

# Appeal to Reconsider – City of White Rock



December 29, 2020

Residents of:  
15457 Royal Avenue  
White Rock, BC  
V4B 1N2

Re: City of White Rock Beautification Program

Dear Residents of 15457 Royal Avenue:

The City of White Rock is planting new boulevard trees throughout the City to help growth a healthy urban tree canopy. Trees help to make White Rock a beautiful City and provide many benefits including habitat for birds and other animals, and aesthetic and psychological benefits for residents.

The type of tree and the planting location are carefully selected with consideration for view impacts, overhead/underground utilities, and future road works.

This letter is to inform you that the boulevard in front of your home has been selected as part of the City Beautification Program. The City will be planting one *Ginkgo biloba* tree on the boulevard facing Cypress Street. A photo of this tree has been included for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Engineering and Municipal Operations Department at 604-541-2181.

Regards,

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Manager of Engineering  
City of White Rock

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City of White Rock  
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Mature trees & landscaping  
already established









Established, mature, professionally  
designed & landscaped property has  
underground water irrigation system



City easement & private residence at 15457 Royal already has a large tree canopy. Adding another tree will block preexisting views of 3 other properties and “steal” yard space from owner.







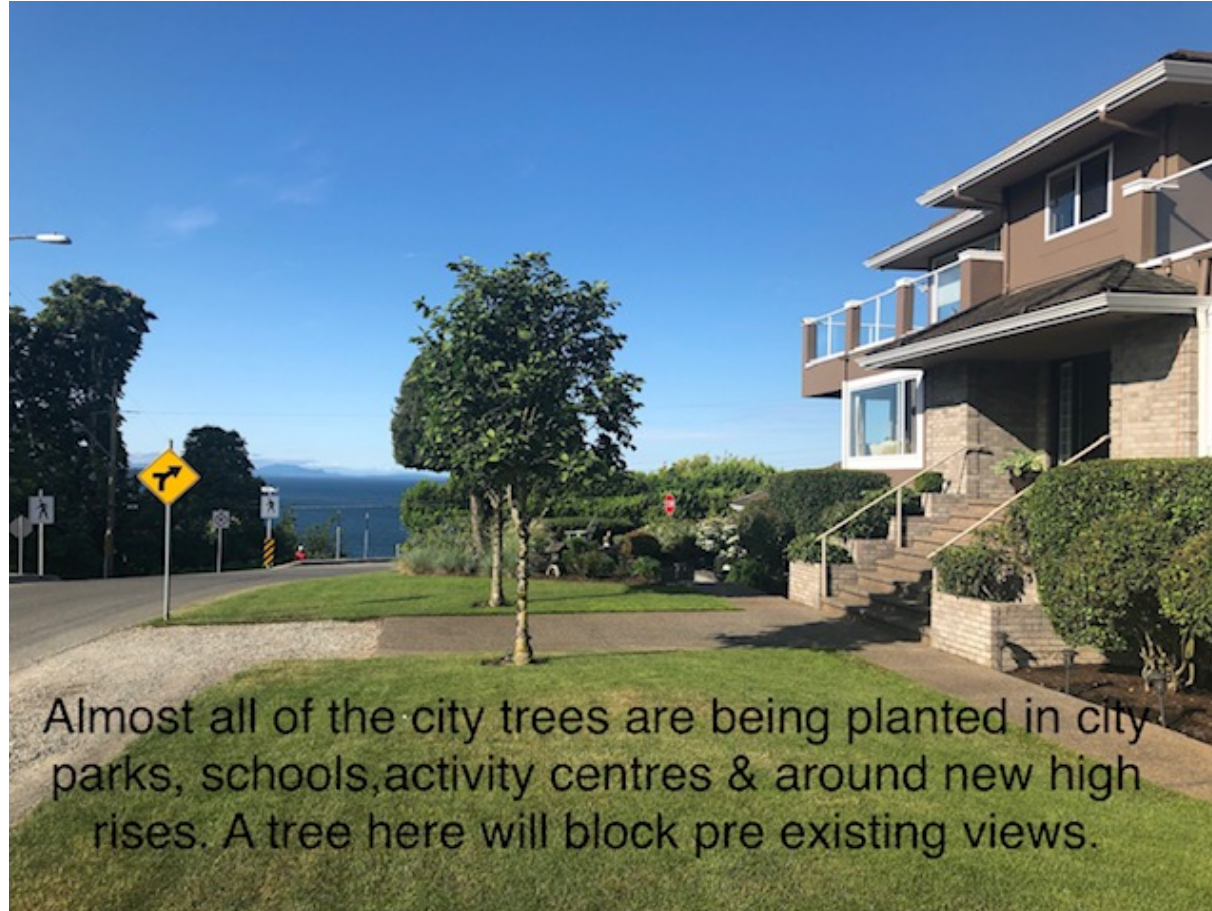
A new city tree would negatively impact &  
obstruct preexisting views at 15457 Royal  
and at 1033 Cypress







Most of the chosen areas are city parks, schools and activity centres ?



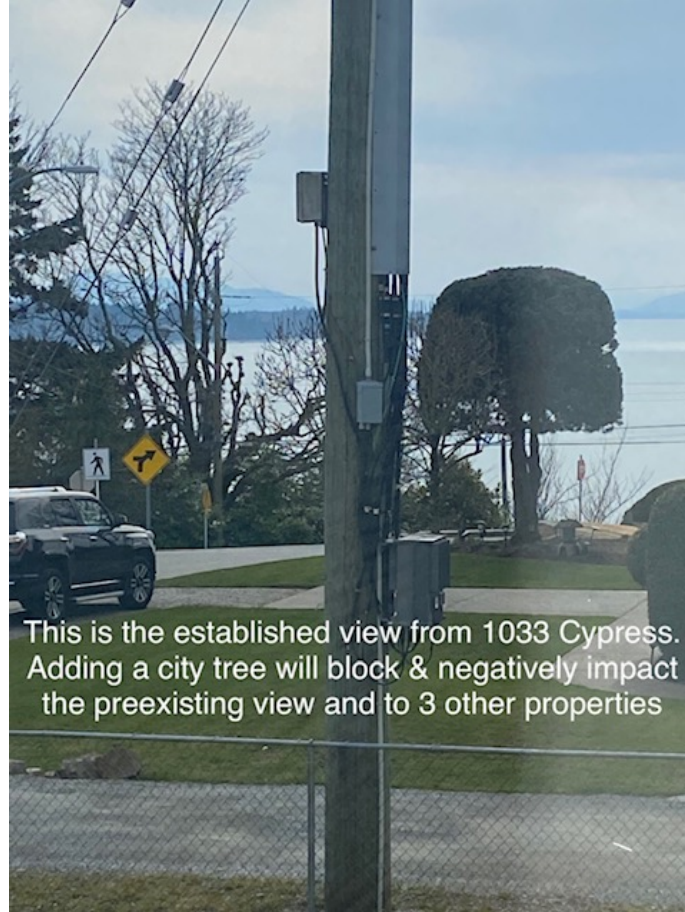
Almost all of the city trees are being planted in city parks, schools, activity centres & around new high rises. A tree here will block pre existing views.

# Peek a boo view



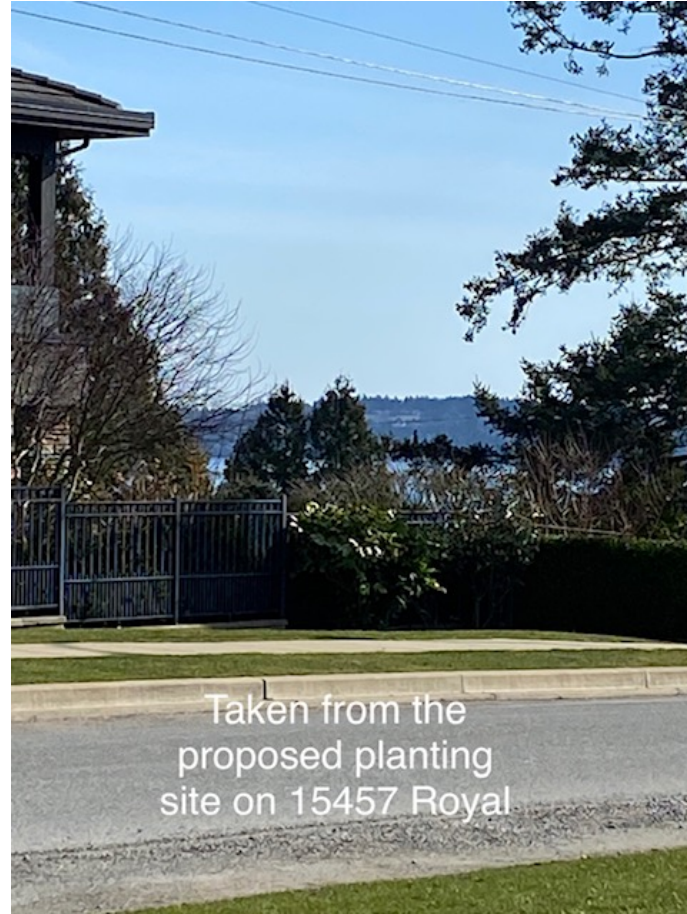
Planting a city tree negatively impacts  
existing "peek a boo" ocean views at  
15457 Royal, 1033 Cypress, 15455 Pacific  
& 3 other neighbouring properties











Taken from the  
proposed planting  
site on 15457 Royal



This small patch of lawn is used  
for family gatherings and for  
children to play on



Microsoft Word - planting list - winter 2020-2021 trees only

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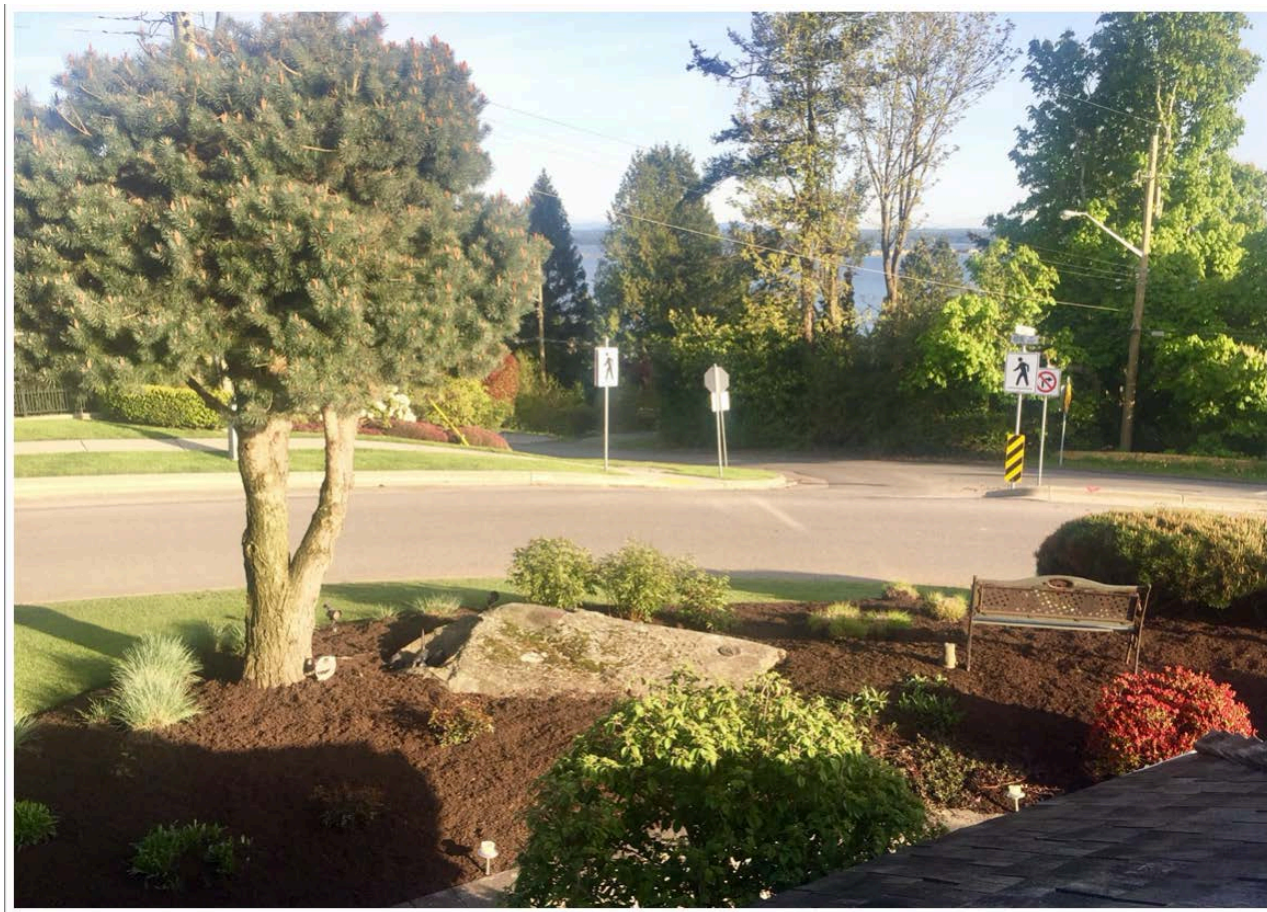
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57	Memorial Park (15322 White Rock Promenade) - W side of main stairs	Parrotia persica 'Inge's Ruby Vase'	
58	Davey Park (1131 Finlay) S side	Amelanchier grandiflorum 'Autumn Brilliance'	
59	Centennial Park (14600 N Bluff Rd) S of batting cages by trellis entrance to Butterfly garden	Prunus serrata 'Kwanzan'	
60	Davey Park (1131 Finlay) N side	Prunus serrata 'Kwanzan'	
61	15716 Columbia Ave	Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'	
62	1141 Balsam St	Ginkgo biloba	
63	1058 Balsam St	Ginkgo biloba	
64	Peace Arch Elementary (1319 Stevens St) NE Corner	Ginkgo biloba	
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67	Vidal Wkwy - E of 1150 Vidal St on hill	Craetagus crus-galli var. inermis	
68	Dolphin Wkwy @ Columbia Ln (W of 1010 Dolphin St)	Prunus serrata 'Kwanzan'	
69	Kent Street Activity Center (1475 Kent St) S end of parking lot	Prunus serrata 'Kwanzan'	
70	Cypress Wkwy @ Victoria (E of 15395 Columbia)	Prunus serrata 'Kwanzan'	
71	Telus Building (14780 North Bluff) S side on Vine Ave	Ostrya virginiana	
72	15381 Thrift Ave - facing Best St	Ginkgo biloba	
73	15457 Royal Ave - facing Cypress St	Ginkgo biloba	
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The City owned easement here is large and is more suitable for any new city trees

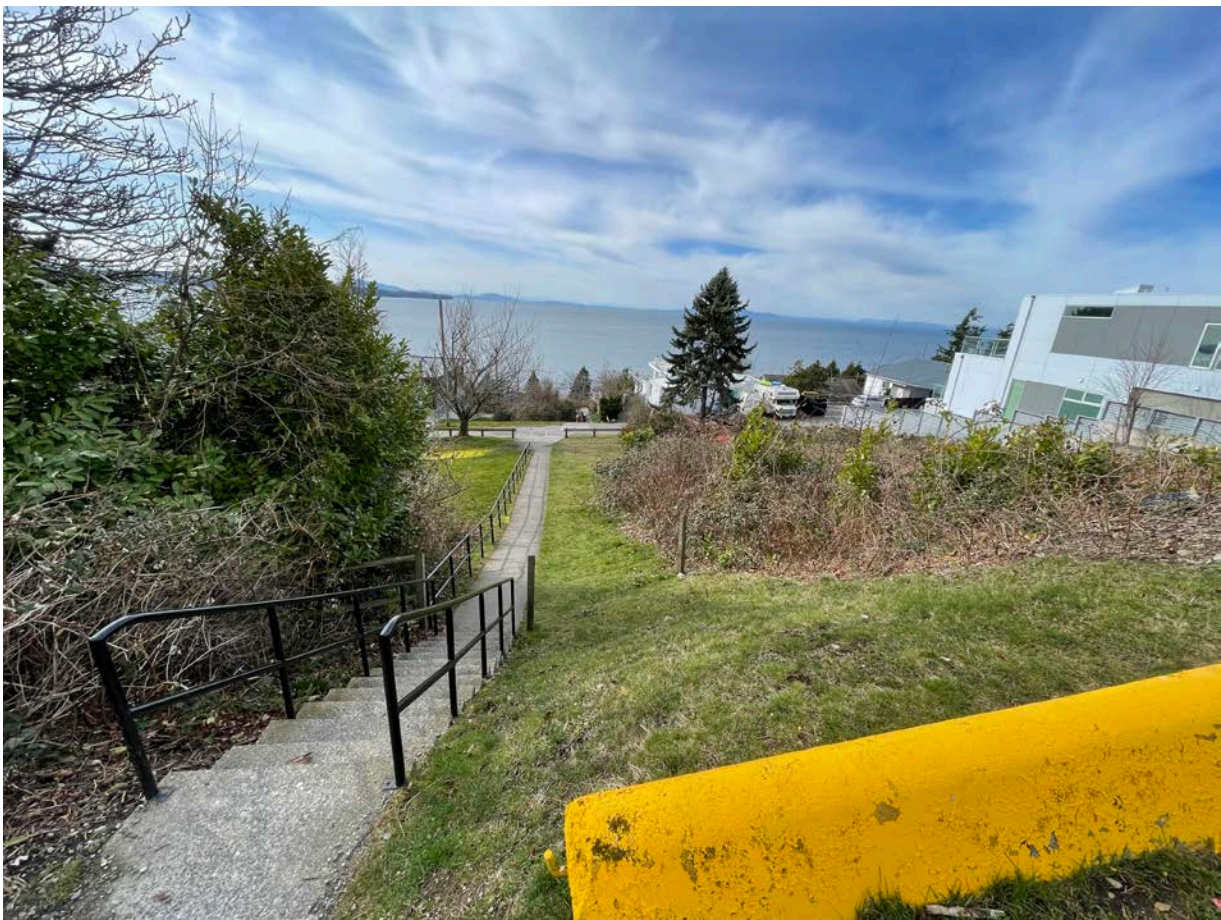


















Can the City of White Rock find a more  
suitable location for another tree rather than  
block existing ocean views?



**From:**

**To:**

**Subject:**

Bob & Diane Gardner: City meeting March 29, 21 Tree Beautification Program at 15457 Royal

**Date:**

March 29, 2021 4:23:27 PM

*CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.*

Here's the letters I mentioned from our 3 neighbours who would have their views negatively impacted by the addition of a new city tree planted on our front lawn.

The email is from Grant and Denise McCune owners of 1033 Cypress Street as well as from Joan Leith owner at 15446 Pacific Avenue. Also attached below a note from John LaGourge owner of 15459 Pacific Avenue.

To White Rock City Council,

I am writing this letter in regards to the Tree Beautification Program. I think this program is a wonderful program and will add beauty to our city. Our neighbours at 15457 Royal Ave have been selected for a chosen planting site. We are very much opposed to this as this tree will impede on our view regardless of where it is planted on city property there. This area has ample trees and this particular site has three tagged city trees, one that greatly blocks our view, we do not wish for another one to be planted there, as well this tree will ruin my neighbours perfectly maintained yard. This planting location also affects our neighbour located at 15446 Pacific Ave, it will impede her view as well and she is very concerned. A few city employees have been kind enough to meet with us and most are in agreement that this is the wrong place for a tree to be planted. We understand section 611 states nothing can impede on an existing view in White Rock and this certainly will impede on our view. We have offered for this tree to be planted in our yard at 1033 Cypress as a means of keeping our view but apparently there are reasons it can't be planted on this property. We are hoping city council will hear our concerns on this matter and reconsider another planting location for this one tree and we can preserve our view in this city we have called home for well over 60 years. Thank you for hearing our concerns today,

Grant and Denise McCune from 1033 Cypress St and Joan Leith from 15446 Pacific Avenue.

Hi there,

I am the new owner of 15459 Pacific Avenue. I have a limited but Precious view of the ocean from my front yard and balcony. I request strongly that this view is not impaired by another tree being planted in the neighbourhood at 15457 Royal Avenue by the city of White Rock.  
Respectfully,  
John LaGourge

See you tonight  
Diane Gardner