

NEWS RELEASE

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City reminds residents to observe Tree Management and Protection Bylaw

A tree removal permit may be required for the removal of even one tree

Summary

The City of Nanaimo would like to remind residents that there is a Tree Management and Protection Bylaw in Nanaimo and that a permit may be required for the removal of even one tree on private property. The bylaw was reviewed, revised and passed by Council in December of 2013 and can be found on line at the City of Nanaimo's website. Garry Oaks, Arbutus, Pacific Dogwood and Western Yew are of particular concern. A full list of tree species and critical sizes is listed in the bylaw.

The City would also like to remind residents that it is illegal to trespass on to public property to prune or remove trees for any reason without consent from the City.

Strategic Link: This Bylaw is supported by Module 7 of the Urban Forest Management Strategy

Key Points

- Residents undertaking yard work involving the removal of trees are advised to review the Tree Management and Protection Bylaw.
- Removing trees from City owned land is strictly prohibited.

Quotes

"The City of Nanaimo has had a Tree Bylaw since 1993, but was recognized in the Urban Forest Management Strategy as needing to be updated and residents needed to be reminded of the Bylaw's revision."

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