliper	M
Golden Rain Tree	Koelreuteria paniculata	5 cm caliper	M
Goldenchain Tree	Laburnum watereri 'Vossii'	5 cm caliper	M
European Larch	Larix decidua	3 m height	M
Cucumber Tree	Magnolia acuminata	3 m height	M
Dawson Magnolia	Magnolia dawsoniana	3 m height	M
Southern Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	3 m height	M
Northern Japanese Magnolia	Magnolia kobus	3 m height	M
Antarctic Beech	Nothofagus antarctica	5 cm caliper	M
Sour Gum Tree	Nyssa sylvatica	5 cm caliper	M
Empress Tree	Paulownia tomentosum	5 cm caliper	M
Amur Cork Tree	Phellodendron amurense	5 cm caliper	M
Himilayan White Pine	Pinus agriffithii wallichiana	3 m height	M
Western White Pine	Pinus monticola	3 m height	M
Austrian Pine	Pinus nigra	3 m height	M
Purpleleaf Plum	Prunus cerasifera pissardi 'Nigra'	5 cm caliper	M
Sargent Flowering Cherry	Prunus sargentii	5 cm caliper	M
Black Cherry	Prunus serotina	5 cm caliper	M
Yoshino Cherry	Prunus yedoensis	5 cm caliper	M
Pink Locust	Robinia ambigua 'Idahoensis'	5 cm caliper	M
Corkscrew Willow	Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa'	5 cm caliper	M
Umbrella Pine	Sciadopitys verticillata	3 m height	M
Whitebeam	Sorbus airia 'Lutescens'	5 cm_caliper	M
European Mountain Ash	Sorbus aucuparia	5 cm caliper	M
Pink Pagoda Mountain Ash	Sorbus huphensis 'Pink Pagoda'	5 cm caliper	M
Pacific Yew	Taxus brevifolia	3 m height	M
Redmond Linden	Tilia americana 'Redmond'	5 cm caliper	M
Little Leaf Linden	Tilia cordata	5 cm caliper	M
Chancellor Littleleaf Linded	Tilia cordata 'Chancellor'	5 cm caliper	M
Greenspire Littleleaf Linden	Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'	5 cm caliper	M
Crimean Linden	Tilia euchlora	5 cm caliper	M
Siberian Elm	Ulmus pumila	5 cm caliper	M

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Green Vase Japanese Zelkova	Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'	5 cm caliper	M
Balsam Fir	Abies balsamea	3 m height	. L
White Fir	Abies consolor	3 m height	L
Fraser's Fir	Abies fraseri	3 m height	L
Grand Fir	Abies grandis	3 m height	L
Alpine Fir	Abies lasiocarpa	3 m height	L
Noble Fir	Abies procera	3 m height	L
Bigleaf Maple	Acer macrophyllum	5 cm caliper	L
Deborah Maple	Acer platinoides 'Deborah'	5 cm caliper	L
Sycamore Maple	Acer pseudoplatanus	5 cm caliper	L
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	5 cm caliper	L
Morgan Maple	Acer rubrum 'Morgan'	5 cm caliper	L
Red Sunset Maple	Acer rubrum 'Red Sunset'	5 cm caliper	L
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	5 cm caliper	L
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	5 cm caliper	L
Common Horsechestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	5 cm caliper	L
Monkey Puzzle Tree	Araucaria araucana	3 m height	L
California Incense Cedar	Calocedrus decurrens	3 m height	L
European Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus	5 cm caliper	L
Common Catalpa	Catalpa bignoides	5 cm caliper	L
Western Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa	5 cm caliper	L
Atlas Cedar	Cedrus atlantica	3 m height	L
Blue Atlas Cedar	Cedrus atlantica 'Gluca'	3 m height	L
Cedar of Lebanon	Cedrus Libani	3 m height	L
Hinoki False Cypress	Chamaecyparis obtusa	3 m height	L
Saware False Cypress	Chamaecyparis pisifera	3 m height	L
American Beech	Fagus grandiflora	5 cm caliper	L
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica	5 cm caliper	L
Copper Beech	Fagus sylvatica 'Autopurpurea'	5 cm caliper	L
White Ash	Fraxinus americana	5 cm caliper	L
Autumn Purple Ash	Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple'	5 cm caliper	L
European Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	5 cm caliper	L
Westhoff's Glory Ash	Fraxinus excelsior 'Westhoff's Glory'	5 cm caliper	L
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	5 cm caliper	L
Maidenhair Tree	Ginkgo biloba	5 cm caliper	L
Thornless Honeylocust	Gleditsia tricanthos inermis	5 cm caliper	L
Skyline Honeylocust	Gleditsia tricanthos inermis 'Skyline'	5 cm caliper	L

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Sunburst Honeylocust	Gleditsia tricanthos intermis 'Sunburst'	5 cm caliper	L
Shademaster Honeylocust	Gleitsia tricanthos inermis 'Shademaster'	5 cm caliper	L
Black Walnut	Juglans nigra	5 cm caliper	L
English Walnut	Juglans regia	5 cm caliper	L
Worplesdon Sweatgum	Liquidambar styraciflua 'Worpleston'	5 cm caliper	L
Tuliptree	Liriodendron tulipifera	5 cm caliper	L
Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia glyptostroboides	3 m height	Ŀ
Norway Spruce	Picea abies	3 m height	L
White Spruce	Picea glauca	3 m height	L
Serbian Spruce	Picea omorika	3 m height	L
Colorado Spruce	Picea pungens	3 m height	L
Colorado Blue Spruce	Picea pungens 'Glauca'	3 m height	L
Hoop's Blue Spruce	Picea pungens 'Hoopsii'	3 m height	L
Koster Blue Spruce	Picea pungens 'Koster'	3 m height	L
Sitka Spruce	Picea sitchensis	3 m height	L
Ponderosa Pine	Pinus ponderosa	3 m height	L
Monterey Pine	Pinus radiata	3 m height	L
Red Pine	Pinus resinosa	3 m height	L
Eastern White Pine	Pinus strobus	3 m height	L
Scotch Pine	Pinus sylvestris	3 m height	L
Japanese Black Pine	Pinus thunbergii	3 m height	L
London Plane Tree	Platanus acerifolia	5 cm caliper	L
Oriental Plane Tree	Platanus orientalis	5 cm caliper	L
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	3 m height	L
Oriental Chestnut Oak	Quercus acutissima	5 cm caliper	L
Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	5 cm caliper	L
Garry Oak	Quercus garryana	5 cm caliper	L
Pin Oak	Quercus palustris	5 cm_caliper	L
English Oak	Quercus robur	5 cm caliper	L
Red Oak	Quercus rubra	5 cm caliper	L
Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii	5 cm caliper	L
Black Locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	5 cm caliper	L
Yellow Leaf Black Locust	Robinia pseudoacacia 'Frisia'	5 cm caliper	L
White Willow	Salix alba	5 cm caliper	L
Golden Weeping Willow	Salis alba 'Tristis'	5 cm caliper	L
Weeping Willow	Salix babylonica	5 cm caliper	L
Coast Redwood	Sequoia sempervirens	3 m height	L

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Giant Redwood	Sequoiadendron giganteum	3 m height	L
Golden Cedar	Thuja plicata 'Aurea'	3 m height	L
Western Red Cedar	Thuja plicata	3m height	L
Basswood	Tilia americana	5 cm caliper	L
Canadian Hemlock	Tsuga canadensis	3 m height	L
Western Hemlock	Tsuga heterophylla	3 m height	L
Mountain Hemlock	Tsuga mertensiana	3 m height	L
American Elm	Ulmus americana	5 cm caliper	L
Scotch Elm	Ulmus glabra	5 cm caliper	L
Armstrong Maple	Acer rubrum 'Armstrong'	5 cm caliper	F
Bowhall Maple	Acer rubrum 'Bowhall'	5 cm caliper	F
Columnar Red Maple	Acer rubrum 'Columnaire'	5 cm caliper	F
Karpick Maple	Acer rubrum 'Karpick'	5 cm caliper	F
Scanlon Red Maple	Acer rubrum 'Scanlon'	5 cm caliper	F
Scarlet Sentinel Maple	Acer rubrum 'Scarlet Sentinel'	5 cm caliper	F
Pyramidal European Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'	5 cm caliper	F
Franz Fontaine Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus 'Franz Fontaine'	5 cm caliper	F
Purple Dawyck Beech	Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyckii Purple'	5 cm caliper	F
Dawyck Beech	Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyckii'	5 cm caliper	F
Princeton Sentry Maidenhair Tree	Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'	5 cm caliper	F
Chanticleer Pear	Pyrus calleryana 'Chantecleer'	5 cm caliper	F
Upright English Oak	Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'	5 cm caliper	F
Upright Japanese Pagoda Tree	Sophora japonica 'Regent'	5 cm caliper	F

GENERAL TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

The following tree planting guidelines are based on the most recent recommended practice in the British Columbia Landscape Standards. When considering tree selection and planting, it is recommended that you seek the advice of reputable landscape professionals, such as landscape architects, arborists, horticulturists and nursery representatives. A list of acceptable replacement trees and their sizes is available from the City.

- Select the location of new trees to ensure that the trees will be able to develop their natural
 form and ultimate size without creating a negative impact on the tree, its surroundings or any
 overhead or underground utilities.
- 2. Ensure that the root ball is uniformly watered one day prior to planting, if possible. Water the newly planted tree once a week, soaking thoroughly the cultivated area.
- 3. Soil composition should generally be approximately 20% silt and clay combined, 70% sand and 10% decomposed organic matter. Soil testing kits are normally available through local nurseries. Private laboratories will also test soil samples.
- 4. Soil pH should be between 4.5 and 6.5.
- 5. The root ball should normally be set at the same level as it was growing in the nursery or tree farm. Where drainage is poor, plant the tree 2.5 cm to 5 cm higher than the surrounding ground. Under no circumstances should the top of the root ball be buried.
- 6. Soil should be compacted with a water sprinkler or hose. Heavy foot traffic around the planting area should be avoided.
- 7. A 5 to 7.5 cm layer of mulch (peat, bark mulch, leafmold, etc.) may be applied to the planting area, but must be kept 15 cm away from the tree trunk. Cedar mulch is not acceptable.
- 8. A tree should only be staked if it is unable to stand on its own, or when planted on a boulevard. When staking, the stake should be placed on the windward side of the tree avoiding damage to the trunk and root ball. The stake should not be driven through the root ball. The tree should be tied to the stake, allowing for natural movement of the trunk. The stake should be fastened to the tree with a figure-eight loop tie of a soft elasticized material, i.e., rubber tubing, or similar fastener, that is appropriate to the size, type and condition of the tree. The stake should be removed after one year or when the tree is established.
- 9. A regular maintenance program should be adopted for one year after planting to ensure survival and establishment, including pruning, watering, and cultivating the planting area. Do not fertilize until late spring of the second year following planting.

Note:

The accompanying tree detail illustrations characterize a generally flat site condition in an unrestricted area. Special planting considerations are required in sloped conditions, roof decks or other unique situations.

