

To White Rock City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of our neighbourhood submission regarding the concerns of the 13 Black Cottonwood trees rapidly growing on the S.E. Corner of Semiahmoo Avenue. As a resident of upper Semiahmoo Avenue these trees are concerning to me for multiple reasons;

this species that is most problematic growing over 100 feet in just several years

- These trees were not originally there, and as such should have been removed years ago before they were allowed to grow to their state.
- Their continued growth and others like it can make an impact to property values of a large number of homes. People purchase their homes with the views they have, and are understanding that things might change, but accept these terms within the bylaws of our city. When these variances are brought to the attention of the council, I do not understand any reason why the bylaws would not be supported. There would be nobody negatively impacted by the removal of these trees.
- This is not just a concern about property values, but definitely safety as well as seen throughout the city with significant overgrowth blocking views at some of our dangerous intersections.

My hope is to see proper action taken when these concerns are brought forward. I certainly understand the difficult balance of managing public sentiment in a city that has such polarization on a number of large topics, but this should not be one of them, as the bylaws are very clear. Though it was not during this council's time that they were not originally enforced, this council does have the opportunity to make it right currently.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any more information,

Regards,

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