

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City reminds residents to observe Tree Management and Protection Bylaw

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo would like to remind residents a Tree Management and Protection Bylaw is in place. The bylaw may require residents obtain a permit for the removal of even one tree on private property.

The City would also like to remind residents it is illegal to trespass onto 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.
- 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 bylaw was reviewed, revised and passed by Council in December of 2013 and can be found on the City's website.

#### Quotes

"Urban forests benefit us environmentally, economically and socially. As this is a busy time of year for preparing yards and gardens for the season ahead, we wanted to remind residents about the Tree Bylaw."

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